



# NORWOOD LODGE

Whiting Bay, Isle of Arran

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# Welcome!

You are most welcome to Norwood Lodge. This leaflet will hopefully help you with any questions which may arise and is designed to enhance your stay.

We think Arran is a very special place and we are delighted to have taken over the care of Norwood Lodge and to make it available to our friends and family. We hope you really enjoy your stay.

The house was built in the 1930's and then comprised the main house you see today. The annex was added in the 70's and between both parts of the property we have set it up to accommodate around 21 adults although with a little creativity, the six bedrooms can be used flexibly. There are fully equipped kitchens in both the main house and the annex. There are also now plenty of showers - a total of four! There is a shared utility room which houses a washing machine and freezer (or it will soon!). All the electrical circuit breakers for the main house are located there as are switches for the security lights and garden floodlights.

We have known the house and used to love coming here for holiday weekends as an extended family. It was owned for many years by Miss Eileen Clark and she was keen to share it with many friends and Christian groups over the years. Sadly Miss Clark passed away in 2012. The house came on the market and we have spent some time bringing about a measure of modernisation whilst trying to retain some of the character and charm of the place. We share the Christian convictions which inspired Eileen Clark to make the house available to groups like Scripture Union for annual beach missions and we are pleased that SU are still involved and can find a home here during the Whiting Bay mission each year.



Leaving the mainland behind!

We hope that many who have known the house and perhaps stayed here in the past will have the opportunity to come back again and add to their memories of Arran.

This leaflet contains the necessary practical details. We will put together some information about the local attractions and some of the great walks, cycle rides and other activities and places of interest to explore.

One of the great attractions about Norwood Lodge is that there is no TV! So you need to get out and about instead of wasting your valuable time. There is a telephone and Wifi / broadband however. The range is limited and until we achieve a fibre optic service (2016) the speed is a bit slow. The password is on the router in the dining room. The phone has an answering machine and a guardian system to deflect nuisance / marketing calls.

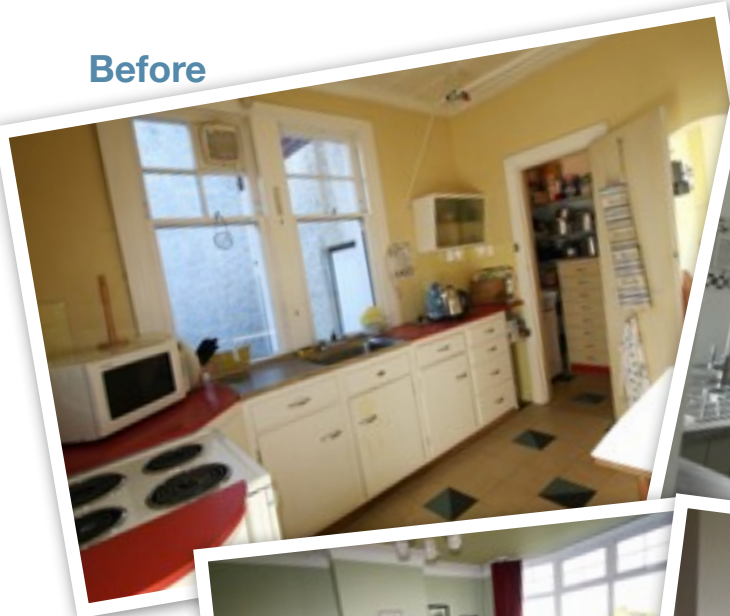
Have a safe, fun and inspiring stay. Any questions - call DAvid on 07768 517233 or Christine on 07732 714476. If you need a helping hand right there in Whiting Bay - call our friend Grace Murdoch on 01770 700603 (landline) or 07504 213441 (mobile).

# Some of the changes!

Here are some of the changes we have made. The 'before' pictures have been taken from the estate agent's blurb.

In the main house, apart from new doors and windows we had to do some significant rebuilding in the kitchen and dining room. The original dining room ceiling was unstable as was the floor above was and so all of that was taken apart and rebuilt. Similarly the old kitchen have been stripped, some walls taken down and a space which is more fit for purpose has been created.

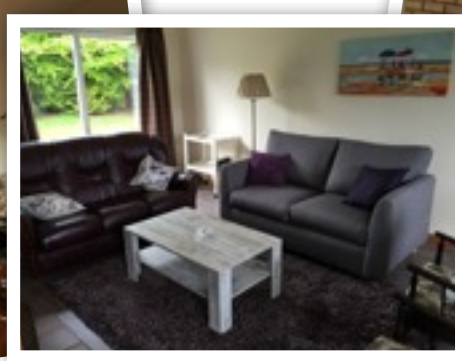
**Before**



**After**



**Annex**



# Now for some of the boring but necessary details

In each part of the property you will find detailed instructions for all the appliances. In the main house the folder is in the bureau in the dining room and in the annex you will find it in the kitchen cupboard.

Most of it is fairly straightforward. Everything is electric - there is no mains gas supply on Arran.

Each house has its own electrical supply and its own hot water heating system. There are switches to control the **water systems** in each kitchen. In the main house the switch to control the programmed high pressure system is just to the left of the kitchen



door as you enter from the rear corridor. (Our family take great delight in referring to this part of the house as the back passage!) In the annex the immersor switch is to the right of the door as you enter - just above the kitchen worktop. All the other mains

kitchen appliance switches can be left on. However please ensure that the water systems are switched off before you leave.

If you encounter any problems - the circuit breakers and consumer unit for the main house is in the utility room. For the annex - look in the cupboard inside the main door.

## Cookers

In the main house there is a range cooker. There are detailed instructions in the folder so if you need to use any of the timer functions - it would be worth have a look at the directions so that you don't end up with a burnt offering.

Note that the annexe cooker will not work unless the clock is set. It is easy - instructions are clear enough. See the folder.

## Showers

Please make sure that you use the extractor fans - the switches are obvious. In the main house they may be above eye level!

## Heating

There are energy efficient electric radiators throughout. You can use these on a manual setting. For manual - press the hand symbol and for the pre - programmed setting, which will regulate the temperature day and night, There are two **very important** requests. If you use the



manual setting - please remember to switch it off after use. Also **VERY IMPORTANT** - please do not use the radiators to dry clothes or towels. This is hazardous. Electric towel rails are available as well as a clothes dryer.

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Dear friends and family,

You may already know that David and I have bought a house in Whiting Bay in Arran. It was a well loved and well used house previously owned by Eileen Clark of Scripture Union who was very generous in her use of it to SU staff, the Whiting Bay beach mission team and her friends and family too which is how we came to know it so well.

My mum had been at university with Eileen and she used to give us the house for family weekends when my sisters and our children were all young.

We would like to see the house used to serve the Lord and to keep the Christian ethos so we wanted to let you know about it. Let us know if you'd like to use it for a retreat, family holiday, youth group weekend, church leaders forum, walking group, reunion, or whatever!

David will eventually set up a website with photos and more details for it so that you can see what dates are available. School holidays get snapped up fast and the Whiting Bay Beach Mission will have the use of the house for the second two weeks in July, (Glasgow Fair)

Norwood Lodge consists of a bungalow and a more modern annex. The main house has three bedrooms downstairs and a large dormitory style attic upstairs. The annex is very open plan and has two bedrooms upstairs, a double and very small single, with a sofa bed in the living room downstairs. We had 24 sleeping in the whole place for our extended family weekend but that was including weans and bairns! The main house holds 14 comfortably or 17 less comfortably. The annex holds four or five upstairs and two on the sofa bed if needed.

We don't want to make a charge but if you would like to make a contribution towards expenses and the ongoing upkeep of Norwood, that would be much appreciated.

We regret to say that animals can't stay in the house, apart from guide dogs, and no smoking is permitted.

Please have a look at the photos and let us know if you're interested in staying sometime.

With love,

Christine and David