

LA PETITE BUISSONNIERE

Terms for booking

We expect a deposit of 20% of the total cost at the time of booking which is only refundable on cancellation if we are able to find an alternative booking for the period.

The balance of the total must be paid 6 weeks before arrival. Please remember that we need to arrange keys, laundry, cleaning etc. Again we can only make refunds if the house is relet to alternative clients. It is wise to have cancellation insurance.

We ask for a refundable damage deposit of £200. This will be refunded as soon as we receive confirmation that there is nothing to charge for.

Any telephone calls made will be recharged to you as soon as we receive the 'phone bill and identify dates of calls. Immaterial calls (e.g. to taxis) amounting to a total of less than £10.00 will be ignored. For calls to the UK we recommend that you use your own mobile phone.

Arrival time - Any time after 4.00 p.m. (16:00) (French time!)

Departure time - Please vacate the property by 10:30 a.m. on your day of departure

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House Rules, Advice and Safety

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AND ENSURE THAT ALL GUESTS ARE CONVERSANT WITH THEM. ALL HOMES ARE POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS IF RESIDENTS BEHAVE FOOLISHLY OR RECKLESSLY.

The following cover the main areas of potential danger. Some points may appear trivial but it is important that you are aware of them.

Doors and locks

On first arrival, enter the house through the front door, which is on the field side of the house as opposed to between the house and the building at the rear (the "Grange"). Do not attempt to go through the kitchen door, this is the back door and has a shutter secured from the inside.

With French locks, when you lock any of the doors you need to lift the door handle up as far as it can go. If you don't, you can damage the lock.

Keys

There is a key rack in the cupboard in the utility where there are additional keys for all doors. Put the keys back when you have finished. There is also a private cupboard which is reserved for the owners and is locked.

Gates

The gates at the end of the drive are not locked and can be left open whilst you are about. They are there to prevent livestock getting into the garden and should be kept closed when no-one is around and at night. Please ensure that the gates are closed when you leave.

Shutters

When open, shutters must be fastened so as not to bang in any wind. The shutters can be opened during the day but should be closed at night and when you leave.

Well

There is an old well in the garden. In no circumstances must the cover be removed. It is weighted down to prevent children and accidental opening.

The Grange

The Grange, or Barn at the rear of the house, is being renovated. Please do not enter or allow

anyone else into the Grange unless properly authorised.

Neighbours

Please do not feed any animals that happen to be in adjacent fields and do not go onto neighbour's property without their permission.

Electricity

The main fuse board is located in the Utility, Do not turn off the electricity at the main switch as this will also turn off the electric fence which keeps animals out of the garden.

Never cover any electric heaters.

Please ensure that all appliances are turned off and the plugs removed when not in use. The main oven in the kitchen will only work if the timer is set. To set the timer, depress both the two buttons on the left simultaneously and set the time.

Woodburner

When the weather is cold, e.g. spring and autumn, there are logs in the store in the "Grange". This is now locked. Please keep it locked. The woodburner gets very hot and may present a danger to children so please ensure that extreme care is taken.

Makers Instructions/user manuals

There is a folder in the desk in the hall containing the user's instructions for most of the appliances and electrical equipment. Please refer to these in case of query. Please do not remove any of them from the folder and ensure the folder is returned to the desk.

Water

The main water stopcock is located in the left-hand cupboard in the utility. This is only turned off when there is a danger of frost and should not normally be touched.

The hot water can be very hot. Please take care particularly when using showers, the showers are fitted with thermostatic valves, ensure these are at the correct setting before use, or allowing children to use them.

Telephone

The 'phone is located in the hall and is connected. There is also an extension in the master bedroom. Whilst we would expect most people to use a mobile, the phone is available. We shall recharge the cost of all calls made during your stay from the quarterly bill and shall expect our guests to pay for them. The telephone number (which may be useful for incoming calls, especially in emergency) is 02 33 59 53 25 (from the UK: 00 33 2 33 59 53 25)

There is an additional wall socket which is for computer/internet Wifi connection. We make no charge for Wifi. The access code is shown on the side of the "Livebox" (Hub).

Rubbish

The local authority provide a collection for general rubbish from the bottom of the long driveway on the D595 on a Thursday (usually after 12:00 noon). Please put this rubbish out in securely tied plastic bags on a Thursday morning (NOT the night before as it will almost certainly be spread about by cats or foxes and not then collected!). Any such rubbish remaining on the day of departure we take with us and put in a bin en-route if we can find one. Please do not leave rubbish in the house or the store. This collection does not include recyclable items (Glass bottles, plastics, cartons and paper) We shall be grateful if you will dispose of These at one of the local collection points. The nearest is at Chasseguey which is down to the "T" junction at the bottom of the lane (D595) and turn right (D133). There is a plastic box in the kitchen so that these can be collected together.

RESPONSIBILITY

All guests must have full insurance cover for holiday travel/health accident etc. whilst staying at the house.

THE OWNERS DO NOT ACCEPT ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY LOSS, DAMAGE, EXPENSE, PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENT ETC. OR ANY COST OR INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO ANYONE USING OR RENTING THE HOUSE OR VISITING GUESTS. YOU ARE ADVISED TO CHECK THAT INSURABLE RISKS ARE COVERED BY YOUR TRAVEL INSURANCE.