

Welcome to Appletree House

Dear Guests,

We really hope you enjoy the house and surrounding area as much as we do and wish you a happy and comfortable stay. We have put together a manual for the house and some places nearby that you may like to visit.

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Slow down to Cornwall's pace and find yourself lulled by the serenity of the sea. Enjoy quiet, sunbleached days at the beach, watch occasional wild and spectacular storms whip up the sea. Enjoy the rugged and beautiful coastal scenery or visit a tranquil garden, such as Heligan or Eden. Walk around meandering, cobbled streets in Fowey and Mevagissey. Sample local produce and freshly caught seafood from many nearby Inns and hostelries, smart restaurants or let a pint of award winning St Austell ale reach the other parts while watching a spot of the local Cornish sport of gig-rowing in Charlestown.

During the year, there are lively feast days all over Cornwall, also Daphne duMaurier festival (May), Mevagissey feast week (June), Royal Cornwall Festival (June), Charlestown and Fowey Regatta week (August) and that's just for starters. Live music festivals at Eden sessions (July) and Boardmasters at Watergate (August) Other bands at Princess Pavillion (Falmouth) and music, theatre and dance at Hall for Cornwall and the famous cliff-side Minack. Art galleries, such as The Tate, St Ives...the list is endless

House Facilities

- Gas fire in lounge - great for instant heat. This has auto-ignition, turn dial part way to light pilot flame (lhs) then turn to full
- Central heating and water - Baxi boiler in kitchen (check wall switch- orange light is on) Use temp gage and set dial to tap and heat sign. If the flame fails, turn to reset (Thermostat in dining room not necessary)
- Oven and grill - Check cooker switch on (big orange wall switch). Clock time must be set, by pressing the 2 arrow signs together and twisting the dial
- Washing machine is available. I usually use program C or D
- Shower in en-suite has a pull cord, next to light cord to switch on
- There is an iron, dustpan and brush and cleaning materials in the kitchen if you wish to use them. There is a RCD protected trip switch in the downstairs toilet, for emergencies.
- TV and Digital Switch on Thomson Freeview box until green light appears Press '1' on large, grey remote control for TV power then use AV button to set to AV2. Use the Thomson remote control to select channels. Program guide will show you today's listings and menu will give you the channel list. The TV also has a power, volume and channel buttons on RHS edge of TV. Channels include BBC1, 2, 3, Ch4, ITV2, BBC3, BBC4, ITV3, More4, Dave, CBBC, Fiver, BBC News, Music and shopping channel.
- Waste collection is on Thursdays. Please place bagged rubbish in the bins provided outside
- Recycling collection on Fridays or there are recycling points for bottles, cans, plastic and paper at Asda nearby

Please observe that this is a no smoking house

Please close windows and lock doors to maintain security whenever leaving the house

Please do not remove this manual, so other guests can use it

Local Amenities

- Supermarkets Tesco and Asda are both within a 5min drive on A390
- Station is a 10min drive, library (with internet facility) and Leisure centre (Polkyth) are found nearby. Taxi - we use Starcabs tel 01726 66636
- Park a 10min walk down the hill, to LHS with children's play equipment (also opposite the library)
- Banks can be found in Mount Charles, just off the roundabout at top of hill Barclays and Natwest, also cashpoints are available at Asda and Tesco
- Golf courses at Carlyon Bay and Porthpean, 5min drive away
- Cycle hire at Pentewan and cycle trails with links to Eden and Heligan
- Watersports hire shops at Pentewan, also local companies at Fowey, Porthpean and Charlestown
- Square sail, sail off on a rigger from Charlestown
- Shipwreck centre in Charlestown
- St Austell brewery- Take a tour and taste award winning ales
- Children's softplay at Kidz kingdom and Ben's Playworld (see leaflets)
- Gardens - world famous Eden and Heligan are only a 15min drive away. Also National Trust gardens nearby
- Shopping at the new White River centre in St Austell or Truro (20min drive away)
- Walks - The south Cornish coast path- beautiful walks nearby. Trace the steps to Menabilly from Polkerris to Fowey, the setting of Daphne duMaurier's Rebecca or to Trenarren, towards Pentewan or onwards to Dodman (steep and steps in places)

Beaches in the Area

- **Charlestown** a historic, romantic harbour used in many period dramas and films. Square sail ships. Two pebbly beaches with rock-pooling / snorkeling opportunity. Footpaths. Watch gig-rowing.
- **Porthpean** popular for sailing enthusiasts sandy/pebble beach, rockpools at low tide, snack shop on beach, parking, footpath.
- **Pentewan** extensive sandy beach, ideal for families. Windsurf, canoe hire. Village shop, toilets and some free parking.
- **Polkerris/ Menabilly** small cove, good for evening sun. Coastal path, Rashleigh pub and Sams on the beach (restaurant).
- **North coast beaches** are half an hour's drive and provide surfing opportunity and dramatic scenery, beaches are often more expansive and finer sand.

Fowey and Mevagissey

For a stroll around the cobbled streets of Fowey, famous for Daphne du Maurier, follow the A390 (Plymouth direction), about 7 miles away. Fowey has plenty of restaurants and pubs and some good gift shops and art galleries. A good place to stroll around by the river in evenings.

Follow signs for Mevagissey, A390 (Truro direction) a quaint fishing harbour, with bustling waterfront and narrow side streets. Many lovely restaurants and traditional inns, some interesting shops and galleries. Fishing trips, a small aquarium and model railway museum, but watch out for crowds. Go for an evening stroll here. Also nearby is Heligan Garden, the secret garden discovered by Tim Smit of Eden Project. There is also a passenger ferry operating between Fowey and Mevagissey. Take in the scenery of St Austell Bay and maybe spot a dolphin or basking shark on the way.

Places to Eat

A ten minute walk down hill will bring you to the historic harbour of Charlestown, look out for the magnificent square sail ships. There are several eateries in the village, Rashleigh with a lovely beer garden and family room and Pier House, Harbourside and Bosun's. Look out for the award winning ales, such as Clouded Yellow, brewed by our local head brewer, you may spot him gig-rowing! Wrecker's is also popular and Charlie's is a coffee shop. 'Austells' has a Michelin starred chef, at Carlyon Bay, (famously known as "The Beach" development) is great for a special occasion.

There are Indian, Chinese and pizza takeaways all within a mile at Mount Charles for collection or delivery. The Taj Mahal also offers a restaurant. Also if you follow Church Road to Carlyon Bay, there are some more takeaways and restaurants. Holmbush has a great fish and chip takeaway (you can pre-order to beat queuing) St Austell has a Frankie and Benny's and also the Gurkha, a Nepalese/Indian restaurant.

Our personal favourites are Sams on the beach, Polkerris for seafood and pizza's, Austells for delicious food and Gurkha.

We haven't even mentioned Mevagissey or Fowey, but there are lots of places to suit all budgets and tastes.

Departure Details

Please vacate by 10.00 am on Friday morning

On your departure, please leave the house as you found it on your arrival.

A charge may be taken out of the deposit if excessive cleaning is required or for any breakages.

Wishing you a most enjoyable stay,

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