

THE BEAR, STOKE, HARTLAND, NORTH DEVON



The Bear is an enchanting 16th century detached cottage in the heart of Stoke, a small hamlet between Hartland and Hartland Quay. In one of the most beautiful parts of England, it is about half a mile from the Quay with its pub, shipwreck museum, lovely beach, huge cliffs and access to the South West Coastal Path. In the early 18thC The Bear was, for a short time, a hostelry when Hartland Quay had its licence withdrawn for rowdy and drunken behaviour! The hamlet of Stoke consists of a few cottages and the beautiful church of St Nectan, named 'The Cathedral of North Devon' due to its huge size and tall tower, once used by wreckers to entice ships onto the rocky shore whose captains believed it to be the lighthouse!



The Bear has been extensively renovated. It is cosy, whether for two people or eight, and offers comfortable accommodation all year round. The sitting room is a wonderful place to curl up in front of the woodburner with a really good book on a stormy day! There is plentiful hot water and central heating for the colder winter months, logs are provided free. The garden is planted with shrubs and trees; there are benches to sit and relax and tables and seating for 8 – 10 people. The cottage is part of the Hartland Abbey Estate, renowned for its beauty, which lies 3 miles south of Hartland Point and is within easy walking distance of the coast and Hartland Quay. Guests are able to enjoy the stunning Atlantic coastline with its huge cliffs, sandy beaches, rocky coves and views to Lundy Island and some of the best walking in the British Isles on the South West Coastal Path, only ½ mile from the cottage. Surfers enjoy the big rollers at Hartland Quay and other coves nearby and there are plenty of lovely beaches suitable for children within a short distance



ACCOMMODATION (sleeps 8)

Upstairs: Double room with kingsize double bed, ensuite shower, w.c. and handbasin. 2 twin bedded rooms, 1 bathroom with bath, w.c., handbasin.

Downstairs: Slate floored entrance hall leading into panelled inner hall. Half panelled sitting room with large open fireplace with woodburner, TV and DVD. V. small children's playroom or snugery. Half panelled double room with kingsize double bed, bathroom with bath, shower, w.c., handbasin. Kitchen equipped for 8 people with Rangemaster electric cooker, double sink overlooking the garden, dishwasher, microwave, fridge freezer, pine table with seating for 8. Back door and utility area with washing machine and tumble dryer, hanging for wet clothes, gumboots, wetsuits etc. Grassed garden with outdoor seating for 8. Off road

parking for 2 cars but plenty of room in lane at front of cottage for cars. Central heating for winter/early spring months.

All bedlinen provided but guests must bring their own **towels, bathmats, swimming towels and tea towels**. The cottage is let Friday –Friday (**Christmas and New Year weeks may be different change over days**) Guests must vacate cottage by 10am and not arrive before 4pm so the cottage can be thoroughly cleaned between lets.

PRICES 2012 (per week)

Jan 6 – March 16	£550	June 8 - 22	£775	August 31- Sept 14	£775
March 23 – April 6	£895	June 29 – July 6	£975	Sept 21 – Oct 12	£670
April 13 – May 25	£670	July 13	£1075	Oct 19, 26	£895
June 1	£1075	July 20 - Aug 24	£1285	Nov 2 – December 14	£550
				December 21, 28	£1095

Between May 1st – October 1st central heating, if required, will be charged at £50 per week extra.



Hartland village, approx a mile away, has very good small shops, a Post Office and general store, a farm shop and café. Local artists and craftsmen have open studios. We do ask guests to support local stores wherever possible; on booking we send guests a list of all local amenities. Hartland Quay is a good pub overlooking the Atlantic which is great fun for lunch or in the evening. Historic Hartland Abbey, formerly a 12thC monastery and in the same family ownership since the Dissolution, is close by; it has fascinating interiors and collections and wonderful gardens. There is a woodland walk to a wild Atlantic cove where the cottage was the location for ‘Barton Cottage’ in the BBC’s adaptation for Jane Austen’s ‘Sense and Sensibility’ and Rosamunde Pilcher’s ‘The Shell Seekers’. Clovelly is only 5 miles away with its cobbled street, donkeys and lovely harbour; there are also many other attractions within easy driving distance as are the towns of Barnstaple, Bideford and Bude, the north Cornwall coast and Exmoor and Dartmoor. Docton Mill Gardens are very close and offer very good light lunches; it makes a good round trip on foot. There is wonderful walking from the front door; wildflowers abound in spring and early summer.



Booking details

On receipt of a deposit of 25% of the weekly rent your booking will be confirmed. The balance is due eight weeks before the holiday commences, on receipt of which further details will be forwarded to you, together with a helpful list of local services. All cheques should be made payable to Lady Stucley Holiday Letting A/c and sent to the address below.

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