

"Whitkirk" 34 Main Street, Isle of Whithorn DG8 8LF

A guide for our guests.

Welcome to 'Whitkirk' we hope you enjoy your stay here. You may find some personal items here which we hope you will respect.

Front Door Insert key into lock and unlock.

Lounge Door to the right as you enter. TV (with BT Vision) & DVD player. The stereo system is at the rear of the lounge, electric fire, telephone point. DVDs and CDs for your use, as are any of the books and magazines. Guide books and maps are in the middle cupboard of dresser.

Instruction books for the TV, radio/cd players (*in both rooms*) and other appliances are in the Left Hand drawer of the dresser.

Dining/Kitchen door on left.

Electric Cooker. Grill in top oven is very good.

In the unlikely event of a power cut there are candles and matches in the right hand cupboard of the divider unit.

Fridge & freezer, microwave, electric kettle, coffee percolator, toaster.

Telephone point, radio, binoculars. Multi fuel stove ready for use if necessary with coal and peat on hearth. There are extra supplies in the shed.

Use any food or drink but please replace if possible.

Sun lounge Door at the end of the hall. Utility room to left with washing machine.

Please do not touch or unplug the Watchman meter plugged in at washer point, it measures the amount of oil left in the tank at the top of the garden.

The backdoor key is to your Left at the side of the door and a spare key in the tall Cupboard in the kitchen. . *(Please do not remove these keys from the property)* There is another toilet in the **BOILER ROOM** along the veranda

Understairs cupboard has the vacuum cleaner, dusters, picnic basket and plastic covers for hall carpet if it is raining when you put the dustbin out *(collected Monday lunchtime)*.

Large garden to the rear with two garden benches. Cushion for one bench is in the shed. There are two sun loungers plus a Table and four chairs and the shed key is on the same hook as the back door key. *(Please do not take these keys off the property)*.

Upstairs

Please note there is a torch in every bedroom and one in the bathroom for use if there is a power cut.

Single bedroom - With hair dryer

Twin bedroom (*Hairdryer in this room*)

Double bedroom. The wardrobe to the right contains clothing and shoes which we leave in the house but there is plenty of space in the middle one, and we also leave some personal items in the top right hand drawer. The wardrobe to the left is the store for toilet rolls, soap etc. and there are also spare towels in there. There is a hairdryer in this room.

Each bedroom has extra clean linen and towels in the bottom drawers.

Bathroom Electric shower, bath, hand basin and toilet. Towel rail.

REFUSE COLLECTIONS :- Alternate Mondays (**See Calendar on wall**)

The **Dustbin** has to be taken through the house on alternate Mondays and left at the side the front door for collection at 11:00am. Any normal household or garden waste will be collected.

The **Black Boxes** have to be taken through the house on alternate Mondays for collection early in the morning. **Please** use the Boxes only for items stated or the boxes will not be collected.

1) Paper and Cardboard

2) Glass

3) Plastic and tins

Please do not put any **"box"** items in the dustbin or that will not be collected.

Food Waste - Large green caddy near black boxes. Collected every Wednesday morning. Green bags in third drawer down in kitchen

For further information on refuse collection see booklets in the hall table draw.

Telephone

Please note there is only limited signal for mobile phones on the Isle but you may be able to get one at the top of the hill on the way to Whithorn.

The BT number is 01988 501122

Calls to all UK landlines, ***up to 1 hour duration***, are free. Please do not exceed this but feel free to ring off and re-dial. We would ask you to restrict calls to mobile phones for no more than **5 minutes**.

Telephone directories are in the drawer of the hall table.

There is a small telephone directory near the phone in the dining room which has useful telephone numbers, including our number in Bolton, Irene Forsyth (a local friend), Mr McShane the plumber, the local health centre and nearest hospital, etc.

Village Hall Now includes:-

Post Office Where you can also use your debit card to obtain cash.

Local Shop Where you can buy bread which is delivered three times a week, milk, general groceries and newspapers.

Café - Excellent for light meals and home-made cakes etc.

In **Whithorn** there is a Chemist, a Costcutter store which has a cash machine and also a news agents with a cash machine.

The distillery in **Bladnoch** is currently closed but should restart again this year i.e. 2017 under new management.

In **Wigtown** there is a CO-Operative supermarket, a chemist, a bank and several gift and book shops. Wigtown is famous for its bookshops and annual book festival..

In **Newton Stewart** there is a Sainsbury's and Aldi supermarkets, a good independent butcher, ironmonger and several gift shops and a cinema on the high street.

The Steam Packet across the harbour has a very good restaurant but it is best to book if you wish to dine there at the week-end. Sunday lunch is very good value. Alastair Scoular is mine host.

Tel. No. 01988 500334



Oil Fired Central Heating Providing nothing goes wrong and we hope nothing will, when you first arrive and have made a brew the heating should already be on and the house nice and warm! If you require the central heating go into the Hall and there you will see a 'NEST' thermostat on the wall - The thermostat already has a

schedule keyed in that we think is all that is necessary and it should meet your needs. If however you should wish to higher or lower the temperature just turn the Outer Ring on the thermostat to the temperature you require and the boiler will switch on or off as desired. The thermostat is programmed to go into Night mode at 10pm so if you raise the temperature after that time please make sure to turn the thermostat back to 15 before retiring to bed.

If the central heating does not switch on it is probably because the pressure at the boiler is **low**.

Should this be the case please follow the attached instruction sheet. If the boiler still does not fire please call Mr. McShane - see below.

Before you go to bed or when you wish to turn the heating off - Just turn the Outer Ring on the thermostat to the temperature you require (*I suggest 10'*) and the boiler will switch off. That is all there is to it. Enjoy your stay and make sure the central heating is **off** when you vacate the premises.

If anything should go wrong with the heating please 'phone W. McShane on 01988 500611 or 07850013023 and request a visit.

Vacating the property at 12:00 hours will help our cleaner a lot. Please could you strip your beds and place used sheets, pillow cases and duvet covers and towels in the bath, our cleaner will do the rest. Before you leave could you please read the oil level meter in the utility room i.e the number of bars showing and also read the electricity meter in the porch overhead cupboard. . Please 'phone the reading through to us on 01204 497165

Please Note - There is a Guest Book on the hall table for your comments if you wish to add any.

After you have locked up please put the keys through the letter box.

Thanking you for your assistance on this matter and we hope you enjoyed your stay on 'The Isle',

Neil and Pat McMahon

Emergency Tel Nos.

Whithorn Doctor 01988 402210

Whithorn Clinic 01988 500218

Whithorn Pharmacy 01988 500217

Dentist Newton Stewart 01671 404044

Hospital Newton Stewart 01671 402015 (minor injuries)

Hospital Stranraer 01776 707707

Other useful numbers may be found in the Local Business Directory in the drawer in the hall table.

CENTRAL HEATING BOILER WILL NOT FIRE

Go to the boiler room where you will see the boiler. At the top left hand side there are two knobs, one big and one small. **Never touch the big one at all** - the small should be set at the 80° mark.

TO CHECK & RESET THE PRESSURE OF THE BOILER

You will need a torch for this - there is one on the on top of the boiler.

- 1) Open the boiler door
- 2) Check the pressure gauge (*as shown in photo*)
- 3) If the black pointer is below the green area then the pressure is too low and needs adjusting
- 4) There is a filling valve at floor level in the front of the boiler (*as shown in photo*). This needs to be opened slightly by turning a little in the **antI clockwise** direction. To do this you will need a screw driver which can be found in the cupboard in the conservatory (*in a black box*)
- 5) After you crack the valve open you will hear water being admitted to the boiler. Watch or get someone else to watch the pressure gauge and when the Black Pointer is in the Green Area (*as shown in photo*)
- 6) Shut the valve by turning **clockwise** until it reaches a stop.
- 7) The boiler should now fire when the thermostat in the hall is set to the required temperature.
- 8) If it does not then 'phone W. McShane and ask for assistance.

Filling



Fig 2



Valve
Fig1

CURRENT REGULATIONS FOR REFUSE DISPOSAL

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