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Welcome to CartrefNumber64

Welcome to CartrefNumber64, our home away from home in the seaside village of Benllech. This welcome book is intended to help you get acquainted with the area and our home. Along with our area guide you'll also find everything you need to know about our home. You will find a copy of this guide in the home.

ARRIVAL INFORMATION

CHECK-IN TIME

Check-in time is 4pm. We can sometimes arrange an early check-in so please contact us if you will arrive early and we'll do our best, without any promises! We suggest you refer to the section on what to do if you arrive early - there is plenty to keep you entertained!

THE SPACE

We have sought to equip our home to a high standard and to anticipate your needs by providing all the things you might want for a luxurious stay. Bed linen and towels are provided as standard. High chair, travel cot, dog beds and dog bowls are all provided on request.

BEDROOMS

There are 4 bedrooms, 2 with king size beds, 2 with twin beds. Each bedroom has a wardrobe and two bedside tables.

RECEPTION ROOMS

The lounge contains sofas, a TV and a log burner with a supply of logs. The dining room contains a dining table and 8 chairs, sofas, a TV and two bi-fold doors to the back and side patios.

KITCHEN

The kitchen contains an American style fridge freezer, double oven, induction hob, microwave, and food processor. It is well stocked with appliances and equipment which should cover all your requirements for your stay at CartrefNumber64.

UTILITY ROOM

The utility room contains a washing machine, tumble dryer, under counter fridge, air fryer, a second sink, iron, ironing board, and cleaning equipment, should you wish to use this during your stay.

OUTSIDE SPACE

To the rear of the property is a large, fully enclosed garden, perfect for children or dogs to play in! To the front of the property there is a large driveway with parking spaces for up to 4 cars. Next to the property is a turning point for the cul-de-sac. Please do not park here.



Turning point

WI-FI, TV AND OTHER ENTERTAINMENT

The house has free Wi-Fi. The details are:

ID: Vodafone12D056 / Vodafone12D056 - EXT

Password: RmAk4sZahhgxyLaG

The service is provided for your enjoyment, but you are responsible for safe and appropriate use and complying with all laws. If there is any loss of service, please contact us.

There are two 50-inch smart TVs, one in the main lounge and one in the mini-lounge at the end of the dining room.

There are also a wide range of books and board games on the bookcases in the lounge for all the family.

APPLIANCE INSTRUCTIONS / INFORMATION

LOG BURNER

Our home has a log burner in the lounge. We supply logs and lighting equipment. Use a few firelighters and some kindling to get the fire started, then add the logs later. Please take extra care when using the log burner.

CENTRAL HEATING

Our home has an oil-powered central heating system. You will find a Nest thermostat on the wall in the dining room for you to adjust the temperature as required. We recommend a setting of 20-22 Celsius which we find keeps the place sufficiently warm.

The default view of the thermostat is as below (fig. 1), displaying the temperature it is currently programmed to be. Turn clockwise to increase, or anti-clockwise to reduce.



Fig 1

The hot water is set to come on once in the morning and once in the evening for a couple of hours. This should generate enough hot water in the tank to meet your needs. If you require additional hot water though you can boost the hot water via the thermostat. Press the centre of the thermostat to bring up the menu, as below (fig 2). Rotate the dial to the drop icon and then press the centre to access the water controller. Turn the dial clockwise to boost for 30, 60, 90 or 120 minutes.



Fig 2

If you would like to adjust the heating schedule you can do this via the menu (fig 2). Rotate the dial to the calendar icon and then press the centre to adjust the schedule.



Fig 3



Fig 4

The schedule is displayed in Fig 3, rotate the dial clockwise to move ahead through the week, rotate anti-clockwise to go backwards. To remove a setting stop rotating when the line is on the setting and press the centre of the thermostat, choose 'remove'. To add a setting move to a place in the schedule with no setting and press the centre of the dial to get to the screen displayed on Fig 4. Press 'new' and a new setting is created (as in Fig 3). Rotate clockwise and/or anticlockwise to adjust the timing of the new setting, then press the centre of the thermostat. Rotate clockwise and/or anticlockwise to adjust the temperature of the new setting, then press the centre of the thermostat again to finish.

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

All manuals for the equipment within the property are located in the bottom drawer of the drawers to the right-hand side of the dishwasher.

The Dishwasher:

It's very simple, we promise! Insert a tablet into the flip box container on the inside of the dishwasher door. Then press the program button of your choice - there are a few settings which are obvious - then press the start button.

The Fridge/freezer:

You should not need to adjust any settings. If you run into any difficulties (e.g. it's not cooling efficiently) please let us know.

The Hob and Oven:

The hob is a four-burner induction hob and the oven is a double oven, both are powered by the same switch on the wall.

LAUNDRY APPLIANCES

We have a washer and separate dryer located in the utility room next to the kitchen. There is a supply of detergent for your use. To operate the machines, simply select the program you want, place the pod in the washing machine, close the door, and hit start. If in any doubt there are instructions in the kitchen drawer with the other appliance information.

BLINDS

We have venetian blinds installed in all the rooms. The left hand cord tilts the blinds open and closed but does not move them vertically up or down. The right hand cord moves the blinds up and down. When you are happy with the height of the blinds, pull the top of the right hand cord horizontally to the right.

SAFETY INFORMATION & RENTAL RULES

SAFETY INFORMATION

WHAT TO DO IN CASE OF A POWER OUTAGE

In the unlikely event that you experience a power outage during your stay the fuse box for the property is in the cupboard above the fridge in the utility room. Three battery powered rechargeable torches are situated in the near the door in bedrooms 3 & 4 and in the entrance hallway between bedrooms 1 & 2. These will light up in the event of a power failure to make them easier to find in the dark.

FIRE DETECTION MEASURES

There are heat detectors in the kitchen, the utility room, and the garage. There are smoke detectors in all other rooms of the house and carbon monoxide detectors in the lounge where the log burner is located, and the garage where the boiler is located. The alarms are mains wired with battery back-up so will still sound in the event of a power failure.

With the alarms being connected if one alarm goes sounds, all alarms will sound. The control panel is situated in the utility room cupboard next to the fuse box. Pressing 'silent' will make all the alarms go silent except the one that set the alert off.

You can test the alarms by pressing the test button. Switch down to sound the alarms and back up again to stop them. The alarms are tested regularly. Feel free to look in the log book, which is kept in the cupboard where the alarm control panel is situated. Please do not remove the book from the cupboard though.



EMERGENCY EXIT INSTRUCTIONS

There are four exits in case of emergency (marked in green in the plan above). The front door to the property, the side door through the utility room, and the two bi-fold doors in the dining room. The assembly point in the event of an emergency is on the driveway to the front of the property – routes to the assembly point are marked in blue. All fire exits have ‘thumb-turn’ locks on the inside, so you don’t need a key to get out.

LOCATION OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Powder fire extinguishers are available in the kitchen and utility rooms. We would urge you though to evacuate the building in the event of a fire and only use the extinguishers if they aid in this. There is also a fire blanket in the kitchen.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS

For emergency services please immediately call 999. Do not delay if you feel an emergency situation has arisen.

HOUSE RULES

PETS

We are a pet-friendly cottage and pets are welcome free of charge. However, please ensure any dog waste is bagged and binned before your departure. If our cleaners have to pick up any dog waste a charge will be made.

SMOKING POLICY

Please do not smoke or vape within the bungalow or its grounds.

BREAKAGES

We understand that sometimes accidents happen! Should you break anything please let us know immediately - if it's minor we usually won't charge. If it's a larger issue (e.g. the TV!) we would like to agree the cost with you before you leave to avoid any issues later. Thank you!

CLEANING

You will find the house clean on arrival but please let us know if you are not satisfied. There is no cleaning service during stays. After you depart our cleaners will clean the

house for the next guest. On departure it would be helpful if you could leave the house (particularly kitchen contents) clean and tidy when you leave. No need for you to perform a full clean!

GARBAGE DISPOSAL & RECYCLING

There is a red Humphreys bin in the driveway of the property. Please place all household waste in bin bags and then place the bin bags in the red bin. There is no need to separate your recycling. This is done by the waste operatives back at base.

BENLLECH

OVERVIEW OF THE AREA

Benllech is situated on the eastern coast of the beautiful Isle of Ynys Môn (Anglesey). It is one of the larger villages on the island and boasts restaurants, bars, pubs, shops, and a yellow sandy beach which is just a 10-minute walk from the cottage.

SUGGESTIONS IF YOU ARRIVE EARLY

Many guests will arrive before the designated check-in time. The good news is that there is plenty to do. We often suggest that guests visit the grocery store and do a small shop. There is Co-operative Food, Spar, and Tesco Express in the village. For a more comprehensive shop there are Asda, Aldi and Lidl Superstores in nearby Llangefni, or a large Tesco in Bangor (if you are travelling from the mainland you will pass Bangor on your way to us).

The beach at Benllech is a beautiful place to spend some time playing in the sea, sand, or just relaxing. There are also plenty of places to eat locally: the Beachcomber Bar and Grill, Pebbles Bar and Bistro, The Benllech, The Breeze Hill, and Finney's @ the Golden Fry are amongst our favourites. Nearby Red Wharf Bay is home to the historic Ship Inn and the Tavern by the Bay which come highly recommended.

THE AREA

Ynys Môn (Anglesey), and the surrounding area, has much to offer by way of attractions and entertainment. Please find below a few of our favourite places and activities.

BEAUTIFUL BEACHES

With its 125-mile coastline Ynys Môn boasts many fine beaches. The local beach at **Benllech** is just a 10-minute walk away and one of the most popular beaches on the island. If you have brought your canine companions with you though, please be warned that some sections of the beach have dog restrictions during the summer months. Not to worry though, there are other beautiful beaches without restrictions close by. **Traeth Coch (Red Wharf Bay)** is a 5-minute drive, **Traeth Lligwy** a 10-minute drive, and **Traeth Llandona** a 15 minute drive. Other lovely beaches on the island include: **Traeth Llydan** and **Traeth Crigyll** in **Rhosneigr**, **Porth Tywyn Mawr (Sandy Beach)**, **Porth Tre Castell (Cable Bay)**, **Bae Trearddur (Trearddur Bay)**, and **Borth Wen** at **Rhoscolyn**.

Penrhos Coastal Park has a beach but also a large wooded area. It's a lovely place to explore. Nearby **Pentraeth Forest** is also a beautiful place to spend some time.



Benllech Beach

WALKING AND HIKING

The Wales Coast Path runs 125 miles around the coast of Ynys Môn, taking in three of Wales' six Heritage Coasts: Aberffraw Bay, Holyhead Mountain, and North Anglesey. You can access the Coastal Path from the nearby beach at Benllech.

The beauty of the Snowdonia National Park is also reasonably close. Should you wish to climb Snowdon, the village of Llanberis is just 35 minutes drive away and you can take the Llanberis Path to the summit. The national park is a beautiful area to explore and is more than 'just' the largest mountain in Wales!

Please make sure you research your route and the weather conditions and also that you choose an appropriate route for the fitness levels and navigation skills of you and your party.

HISTORIC CASTLES

We are fortunate enough to have 3 castles nearby that have been designated UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Beaumaris (20 min drive), Caernarfon (25 min drive) and Conwy Castle (35 min drive) each have their own unique charms.

OTHER ATTRACTIONS

There are many attractions on this beautiful island and we would strongly urge you to look at www.visitwales.com and www.visitanglesey.co.uk to find activities best suited for your needs. However, a few personal recommendations include: the Plas Newydd House and Gardens, South Stack Lighthouse, and Anglesey Sea Zoo. Plas Newydd House and Gardens is a National Trust property comprising a beautiful mansion, 40 acres of garden and 129 acres of woodland and parkland. South Stack Lighthouse and the RSPB reserve has some spectacular views, great walking, and the opportunity to see puffins. Anglesey Sea Zoo is a fascinating, educational trip to learn about marine biology. There is also an adventure playground, bouncy castle and crazy golf on site.

PRACTICAL AREA INFORMATION

LOCAL CONDITIONS

TIDE TIMES

Tide times vary slightly across the many beaches of Ynys Môn. Before setting off to the beach it is worth checking the tide times for your destination on the internet.

LOCAL TRANSPORT

BUS STOPS AND TIMETABLES

The following bus routes run along Bangor Road (A5025) stopping at the Breeze Hill which is a 5-minute walk from the house:

50 Llangefni - Beaumaris

62 Bangor - Cemaes

62A Bangor - Cemaes

62CS Bangor - Cemaes

CAB / TAXI

Joes Cabs – 01248 722328

Menai Cars – 01248 713195

Queens Cabs – 01407 832244

TRAIN STATIONS

The closest train stations are at

Llanfairpwllgwyngyllgogerchwyrndrobwlantysiliogogoch (the longest place name in the UK) and Bangor, both of which are on the Crewe to Holyhead line. Bangor railway station has an interchange with bus services to the island.

WHERE'S THE NEAREST?

CASH MACHINE

The nearest cash machine can be found outside the Co-op on Amlwch Road. Other cash machines in Benllech can be found outside the Tesco Express.

CHURCH

The nearest churches are:

Saint Andrew's Church, Bryn Siriol, LL74 8TZ

Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, LL74 8SW

St Mary, LL74 8NS

PETROL STATIONS

The two closest petrol stations are:

- Parc Bach Services (Essar), Bangor Road, LL74 8PU
- Texaco, Bangor Road, Pentraeth, LL75 8AZ

The Shell petrol station at Menai Bridge is open 24 hours:

- Shell, Mona Road, Menai Bridge, LL59 5EB.

GROCERY STORE

The local Co-op, Spar and Tesco shops are great for groceries. They are all located on Amlwch Road within a 10-minute walk of the cottage. Should you require a larger supermarket there is an Asda and an Aldi in nearby Llangefni (about 10 minutes drive) or a large Tesco at Bangor (about 15 minutes drive).

MEDICAL FACILITIES

The Gerafon GP surgery is located on Min-Yr-Afon in Benllech (LL74 8TF). Should you require a hospital with an A&E department the closest is Ysybyty Gwynedd in Bangor (LL57 2PW).

PHARMACY

The closest pharmacy is the Rowlands pharmacy in Benllech, LL74 8TG

POLICE STATION

The closest police station is at Bangor: Ffordd Gwynedd, Bangor, LL57 1DT.

POST BOX / POST OFFICE

The closest post office is located in the Tesco Express on Amlwch Road, LL74 8SR.

There is a post box on Bangor Road at the junction with Maes Llydan (1-24)

VET

The closest vet is the Aran Veterinary Clinic in Llangefni, LL77 7XA

DEPARTURE INFORMATION

CHECK-OUT TIME

Check-out time is strictly 10am. Should you require a later check-out we will do our best but you need to let us know beforehand. If we have guests arriving that day it will be almost impossible to offer a late check-out due to the cleaners needing to prepare for those guests.

CHECK-OUT PROCESS

When you leave, please ensure the following simple tasks are done:

- take the rubbish out to the bins
- run the dishwasher (if there are items in it)
- place all used towels and bed linen in the walk-in shower
- lock the house
- leave the key in the key safe.

We hope you had a wonderful holiday and wish you safe travels back home. We'd love to see you again next year!