

Guest Comments 2005



Silver Winner Self Catering Holiday of the Year

National Enjoy England Awards for Excellence 2006

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North East England Tourism Awards 2005

*These comments have all been made by paying guests
and we hadn't met any of them before they made their booking.*

10th February 2006

We've had a fabulous week with friends and family & celebrated our 40th birthdays. The house could not have been better, much welcomed luxury & indulgence for a weekend without 'les enfants.' We made good use of all the fragrant lotions & potions after a climb to the top of the Cheviot, and are feeling relaxed & refreshed ready to face the excitements of the next 40 years! Thank you for catering for our every need – as our eldest son commented on his arrival – “this house has all the bangs & whistles!” We even found a use for the brulee torch!

Fiona, Hugh & friends

3rd February 2006

*Thanks for a great weekend! We hope we left everything OK.
We did a great walk from Newton to Craster via Dunstanburgh Castle. Cheers...*

Simon & friends

New Year 2006

We had a lovely time enjoying and relaxing at the Northumberland House – great rooms, décor and equipment – a lovely backdrop to a relaxed, joyous and happy start for us 12 to celebrate New Year – Thanks! I chose the venue and have fielded all the accolades! Wonderfully equipped – we were only missing a servant to clear away, although the two dishwashers helped. Thank you for letting us in early and the Welcome Hamper was delightful. What a great start to this year. We had a great murder mystery game. The house is full of amazing gadgets and incredibly equipped – my hone will feel very ordinary. Loved the soaps and lotions. Would love to come back and will definitely recommend it!

Blaise O'Glory, Ale Leuder, Lowawatha, Woody Hole, Mary Harland, Lily White,
Lisa Loft, Dorothy Dash, General Custard, George, Sue & Russell

Thank you – Christmas 2005 – Thank you

Superb! The place with everything, but can one remember where one saw it when it is required. In other cottages it's not worth looking (you know there won't be one) – here you know there is one, but where is it? Now all future holidays will be judged by these standards. What a lovely place to stay! Thank you for all the little extra touches, which were enjoyed by all. The kitchen equipment was excellent and more than one of us will be going home with fresh ideas. Thank you.

Maelgwyn, Louisa, Kieran, Einion, Patrick, Dagmar, Gwen, Tom, Anghared

25th November 2005

Ten highly contented Lancastrians have enjoyed a truly memorable weekend in your beautiful house, which is equipped with everything one could need - and more! It was rounded off by a brilliant meal cooked and served by "Fresh Element."

Roger & Judith, Keith & Sheila, Christine & Ken, David & Mavis, Derek & Eileen

Your house is superb and lacks absolutely nothing. We all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and will definitely be telling others what a treat is in store at Northumberland House. Based on our experience of "Fresh Element" you can certainly recommend them to any future guests. Thanks again. Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Roger & Judith, Keith & Sheila, Christine & Ken, David & Mavis, Derek & Eileen

11th November 2005

Fantastic! All had a wonderful time – house was amazing, as are the surrounding beaches.

A great way to celebrate our friends 30th birthdays. Thank you.

Louise, Stu, Tim, Jono, Emma, Donna, Tony, Louise & Andy

28th October 2005

Twelve of us stayed here for a week celebrating a 50th birthday.

We would agree wholeheartedly with previous entries – adding that the house is a reflection of Mike & Jean – efficient, full of fun, sleek(!), chilled, but most of all caring & happy. Best wishes for your plans Jean & Mike.

Marge Simpson!

The Northumberland House is just amazing! No wonder you won the prize. Pete & I certainly enjoyed the sunshine – last night we walked to the FBI for perfect lobster. We love the couple who run it. May thanks for all your hard work.

Annie & Pete

3rd October 2005

We all could not have been more excited upon arriving, a feeling that continued throughout a fabulous long weekend.

The quality of the accommodation is outstanding and thank you for the surprise hamper and a special mention for the star guest – the sticky toffee pudding! Thanks again.

16th September 2005

We had a wonderful holiday in a beautiful and well-equipped house. You provided so much for our comfort and we are most grateful. Many of our party walked the coast in three sections from Bamburgh to Boulmer and you had even arranged the weather for us. Thank you so much for all the goodies provided – they were much appreciated.

P.S. We will be back next year.

Jacky & Peter & 10 friends

8th September 2005

This is the 10th year of "xxxxxxx Tours" (6 active CLH couples – children left home).

We can honestly say that this is the most comfortable and well-equipped property in which we have stayed. We particularly recommend the plumbing. Jean & Mike were most thoughtful hosts and we congratulate them on all the extra touches especially the welcome hamper after our long journey from Hampshire & Dorset.

The weather this week was perfect and our activities included – walking most of the wonderful coast from Craster to Alnmouth; boat trip to Farne Islands & Holy Island and we were lucky enough to see a Minky Whale, fantastic; walking Hadrian's Wall at Vindolanda & Houseteads; walking above Rothbury with wonderful views; Alnwick Castle & Gardens – very good;

Alnwick town with good bookshop and excellent butchers – Turnbills; Berwick on Tweed – disappointing; Site of Battle of Flodden – interesting; Alnmouth & Warkworth – excellent and well worth visiting; local beaches, Sugar Sands, etc. – superb;

Dunstanburgh Castle walk – a must.

This holiday will be a hard act to follow.

John & Diana, Sue & Tony, Roger & Ana

2nd September 2005

The house was well furnished and welcoming, the 'welcome hamper' a delight – and we found the sticky toffee pudding and cherry cake so more-ish, we went in search of them. The area was beautiful and the weather wonderful. Most of the men formed 'the white robes club' in the kitchen every morning at 6.30! Things we particularly enjoyed were... Alnwick, Seabouses & Bamburgh; the trip (Mike & Jean told us about) from North Charlton to Chillingham – on a sunny day you have 360° views, sheep & purple heather. Enjoy it, before it becomes a wind farm perhaps; Cragside house & gardens; walks along the beaches at Howick, Embleton, Alnmouth & elsewhere; discovering local food & the butchers in Bamburgh is excellent; the joys of flat-screen TV; some of us thought the clever fountains & the poison gardens were fab and there was belly dancing too – great; the waterbed was fabulous; the showers wonderful.

P.S. Boat trip to the Farne Islands was fab! If the boatman advises you that "you'll get wet" if you sit in the back of the boat – he means it! (The wettest we have ever been, fully clothed, without swimming).

The bird life and grey seals were fantastic and the ride was a blast.

Old friends from way back (and grown up children) now living in all over the UK

26th August 2005

What a wonderful house for a family 'get together' – wonderfully equipped in a great location. Super hill walks in the Cheviots and spectacular coastal trails. To think we have driven past this part of the world for years!

The weather has been superb and we all have had a thoroughly enjoyable week.

If there is a lack of anything in this house, we didn't find it!

The big family

19th August 2005

The reality far exceeded the brochure and the 'little extras' put a wonderful finishing touch to this excellent holiday residence.

We have had a superb week, which included one birthday and two anniversaries.

We have dined well and further explored this lovely county. Even the weather has been kind to us.

We would all like to think that we will come here again.

Two families

We really liked the walk from Craster to Dunstanburgh Castle and pint in the garden of the 'Jolly Fisherman, Etal and the railway, Alnwick Castle & Gardens and Holy Island were all good trips too.

It made a pleasant change after 6½ years in Armley prison (only joking).

"Harry the Knife" H2047136

5th August 2005

A fantastic house and lovely welcome from Jean & Mike. Facilities second to none and as for the hamper...!

Beach is a must for kids, as was Ford railway, museum of flight and all the secret paths at Cragside gardens.

A brilliant base for a very busy week, but always a treat to come 'home.' Many thanks for all those little touches!

P.S. Ring first if you're thinking of doing the island boats, as it was too choppy the day we tried.

28th July 2005

A lovely house with everything you could ever need. What a beautiful hamper & welcome pack! We have enjoyed sampling it all week!! We would recommend the walk from Craster to Dunstanburgh Castle – it was very pleasant and relaxing. This week, we have not had the glorious weather, but it has been fine and dry all week.

We have been able to enjoy the beautiful countryside and little villages.

We will certainly recommend the house to 'select' friends. Many thanks.

The family

22nd July 2005

We all arrived full of expectation having been excited by your Internet site, your responses and the brochures – only to find that the reality was even better! A wonderful house superbly located for an extensive range of interesting locations – and so complete with creature comforts and comprehensive written instructions. Another month here and we may get used to all the luxury – and know how everything works! Cragside House was well worth a visit via beautiful countryside en route – a very interesting house – take a picnic. Take a whole day trip to Holy Island (if the tide is right you can be cut off) and enjoy the isolation. Bibby's of Alnwick for super food. We all give the Northumberland House a definite 5 star rating. Congratulations and thank you.

Roger & Audrey

15th July 2005

Remember to keep the secret of Northumberland! The most luxurious house that you will probably have stayed in. The most spectacular scenery. Beaches to yourself with the blue of the sea and the sky merging into one. The impressive gardens of Alnwick Castle, but outshone by maturity and tranquillity of Howick & Wallington. The magnificence of umpteen castles with spectacular views; local food by the bucketful to challenge and tempt the diet conscious.

We will keep the secrets, but it will be those we tell, who won't. Kind regards.

Paul & Jacqui, James & Katy, Robin & Tricia, Pete & Sandra, Ken & Sheila

24th June 2005

This house is amazing! Topped only by the glorious sunshine, which we have had ALL week – we are all thoroughly sunburnt and sorry to be leaving. The gadgets, the bathroom-s, the décor and the ambience all match, if not better, many 5 star hotels in which we have stayed. Thank you for a very memorable holiday. Best wishes.

9th June 2005

Eight golfing friends rented the house and found it very tastefully furnished & equipped – excellent plumbing and bathroom arrangements. Northumberland – a beautiful county. Stunning views & golf courses – we were blessed with lovely weather too.

Excellent equipped house... Wish we had another couple of weeks to master it all!

Roger & Ann, Donn & Pat, John & Cindy, John & Hazel

28th May 2005

The attention to detail is superb and much appreciated by all. The secret local beach was a joy and just right for the children. A trip to the Farne Islands from Seabouses is a brilliant way to enjoy this coast – a great place to relax.

A N Other & family

2nd May 2005

We have had a wonderful weekend in 'The Northumberland House.' We will have lots of great memories to take with us. The children thought the games and toys were fantastic. Thanks for everything!

Liz & Family

I did a show with the fancy dress. It was brilliant.

Sarah – aged 9

I loved all the toys especially the chequers and Sooty and Sweep. The sticky toffee pudding was fab.

Lizzie & Meagan – 8 & 9

What a beautiful house. We had a wonderful weekend celebrating a surprise 65th birthday. Thanks for everything.

Kath

You thought of everything! The children were always entertained, as were the adults! Thanks.

Carol & Family.

3rd January 2005

We've had a great New Year in a perfect house. The surrounding area is lovely too and even the weather was good!

Nick, Hayley, Alastair, Lisa, Chuck & Becky

Thank you, thank you, thank you is not nearly enough to say what an amazing, comforting, stress free time we have had – you have thought of everything.

Rebecca