



Welcome to Causeway View Mews Cottage Portrush

A Non Smoking House

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**A Northern Ireland Approved
3 Star Self Catering Accommodation**

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COVID 19 PRECAUTIONS



FOR YOUR SAFETY AND OURS

We are committed to keeping our guests, our staff and ourselves safe during these unprecedented times.

Self-catering is a safer holiday option as only families and small groups who know each other well will be together, reducing the likelihood of cross-infection.

Following a risk assessment we have implemented the following policy.

OUR PRECAUTIONS

- Arrival and departure. We are giving more time between departure and arrival to allow for a thorough clean and an additional sterilisation. **Departure is 9am and arrival is 5pm.**
(Check with me in case later departure or earlier arrival is available)
- Our staff have been trained in hygiene and will be using gloves, masks, visors and sterilant for cleaning.
- We have removed items which cannot be cleaned satisfactorily e.g. books, games.
- Provision of hand sanitizer inside the property.
- We have always left basic supplies and condiments for our guests. If you feel that you don't wish to use these, please bring your own and leave ours in the cupboard
- Our electronic guide to the home has been sent to all guests

Cleaning and Sterilising

- The holiday home will be thoroughly cleaned before your arrival.
- All high touch points will be sterilised including the keysafe and door handles.

- Crockery, Cutlery and glassware are washed at a high temperature setting in dishwasher.
- Laundry including pillow liners are washed at high temperature.
 - Only one pillow is provided per person to allow 72 hours between use of pillows.
 - If you wish please bring your own.
- **Sterilising Spray.** We are using a high pressure atomiser to sterilise all surfaces with HOCL medical spray to NHS standards supplied by Liquid Medical. This is non toxic and can be used on all surfaces including soft furnishings.
- We wish you a wonderful holiday.

YOUR PRECAUTIONS

- Do not come if you are experiencing Covid 19 symptoms.
- Tell us if you develop Covid 19 whilst on holiday and make arrangements to return home as quickly as is possible.
- Practice Social Distancing if you have any visitors to the holiday home from outside your Bubble
- Use our hand sanitiser every time you enter the building
 - Bring your own sanitiser if you prefer to use your own.
- Wash your hands regularly.
- Bring any PPE which you personally wish to use.
- Bring your own pillows, sheets and towels, if you prefer not to use ours.
- Strip the beds you have used and wrap all the laundry in one sheet. This is to reduce the amount of airborne particles for my staff.
- Give all the cutlery, crockery and glassware that **you** have used a high temperature cycle in the dishwasher before you leave.
 - If you wish, select glasses, crockery and cutlery for your stay and give this an additional wash. Then only use these during your stay.
- Wash and put away all cooking utensils and containers.
- Bag, tie and dispose of your own rubbish in the main bin area.
- Leave the windows open when you depart
- Lock the doors and put key in key safe.

Safe journey home and we look forward to seeing you again.

EMERGENCY FIRE ACTION PLAN

Please familiarise yourself with the exit from the house.

FRONT EXIT. Please leave the key beside or in the door when locking it.

In the event of a fire. Shout a warning. Please go out immediately through the exit and make sure everyone is out of the building.

Do not waste time taking any belongings.

Phone 999 and report the fire.

Smoking is illegal indoors

This is a non-smoking house so please do not smoke inside. Smokers can enjoy a cigarette or cigar in the open air

DON'T smoke indoors as this is considered to be a place of work for my agent and is therefore illegal. the smell lingers and spoils the atmosphere in the house.

If you do smoke indoors we may need to have the soft furnishings and carpets professionally cleaned and will have no choice but to charge you for this remedial work.

Parking & Access

The mews is sandwiched in between Lower Main Street and Causeway View Lane.

This put you right in the middle of town, but in a quiet little mews with vehicular access from Causeway View Lane through an archway into the parking area. There is one parking space reserved for Number 2, please do not use anyone else's space.

There is a pedestrian gateway under an archway from the mews onto the main street. This is usually kept locked and the key is on your set of two keys.

Pets

Small pets are welcome by prior arrangement are welcome BUT must be kept out of the bedroom carpets and off all furniture. The surroundings are communal so please keep your dog on a lead and remove any dog waste.

If your pet fouls outside in the communal area please bag and remove the waste, as it can be dangerous to children and is not pleasant for others.

If your pet is likely to climb onto the furniture please bring throws to protect the furniture. Please lift cushions if you leave your pets in unattended or at night so your pets don't sleep on them.

If the furnishings are soiled by the dog or there is pet hair on them they will need to be cleaned for which we will impose a charge.

WiFi

We have full access in the cottage. Look for causewaycottages-ext. The password is causewaycottages (all lower case)

Portrush

Ground Coffee gives free WiFi if you are drinking coffee or tea

Bushmills

Ground Coffee gives free WiFi if you are drinking coffee or tea

Portballintrae

The Bayview Hotel if you are drinking coffee or tea, or more. Lovely views over the Bay.

Water, Heat, and Shower**Hot Water**

The house is fully heated by economy 7 electrical storage and overnight water heater. There will always be hot water. The shower is electric, just pull the on cord beside the shower and set the dials to suit. Always set these low to start.

Central Heating

The house is fully heated by economy 7 electrical storage will provide a comfortable temperature. The downstairs bedroom has a convector heater on the wall which provides instant heat

Immediate heat.

The living room has a flame effect electric fire which will give immediate heat and a boost. It can be turned on to give a pleasant glowing flame effect.

Switching the heat off

If you don't need the Central Heating please switch all the wall switches off beside the storage heaters. There are two in the living room with one switch beside the fireplace in behind the cover.

CANDLES

Please be careful if using tea lights, do not place on an unprotected surface. Always put out at night.

The Kitchen, Cooking, Eating and Laundry.

Safety

There is a **Fire Extinguisher** under the sink. There is a **Fire Blanket** in the lower cupboard on the right-hand side of the oven.

Please find where the extinguisher and the fire blanket are located and ensure that you read the instructions now.

Cooking

There are sharp knives in a knife block on the work surface and cutting boards in the cupboards. Please always use a **cutting board**.

There are pots, pans and ovenware in various cupboards.

Please don't put hot pots on the work surface; use the metal pot racks provided.

The oven and hob are electric so are simple to use. There is an electric kettle on the work surface, and an electric toaster.

Please use the extractor fan when cooking, otherwise the kitchen will get very hot, steamy and unpleasant.

Beware as all cooking surfaces will get hot and can cause burns.

Dining

The dining table folds open to seat up to 6 people. There are four chairs inside the table and two stools in the upstairs cupboard beside the main bedroom.

For outside eating there is a wooden table with umbrella and two chairs + two stools in the upstairs store. If the table is not outside it will be in the wardrobe area in the downstairs bedroom

Washing up

Kitchen Sink There is washing up liquid under the sink and a drying rack on the drainer. There are drying cloths in the drawer to the right of the cooker.

Laundry

There is an Automatic Washer Drier in the kitchen and an Indoor Clothes Line in the upstairs store beside the main bedroom. Instructions for the washing machine are on top of the dryer in the small space under the counter. Soap powder is supplied, if you run out please phone our cleaner.

Please don't take house towels to the beach.

BINS AND RECYCLING

Blue Bin Recycling

Please recycle glass, tin, plastic, paper and cardboard in the blue bin, but no plastic wrappers or plastic bags.

Brown Bin Food Waste

Food waste should go into the green recycling bags in the brown bin and all other waste in the black bin. If the wrong material is put in the recycling the bin men will not empty it.

Black Bin, All other Waste

All other waste.

There is are rubbish bins under the sink and a supply of plastic bags for liners. Please tie them before you bin them.

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4567 is the combination lock on each bin to stop outsiders mixing the bin material. If the wrong material is put in the recycling the bin men will not empty it.

DO NOT PUT CARDBOARD, BOTTLES, TINS OR PLASTIC BOTTLES IN THE BLACK BIN

Ironing

Ironing board and iron are in the upstairs store.

Cleaning

If you need any cleaning material look under the sink or in the utility cupboard.

Light Bulbs

Spare bulbs and fuses are in the electricity cupboard at the top of the stairs.

TV, Video, Radio, Books

Television

The TVs receive all normal free view channels. The TV in the lower bedroom has a digibox so you must set the TV to AV setting first.

DVD

The DVD is located under the TV. you must set the tv to AV

Radio

There is a CD/Radio system in the living room.

Books

Please feel free to read the books. You may take away any paperbacks to finish them. You are also welcome to leave your finished books for someone else to read.

Beds

If you have not used all the beds please let us know which ones have been used so that we may change them for the next guests.

Cots

There is a travel cot available by prior arrangement. We do not supply bedding for cots

SHOPPING IN PORTRUSH

Fruit and Vegetables

The local shops are good with the best fruit and veg opposite the bus station near the railway station..

Meat

The best meat shop is Danny Etherson's at the Hillview service station on the Coleraine Road. This is opposite Lidle and is a car drive away.

Fresh fish

Most early evenings and at the weekends in the Summer you can buy fresh fish, crab and lobsters from the sports fishermen at the harbour.

Grocery and Bread

The small supermarket halfway up Main Street has a fairly good range of provisions. They also sell fresh French style bread; it is really very good. (Order in advance to make sure that you get what you want.)

Off-Licence

There are two off licences in town, one opposite Sportsland on the Main Street and one beside the Bus Station.

Chemist / Pharmacy

There are three chemists one the Main Street opposite Sportsland, one opposite the bus station and one opposite the Railway Station

Hardware

There is an everything shop with good hardware beside the bus station, with a good range of hardware.

Hair

There are a few but we don't know what they're like.

Cash & Money

There is a Cash Dispenser on the wall of the Ramore Restaurant, a Dansk Bank cash dispenser halfway up main street and one Ulster Bank dispenser opposite the town Hall.

BUSHMILLS

Copper Kettle £

On the town square. Snacks, coffee, light lunch, all day breakfast. This is the best café in town

The French Rooms ££

A very interesting and enjoyable place for morning coffee or lunch. The evening menus is constantly changing and always interesting. A must try.

<http://www.thefrenchrooms.com/> Advance bookings recommended 028 2073 0033

The Bushmills Inn ££££, a lovely old world hotel with bar meals and a fine dining restaurant. The food is excellent but is fairly dear. You will need to book for dinner. [028-2073-2339]

The Distillers Arms / Tartine £££ is close to the Distillery in Bushmills and is children friendly. They have a modern upbeat menu. This has been recently remodelled and has an open plan bar and dining area, need to book at weekends especially. (Parking at the rear through archway) Also has an alternative cuisine café. Advance bookings recommended 028 2073 1044

The Causeway Hotel ££ at the Giant's Causeway is renowned for its value for money and honest good food. Their mixed grill would feed a small family, choose it if you have hollow legs. The location is really nice with brilliant views over the bay towards the Skerrie Islands and Portrush. Advance bookings recommended 028 2073 1266

Smugglers Restaurant ££ On the way to the Giant's Causeway gives good basic fare and may have entertainment on Saturdays. Please check first.

<http://www.smugglers-inn.co.uk> Phone 028 2073 1577.

PORTBALLINTRAE

The Bayview Hotel ££ has wonderful views out over Portballintrae Harbour and Bay it has a good restaurant and lively bar. Phone 028-2073-4100 for reservations. Great for morning Coffee and Free WiFi

PORTSTEWART

Amici Ristorante. £££ Excellent Italian Restaurant run by an Italian family so the food is very genuine. Advance bookings recommended 028 7083 4444

<http://amiciportstewart.squarespace.com/>

Harry's Shack. £££ Excellent fish restaurant run by a fishing family who have their own market garden so the fish and veg are uber fresh. Located right on the beach at Portstewart just beyond the golf club. Advance bookings recommended 028 7083 1783, https://www.nigoodfood.com/restaurants/harrys-shack/?utm_source=tripadvisor&utm_medium=referral

Cafes & Takeaways

There are numerous cafes in town; all provide good snacks and inexpensive meals. The Yacht Club serves all day breakfasts on the harbour wall and Babushkas serves amazing coffee and speciality breakfasts and snack lunches on the opposite harbour wall.

Babushka Speciality Coffee Shop and Eatery £

Fantastic views of the bay. Located on the South wall of the harbour George specialises in very unique snack lunch and breakfast with excellent coffee.

Portrush Yacht Club £

Wonderful views of the harbour and bay from the 1st floor patio. Open to the public from 9-5:30 Excellent all day breakfasts, coffee and scones.

Ground Coffee Shop £ is on main street and has a great range of excellent speciality coffees and very good freshly made food. Free WiFi

Bars

The Harbour Bar On the harbour in Portrush Right on the Harbour has the best old world atmosphere with excellent Guinness. Willie Gregg runs a great ale house with wonderful craic, a must visit bar with entertainment on Saturday and some other nights. Upstairs is a good night club with excellent music and a very mixed crowd of ages and interests. This is safe and pleasant.

The Springhill Bar on Causeway Street in Portrush has great traditional music on Thursday nights.

Bushmills

The Bushmills Inn is a very attractive old world hotel with lots of bar areas each with its own unique character, also is quite close if you don't want to drive. Well worth a visit for the ambience of the private snugs all with peat fires.

Portballintrae Boat Club on the harbour at Portballintrae, you can join as a temporary visitor. Very handy if you are sailing, boating or fishing. Very handy ESPECIALLY if you don't want to drive.

The Bayview in Portballintrae has a pleasant bars with sports and music at the weekends.

Traditional Music

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Taxis

Taxis are easily available to and from Portrush. They are not so available in and around Portballintrae and Bushmills. If you want a taxi from Bushmills or Portballintrae you will need to pre-book or be prepared to pay for one to come out from Portrush.

Most Pubs and Restaurants will give you Taxi numbers or else call one for you.

Andy Brown Taxi's Portrush 028-7082-2223

Ultra Taxi's Portstewart 028-7083-4242

PLEASE ADD ANY NEW TAXI NUMBERS BELOW

ATTRACTIONS

GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

The Causeway is the iconic tourist attraction in Northern Ireland and is well worth a visit. Please note that the National Trust who control the area will tell you that you must all buy a ticket. This is only true if you want to go to the visitor centre (low priority for me) You only need to pay for one ticket to park your car. So decant your passengers at the Nook Pub just at the entrance to the car park and then pay for one parking ticket. Access to the stones is FREE, just walk through the passageway and enjoy your visit. Have a refreshment in the Nook Pub or Causeway Hotel afterwards.

Causeway Tram

Also enjoy the Steam Tram from Bushmills to the Giant's Causeway and then walk back along the sand dunes or beach.

Carrick a Rede Rope Bridge

On the road to Ballycastle, a lovely walk and wonderful views.

Glens of Antrim

Visit Glenarriff Glen. This is wonderful walk weaving up through the Ulster glen along a cascading river.

Belfast Titanic

A World Class visitor experience which is amazingly well thought out and works on so many levels of interest. A must visit.

Walled City of Derry/Londonderry (Stroke City)

A great day out especially if you take the train to enjoy one of the most the world's great train journeys.

LEISURE & SPORTS

Internet Access

Ground and 55 North has free WyFy. Great to have a coffee and pick up your emails

Beaches and Swimming

The beaches at Portrush, Portstewart and Portballintrae are great.

There is a very safe small beach in the harbour with a large horseshoe bay beside the harbour. Great for kids, safe bathing and sunbathing.

The East Strand is at the other side of the Peninsula and it stretches two miles to the White Rocks; it is a lovely strand but is not safe for swimming in waves. Always supervise kids on this beach.

Cinemas

The Play House, Portrush. (open in high season only)

[028-7082-3917] Main Street Portrush.

Coleraine Cinema (On far side of the River Bann) [02870350000]

Amusement park

Barry's Amusements in Portrush has a great selection of rides to thrill all members of the family.

Amusements/Gambling:- There are several in Portrush

Fishing

There is excellent salmon fishing in season on the Bush River. Licences and details from the tackle shop on the main street.

Sea fishing is a big sport in Portrush the tackle shop on the pier will arrange fishing trips, There are lots of boats going out every day for sport fishing.

Tackle and bait is usually for sale at the fishing shop on the main street as are arrangements for boats.

Golf

Royal Portrush 028-7082-2311, with the Championship Dunluce and Valley 18 hole courses.

Portstewart 028-7083-2015, Old Town course and New with 27 holes.

Portballintrae (Bushfoot) 028-2073-1317 has a lovely 9 hole course which anywhere else in the world would be magic, but it is hard to compete with the other giants in the area.

Only slightly further afield Castlerock 028-7084-8314, Ballycastle 028-2076-2536 and

Vintage Steam Railway There is a vintage Steam Train railway running from the Giants Causeway to Portballintrae. Strangely you can only board it at the get tickets and start at the Causeway

Children's Play Areas

There is a very good outdoor **adventure playground** at the Recreation Grounds at Ramore Head in Portrush.

Coleraine Swimming Pool is located at the Leisure Centre on Railway Road in Coleraine.

Surfing

The beach at Portballintrae, the White Rocks and the two beaches at Portrush are excellent for surfing and Bodyboarding. They are not for amateurs as the waves can be mega and there is an undertow at Portballintrae and the White Rocks.

For beginners go to Troggs or Woodys Surf Shop and **GET ADVICE**. Kids use the West Bay at Portrush otherwise go out in light conditions with good supervision.

Wind Surfing

The wave break with a cross off shore at the Runkerry end of the main beach in PBT is magic. Access is down a small lane (looks like the entrance to a private yard of an old cottage) just before the main entrance to Runkerry House. Other beaches, in order, White Rocks Portrush West and East, and Portstewart are pretty good when the wind direction suits, but pale into insignificance when there is a 8 foot face and force 5-6 WSW 'erly.

Walking

Everywhere, check out maps.

A lovely short walk is to go around Ramore Head. This is the large promontory headland at the end of the Portrush peninsula. You can make this quite short or walk on along the rocky shore at Lansdowne Crescent past the Blue Pool to the Arcadia to have coffee and scones at 55 North Café; then home.

Walk to the Whiterocks along the East Strand. 2 miles; on to Dunluce Castle 2 miles; on to Portballintrae, 3 miles; then 10 mile hikes along the shore and cliff from PBT past the Giants Causeway to White Park Bay.

In the other direction Portstewart is a 3 mile sea walk, your reward is a Morelli's Ice Cream

Whiskey Tasting

Bushmills Distillery 1608, the oldest registered distillery in the world. Open seven days a week and on your doorstep. Tours are fascinating, you will be trained as a whiskey taster and there are good quality souvenirs for taking home.

PS it is illegal to transport opened bottles of Bushmills Whiskey, for your own security please leave any open but unfinished bottles behind for safe disposal by the proprietor.