

Guest Comments 2007



Silver Winner Self Catering Holiday of the Year
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*These comments have all been made by paying guests
and we hadn't met any of them before they made their booking.*

12th October 2007

We've had an absolutely wonderful week here in your beautiful house. It was very comfortable with lovely welcoming touches and we all instantly felt at home. The weather this week was bright and sunny and we all enjoyed sightseeing, golfing, walking and angling (and shopping). The scenery and beaches were stupendous and our cyclists took full advantage. They would highly recommend the cycle route from Beadnell to Bamburgh returning via Seabouses. Great fishing in the area – our angler was in his element catching 12 trout and on our final day a Salmon on the river Till. (note – had his own smoker and gave us a smoked trout – fantastic flavour nothing like bought – J&M@TNH. This has just been a perfect week and we would all like to return to this wonderful house.

David, Cath, Winnie & Party – xx xx

5th October 2007

Had a super week in Northumberland where a few of us had never visited. We especially liked our visit to Bamburgh Castle (fascinating place with such a long history). The secret beach through the farm was magnificent just as the sun was setting. House is very good and stocks everything you will ever need.

Party of 11

21st September 2007

We thoroughly enjoyed our family weekend in your lovely home. The photographs did not do justice to this wonderful place. I have also been told by Scott to mention how fantastic the tiling is (note – Scott was the tiler who did a brilliant job with the travertine on the ground and first floor – J&M@TNH). Had a wonderful time – hope to stay here again. Love from...

Brian & Linda, Kirkcaldy, Tony & Syl, Freda & Maureen

31st August 2007

We've had a wonderful weekend celebrating Walt's retirement. The weather has been excellent – enjoyed the beach at Embleton in glorious sunshine. Other highlights have included the Alnwick garden and the beach at Low Newton – plus a great lunch at "The Ship Inn". Thank you.

By note:- Thank you for your wonderful hospitality, the house has certainly exceeded our expectations – set by your brochure. Thank you again for a wonderful week.

Jean, Walt, Neil, Rob, Kate, Hannah, Alice, Caroline & Family



17th August 2007

We have all enjoyed our holiday in Northumberland – the weather could have been kinder, but the house is very comfortable and the children loved all the toys. Thanks for everything.

Elizabeth & Family

10th August 2007

What an awesome house. Very welcoming. We have had a fabulous week of relaxing – eating & drinking (thank God for recycling!) The fire was lovely, enjoyable even in August. Good British weather as always. Mealtimes very enjoyable with the huge sociable table. Square plates make everything look like professional food. With thanks...

Helen Roo, Victoria & Steven, Pam, Craig & Jack, Katy & Stu, Lauren & Col & Gemma, xx xx

Some suggestions

- 1. Would it be greedy to have 3 toilet rolls per room? – Ans. Where would this stop?*
- 2. A wine rack? – Ans. yes, when we find a suitable replacement for the broken original.*
- 3. Complimentary broadband? – Ans. yes and free UK landline calls included for 2008.*
- 4. A bike store? – Ans. we wheel the bins out behind the porch and use the bin store, when asked!*
- 5. More annual leave from work? – Ans. we have spoken to the relevant government minister and...*
- 6. Mobile phone mast on the roof? – Ans. great signal from 02!*

3rd August 2007

I arrived a day later than the rest of the party so can't comment on the hamper (it was unpacked, but not all eaten). It is a lovely idea, especially using local produce. The house is beautifully furnished – may be a few too many cushions, but is personal taste. The kitchen is very well kitted, very few items that could be added – i.e. a blow torch! (see later – we also lost sleep over the too many cushions!) J&M@TNH. Any chance you could have a compost bin? Need to be greener? (see later - such as heat recovery, recycling, energy efficient lightbulbs, etc, etc. J&M@TNH).

Well done and thanks.

Jeanne

ps. what height are your other guests? All the toilets are uncomfortable and too high (there is less strain for those with movement difficulties if the toilets are set higher J&M@TNH).

pps. I found both the blow torch and compost bin after staying longer and searching the well stocked cupboards and garden!

We all loved the house for its homely feel, immaculate cleanliness.

Your help was greatly appreciated – we hope to return next year.

Chris, Martin & Jamil

27th July 2007

by e-mail: Many thanks for the use of 'The Northumberland House' week commencing 27th July 2007. Everything was perfect and exceeded our expectations although it has to be said it looked exactly as the pictures portrayed in the leaflets. All the small items such as condiments, herbs, the profusion of cutlery, china and cookware plus good CDs and DVDs was much appreciated. There are 11 in our party and we holiday annually as a group and without exception everyone agrees that 'The Northumberland House' is by far the best self catering house we have stayed in. Thank you for your hospitality and we look forward to booking with you again. King regards.

Alan & Deborah

*By e-mail: Thank you again for a wonderful week at your fantastic house!
We are still feeling relaxed and summery despite the now grim weather in Harrogate.*

Paul & Alison



13th July 2007

The entire family on holiday! We all really enjoyed the novelty of such luxury and the excitement of discovery as we 'oobed' and 'aabed' our way through the kitchen cupboards. The hamper held delicious goodies – even now on our final night, the four die hards are trying to finish every non-breakfast thing in sight.

Mike & Jean – thank you for such a lovely warm welcome and for such foresight in catering for our every need. Our weather was unpredictable, although we had a few lovely days (in the current very changeable weather over the rest of the country)! We enjoyed the local well known haunts (Alnwick & Bamburgh Castles, Farne Islands, Holy Island) and still feel there are loads of places to visit. We've had a lovely relaxing time just staying at home too!!

Thank you from us all.

Gill, John, Oscar & Abi from Bristol
Chrissie, Stuart, Clara, Lucy & Luke from Aberdeen
Stuart & Lucy from New Zealand

6th July 2007

We've had a superb time in this wonderful house. Welcome pack amazing and Jean & Mike so friendly and wonderful hosts. We recommend "The Sanctuary Restaurant" and "The Fishing Boat Inn". Fish & chips at "The Neptune" in Seabouses is a must. Highlights have included the Farne Islands, Lindisfarne, Bamburgh and coastal walks. Antiques roadshow at Alnwick Castle a bonus. Loved it so much we have already booked for next year.

Rosemary et al

22nd June 2007

June 29th – the day before my !!x!!th Birthday.

Ten of us have been here to celebrate or commiserate! The house has been a fab place for the job – once we got to grips with technology. The weather has been greyish – were we down hearted – not at all – we just enjoyed being together in such a lovely place. Thank you for all the extras and goodies, much appreciated. "The Fishing Boat Inn" just down the road was brilliant – perhaps big groups are better to book in advance.

Thank you from "The Gang" and best wishes for the future.

18th June 2007

by note:- Just a note to thank you for the wonderful stay we had. Everyone enjoyed it and in view of the weather we came home to we were very lucky to get out and about and not get wet once. The facilities and attention to detail at the house were first class. Thank you again.

Muriel and Friends

8th June 2007

The "Help" Tour.

We all had a wonderful time and loved your stunning home and were made to feel welcome. Some highlights... Dinner at 'The Horseshoes' in Rennington – good, beautifully cooked, well presented, friendly service & reasonably priced.

Great walk to Craster (with crab sandwiches and 'real' chips at the pub) – walk on to Dunstanburgh Castle.

Guided tour of Alnwick Gardens – well worth a visit and the volunteer guide very informative.

Great carrot cake and coffee in the 'Copper Kettle' tea rooms in Bamburgh.

Fiona Burns prepared us a wonderful meal (and tidied up)!

A real treat was the great CDs and DVDs – we watched a movie one afternoon – very decadent!!

Dining room is perfect for murder, mystery – even though it turns your friends into drama queens, liars and murderers!!

No matter how much wine we drank, we never ran out of glasses – superbly equipped.

We've polished off the hamper (wonderful) – so now we're off to diet.

Thank you – we're sure we'll be back.

Norman, Carol, Sue, Richard, Jane, John, Sue, Thomas, Sue, Pete & Brenn



1st June 2007

What a wonderfully comfortable well equipped house – we brought a bread making machine and a pestle & mortar with us and even they were provided!! Loved the water bed – never slept so well. We all thoroughly enjoyed our long weekend of family and will certainly recommend it to our friends. There is so much to do for all ages. Many thanks.

Jo, John, Rita et al

18th May 2007

We really enjoyed our weekend with all the family – the first time we have all been together for a long time. Everyone was very complimentary about the décor, the facilities and Fiona did a splendid job of catering for us. by postcard:- Thank you so much for a delightful weekend – your home is simply wonderful and all felt very comfortable here. Even the weather (apart from the wind) was kind to us.

Sandy, Berenice & Family

4th May 2007

House fabulous as usual. Had a great time – we all enjoyed the long weekend break. Hamper left was excellent again. The quality of the house is exceptional. Thanks.

By e-mail later – We are sorry you are booked for our chosen date next year – ‘The Northumberland House’ makes such a welcome change from our usual hotel experience.

Rose & The Tanfield Group

27th April 2007

Thank you so much for a fantastic weekend. The house is more than anything we expected, so beautiful. Anthony had a great weekend and we loved the water bed. We all had a fab time dressing up!! We had a lovely time walking to the pub – ‘The Fishing Boat’ – we met a farmer called Sandy and his friend Terry, they made us feel very welcome.

All of the guests want to make this a yearly event. I hope we can do that. The hamper was fantastic as was the sticky toffee pudding. Thank you.

Liz & David, Anthony & Lizzie, Gay & Gordon, Clare & Ann, Phil & Alison, Cath & Chris, xx xx xx

6th April 2007

Have had a fantastic week enjoying the beautiful area and lovely house. It's been a busy week – Alnwick Castle, Alnwick Gardens, playing cricket on Alnmouth beach, Sedgfield races, Holy Island, Berwick, Hadrian's Wall and the secret beach – phen!

A couple of our party went on the roller coaster in the Metro Centre and some participated in a civilised game of golf at Dunstanburgh – beautiful course!

We enjoyed the house and all its facilities – including the luxuries in the hamper!

Zoe & Richard & families

29th March 2007

Excellent. The house, your organisation and attention to detail ensured we had a great time. The only thing we failed to find amid the many cupboards and drawers was a toast rack (they do exist - there are 3 in the drawer by the cookery books – M&J@TNH)! Good luck with your next house and the one in New Zealand – we all had a great time – thank you. Great break – we enjoyed visiting places we had not seen for over 30 years!! Very glad there were two dishwashers! The house was very comfortable and beautifully furnished. Many thanks.

Jane & Group