



## **Welcome to Leathlobhair**

We hope you enjoy your stay in this beautiful spot. The following information is provided to make your stay more enjoyable.

If you have any problems during your stay then please talk to Mr & Mrs Blackburn at Woodend Cottage opposite. If they are away, Mr & Mrs Pepper are available at School House, Anwoth.

**Keys** - 2 keys have been provided for the front door of each property plus 1 key each for the laundry room and any other outside doors. Keys to the french doors are hung near them. The Blackburns have one spare of each key. It costs £3.00 for us to get another key cut.

**Equipment** - If you are using both cottages you may transfer items between the two but please return them to their original places before you leave. If you feel any essential items are missing, please let us know.

**Laundry Room** - There is a shared laundry room containing a washing machine, tumble dryer, vacuum cleaner, iron, ironing board, clothes horses, pegs and the joint central heating boiler. There is also a whirly-gig dryer with a map of where to set it up in the garden. If you use this, please bring it back indoors before you leave. The laundry room is adjacent to bedrooms in both properties so, if both cottages are in use, please be considerate when using the machines. Access to the laundry room: from Leath, a key is provided for the interconnecting door; from Lobhair, a key is provided for the external door. An external door key should also be hanging up inside the laundry room.

**The Garden** is shared as is the patio furniture stored by the laundry room. Please be considerate of other guests. The stone wall boundary is not safe to climb on. There are also gaps so care must be taken to restrict small children and dogs. Although the road is very quiet, the cars that do pass sometimes do so at high speed. Do be aware of the drops immediately behind the cottage.

**Dogs** - To balance the needs of guests that are either dog-lovers or animal-sensitive, we have designated Leath as pet-free. Dogs should be kept off the furniture and care should be taken to "pooper-scoop" the garden. This is a great spot for dog-walking and Scotland's right-to-roam policy means you can pretty much go where you like. However, farmers can get very protective of their stock, especially during lambing/calving seasons. The presence of sheep and deer also means dogs can pick up ticks so keep an eye open for these. If you need advice in relation to your dog, please speak with the Blackburns and introduce your dog to their Shelties.

**Bicycle Hire** - At the lighting & cycle shop Wm Law in Kirkcudbright. Cycle hire is also available in Newton Stewart where the hire shop will deliver the bikes to the location where you wish to use them e.g. at the 7Stains.

**Fresh Food Delivery** - A fish van calls at Woodend Cottage on late Tuesday pm. It has fresh fish, meat plus fruit, veg and salad.

**Bins** - The large wheely-bin is emptied EARLY on Thursday morning. Please put the bin outside the gate on Wednesday evening. Try to get rid of most of your rubbish at this point rather than leaving the bin full for the next guests. Please note that the bin is shared between the 2 properties.



**Recycling** - Glass can be taken to be recycled next to the Tourist Information Office in Gatehouse. Other items, e.g. newspapers, can be recycled at various other towns in the area.

**Central Heating & Hot Water** - The properties share a central heating boiler but have separate controls and separate immersion heaters. The controls should be programmed appropriately but if you need to "boost" them, there are "boost" and "advance" buttons on the controls. We would prefer that you do not actually re-program the controls as each day (Mon, Tues, etc) has to be programmed individually. The controls for Leath are in the Laundry Room. The controls for Lobhair are in the storeroom opposite the bathroom.

**Bulbs, Batteries & Candles** - are all stored in the laundry room. If you are unsure about replacing bulbs, please ask the Blackburns to do it for you. The batteries are for remote controls and clocks. The candles are for power cuts only. If you use the last of any item, please inform the Blackburns.

**Waste Water, etc** - is fed into a septic tank. It is essential that nappies, sanitary products, etc are not flushed down the toilet. Bins are provided in the bathrooms. Please also take care not to wash too much fat or other waste down the sink.

**Departure** - You should aim to leave the property by 10.00am. Please:

- remove all food items and toiletries;
- return shared items to the laundry room (vacuum cleaner, whirly-gig, etc);
- return items transferred between the properties and
- generally leave the property neat and tidy.

Thank you and well hope that you enjoy your stay.