## Welcome to Upper Woodburn - The Roundhouse

### **Information for Visitors**

Thank you for booking! There is more information about the cottages and photos at <a href="www.upperwoodburn.com">www.upperwoodburn.com</a> and please do email or text if you have any questions that aren't answered in this blurb. <a href="mailto:nager@hotmail.co.uk">nager@hotmail.co.uk</a> 07780975472

We have just taken over this business and are really keen to hear suggestions and ideas from guests so please do let us know any way in which we could improve the experience of people staying at Upper Woodburn (perhaps things that are missing from the kitchen or other things you like to see in a self catering cottage). Also please do write in the visitor book and let other guests see some of the things that you would recommend to do in the area.

Towels, bed linen, drying up cloths, tea, coffee, sugar, washing powder, hand soap, everything for washing up (including dishwasher tablets) and loo roll is provided

#### Roundhouse

Wifi is from a 3G home wifi hub, the code is on the box, which should be on kitchen windowsill

The key will be in a lock box to the left of the front door. Please leave it there at the end of your stay. We will send the code two weeks before you arrive.

#### **Appliances and Facilities:**

There is a washing machine, dishwasher, flatscreen TV, fridge (small freezer is in cupboard by the front door), accessible bathroom with shower and seperate bath.

There is a small outside seating area and BBQ provided

#### **Central Heating**

The central heating is run on underfloor electric heating, there is a thermostat for the living area, the bathroom and both bedrooms. The house is very well insulated so holds the heat well, if it is too warm please turn down the thermostats by using the down arrows. You can turn off the heating in an area by just pressing the on/off button

If it is too cold you can turn up the heating by pressing the up arrows. Please only adjust by one or two degrees as it will easily get too hot!

### Woodburner

There is a small wood burning stove. We provide some wood, lighters and kindling to get you going and if you want more there is wood for sale at Home Bargains in Kilsyth and at local petrol stations. For safety please only remove the ashes when they are cold - it is fine to burn a fire on a bed of ashes so no need to sweep out every time you use it. We'd be grateful if you use the stove, that you sweep it out before you leave

#### **Directions:**

Getting here: look for Upper Woodburn Cottages on Google maps. the location is here <a href="https://maps.app.goo.gl/Q2UpTih6nXwZgkY77">https://maps.app.goo.gl/Q2UpTih6nXwZgkY77</a>

There are also detailed instruction on our website. https://upperwoodburn.com/directions/warning apple maps can take you to the wrong place.

Please note: If you are getting any deliveries for food, or taxis or anything else please ensure that you give good instructions to them as our neighbours are sometimes disturbed in error. Make sure you use 'The Roundhouse at Upper Woodburn' as the address, and emphasise they should fork left towards Upper Woodburn 50m after they turn off the main road.

Driving from the M80 you come through Kilsyth and then Queenieburn and a short while further on you come past a sign for Auchenreoch. At the end of the large stone wall on the right there is an entrance labelled Upper Woodburn and Woodburn You fork left after 50 yards towards Upper Woodburn. The round house is up a gravel drive to the left before you go over the bridge.

We are also really accessible by public transport - the 89 bus route from Glasgow Buchanan Street Bus Station, which runs every half-hour and stops at the end of our drive. And Croy Station which is on the Glasgow Edinburgh mainline and also has direct trains to Stirling is 10 minutes' taxi ride away.

#### The Locality

The Roundhouse is on a small woodland estate called Upper Woodburn and there are two other self-catering cottages set in the woodland grounds, as well as our house at the top of the lane. Feel free to explore the grounds and the woods, but take care of ground nesting birds (there are woodcock) and the badger sets especially if you have dogs. We ask that within the woodlands you keep dogs on leads so as not to disturb any nesting birds and other wildlife. Watch out for bats, badgers, roe deer and the profusion of birds that live in the woods. You can walk up behind the Lodge on a track to get to the woods. Take care of the bluebells which are growing up all over the place - there's one route we use where they are already all trampled down - so just walk along there

### Local walks and places

I've made a guide to fab local walks here. <a href="https://upperwoodburn.com/walks-nearby/">https://upperwoodburn.com/walks-nearby/</a>
There are networks of paths in Milton of Campsie and you can get up to the Campsies from Queenzieburn and Campsie Glen. There is a great walk along the Antonine Wall from Croy/Twechar.

#### Things to Do:

I have written a section on walks, city visits, days out and visits further afield on <a href="https://www.upperwoodburn.com">upperwoodburn.com</a>

Upper Woodburn is perfect for visiting Glasgow, Edinburgh and Stirling. All of these cities are on a direct train line from Croy station which is 10 minutes drive away and has a Park and Ride car park. I would definitely recommend taking the train in to Glasgow (15 mins) and Edinburgh (25 mins) if you are visiting the city centres as it is so much more convenient than trying to find somewhere to park.

We are also just across the Campsies from the Trossachs and a drive over the Crow Road, from Lennoxtown, will take you to some lovely villages and walks. I recommend looking at the Walk Highland website to find some good walks <u>in the Trossachs</u> and nearer by in <u>the Campsies</u>.

#### **Eating and Drinking**

We have just moved here and so are learning our way around but The Stables in Kirkintilloch is a canal-side pub with good food and a lovely atmosphere and Nonna's Kitchen is a good family italian with canal-side outdoor seating. The first community owned pub in Scotland is the Swan in Banton and has great food. We are seeking recommendations from guests to add to the list so please let me know if you find anything worth recommending.

# **Bins and Recycling**

Please help us get our rubbish sorted! I've tried to explain how it all works below.

## Blue Bin - paper and card

- Paper and Newspaper
- Cardboard
- Junk mail and Magazines
- Catalogues

No: Pizza boxes, Packaging contaminated with food

## Yellow bin - plastic, glass and cans

- Glass jars and bottles (washed)
- Food tins and Drink cans (washed)
- Clean Tin foil
- Plastic bags e.g. carrier bags
- Plastic bottles, trays and pots (washed)

Please rinse and squash plastic and cans Please remove lids and put in loose (i.e. not in bags)

XNo: Food Waste, Hard Plastics- eg. toys or storage boxes, Textiles, Bubble wrap,

# **Green Bins - general waste**

Please use a bin bag!

# Grey food caddy - food waste

Please put food waste in the biodegradable bags provided and then put into the caddy by the main bins

- Vegetable peelings
- Cooked and raw food waste
- Egg shells
- Tea bags and coffee grounds
- Out of date food
- Bones

imes No: napkins and paper towels, packaging, clingfilm and plastic, oils

# In an Emergency

### For immediate emergency assistance - medical, fire or police please call 999

If you have a medical emergency and need immediate medical assistance call the Ambulance service on 999

### For other medical issues please call NHS 24 on 111

The local doctors surgery is Regent Gardens Medical Practice 0141 776 1238

The nearest accident and emergency is at the Glasgow Royal Infirmary <u>0141 211 4000</u> or the Queen Elizabeth <u>0141 452 2811</u>

The children's hospital is at the Queen Elizabeth <u>0141 201 0000</u>

The nearest minor injuries clinic is at Stobhill Hospital 0141 201 3000

It is usually best to call NHS 24 first to get advice on where to go or what to do.

### If there is a Fire please call 999

There is a fire extinguisher and a fire blanket in the kitchen.

There are linked smoke alarms in the house and a Carbon Monoxide detector. If either of these goes off please leave the cottage immediately - if it is a false alarm you can reset the alarms by pressing the reset button.

If anything goes wrong in the house, eg water leak, please let Kat know asap 07780975472