

The Waiting Room

Details for Guests



What you get!

A genuine Victorian wooden hut – over 160 years old!
Lovingly transformed to provide a luxurious “GOLD” rated self catering cottage
Where history effortlessly meets home comfort
original features blend with modern day living...
...kitchen conveniences, power shower, squashy sofas and wifi
Luxury bed linens and fluffy towels
Fresh eggs, fresh air!
Empty roads, few people
Rare wild birds and plentiful wildlife
Big, big skies, superb sunsets and thousands of twinkling stars

Why us...?

We offer...

...exceptionally well cared for accommodation
...very high quality, consistently
...great value for money

We use, and know how good ...

...the local pub is
...and tasty the butcher's local home cured bacon, sausages and meat is
... soft and truly scrumptious our baker's raspberry and white chocolate scones are!

We care...

...about making your stay as good as we can
...about local sustainability
...**about you!**

What we do!

Give a personal warm welcome
Offer flexible length bookings, to suit you
Discount rates for returning guests
Include all costs within our advertised rates
Avoid inflating prices for Bank Holiday weekends
Advise and recommend where to go and things to do
Partner with only reputable companies
Use local products & businesses

Your Accommodation

Throughout

A dedicated off road parking space is reserved for you in our car park.

A very short flat walk across the station platform brings you to the Victorian Waiting Room Visit England have recognised our luxurious 160 year old wooden hut and have consistently awarded **4 Stars "GOLD"** for exception quality and customer service. **Whoop whoop!!!**

We welcome everyone - including Walkers, Cyclists and Pets!

Despite being built such a long time ago we have sympathetically fully insulated, heated & double glazed the building. In 2010 we had the roof renewed, returned to slate, and insulated with the same product that NASA uses to insulate the spaceships!

The floors are wooden, Douglas fir, with a non slip matt coating. With easy access* all floors are on ground level

Clusters of multi directional spot lighting supplemented by table and standard lamps support the relaxed surroundings of the Waiting Room

All rooms have large south facing windows with uninterrupted views over the garden and fells.

In Spring lambs play in the field immediately in front of the garden then the field is turned over to a grow into a summer Hay meadow. All year you will see and hear wildlife in the garden, field and on the fell.

Many quirky individual touches can be found throughout the accommodation and the gardens

Sitting Room - South facing

The original fire place houses the multi fuel burning stove - lots of heat, enjoy a romantic night in cosy by the fire, candles lit, glass of wine, and star gazing....

All logs, coal, kindling and even a stove lighting lesson, provided!

Antique oak furniture blends well with contemporary cushions, throws & rugs,

Unique original pictures and drawings dress the walls, quirky bits and pieces complete the room interior

South facing double glazed windows maximising all natural light and heat!

To help keep you up to-date with news and movies we have a Flat screen TV with satellite connection, DVD player and wifi

Reading Area - South facing

With original ticket hatch in the wall a-joining the bedroom

The squashy sofa converts easily to a small double bed for occasional use, bed linen can be provided

The occasional table and drawers act as your information "hub" leaflets, maps, menu's and timetables in abundance!

You will also find games, jigsaws, playing cards and quiz books to while away the time

A long mirror reflects the natural light and uninterrupted garden views

Relax as hard as you like!

Bedroom - South facing

Sleeps two: the bed, to snuggle into, super king size, 6' wide by 6' 6" long with luxury back care mattress, and crisp, fresh 100% cotton bed linen

Your pillows are feather down or firm or both

If you awake early enough you can watch the sun rise over the fell whilst sitting in bed

Clothes storage is in the pine wooden wardrobe which has full length hanging space, shelving and double width base drawer. Additional drawer space is in the reading area

For comfort circular wool rugs are positioned to step on to as you get out of bed

We have the flexibility to divide the bed to into two 3' twin beds

Dining Kitchen - south facing

Cosy, cute and fully equipped with an electric ceramic hob double oven cooker, microwave, and fridge freezer. If you don't fancy cooking there is a great pub down the road or relax and order in; local seasonal food, well cooked by Debs local cooks - Brunch, Lunch or Supper! No need for anyone to drive...more details on request. Prices in line with pub grub!

You will find traditional shaker style cupboard units under the beech wood worktops complete with a "Belfast" sink which contrast amazing well with the brushed chrome steel shelving holding the crockery and cooking equipment.

An oak table and high backed seating is perfectly placed in front of the widow allowing you to; watch the wild birds or our egg machines, do some writing or just day dream. You might also get around to using it as a place for eating.

A glazed door leads to the decked sitting area and private cottage garden with alternate private entrance**.

Utility Area - north facing

Small but perfectly formed. A + A class washing machine and tumble drier; coat hooks, boot drying shelving. Just in case...you will also find a torch, a first aid kit and an umbrella.

Bathroom - west facing

Recently upgraded, ceiling heightened, integral spot lights

Full size white bath tub to soak in after a hard day holidaying with mixer shower tap

Newly fitted chrome over bath Sport "power shower" INSTANT hot water. Just right to get you moving in the mornings

White low level toilet and hand basin

Natural light in abundance from double opening window, views over the private courtyard garden across the main garden to the stone arched bridge

For comfort the bathroom has a heated towel rail, additional electric heater and an extractor fan.

The Gardens

The garden is south facing, well stocked with flowering shrubs, mature trees, spring bulbs, seasonal flowering plants and herbs, picked what you need to add to your food whilst staying. We are very lucky to have our very own arched **stone bridge**.

The lawn was the railway track...it takes Steve, my husband half a day to cut it. Guests have sole use of the cottage courtyard garden which is fully fenced, please note to keep our animals out and not guests in. This area acts as a secure area for your own pet if you choose to bring him or her.

You have a fantastic view of our magnificent sunsets from the garden. We have no light pollution; the North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty is one of the least light pollution areas in the UK. There is an uninterrupted view from the garden across the fields and fell. To the North we over look high over Staward Gorge, home to many birds of prey and Staward Peel Roman tower.

Many species of wild birds, game and animals choose to live in our garden. We have left one section of the garden untouched for this reason.

Our hens roam freely with the exception of the guest cottage garden. The hens like nothing better than to have a dust bath under the stone bridge or to sunbathe under a tree. Our dogs and cats also love to play in the garden and love the guests who feed them!

*see our access statement for full details

** Twelve steep steps lead from the garden to the gate

Our immediate surrounding area

50 metres from your door a public footpath gives you across the fields which takes you to Staward Peel, Roman ruin and on to Allen Banks, National Trust site and also the John Martin (Artist) trail.

Just right to work up a thirst, we can direct you back via the pub!

An alternate public footpath (100 metres) takes you down into the Allen Valley near to where the East and West Allen rivers meet. You can walk all day from there.

Situated just 50 metres from the A686 voted by the AA as one of the 10 most scenic routes in Europe. Take advantage of the access without the noise or intrusion. The Waiting Room is sheltered behind a wall and below the road level and NOT overlooked.

Around us is privately owned and often stocked farm land. If your dog is holidaying with you we are happy to point you in the direction of non stocked land.

We ask that everyone, at all times observes the country code.

The villages of Allendale to the East and Haydon Bridge to the North are both 4.5 miles away.

Hexham, voted best market town in Britain is 8 miles. Arguably the best section of Hadrian's Wall is nine miles away and can be seen from The Waiting Room.

A little further afield but within an hour's drive

West	The famous Lake District, Cumbria
South	Durham City, Castle and Cathedral, Beamish Museum and Weardale
North	Hadrian's Wall, Kielder
North East	Alnwick Castle (home of Harry Potter and the Duke of Northumberland), Alnwick Gardens, and the fabulous North East Coast, and Holy Island
East	Cosmopolitan Newcastle City Centre, river Tyne, Quayside and Bridges

The above is written by me, Deb Humble the Waiting Room owner to hopefully describe to you how it is, our guests tell me it does...do come and see our special place!

"The ultimate bijou accommodation!" guest comment Sept 2011