



GEARSTONES LODGE

Information Pack

Registered Charity 502341

Standing on the peaks of the higher fells, reaching onto the limestone crags, grazing in the lower valleys, hiding in the maze of underground caves and passages. Ribbleshead provides a great natural setting for Gearstones Lodge... and adventure! ↙





Nestling in the heart of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and central to the Yorkshire Three Peaks, Gearstones Lodge and Cottage provides an ideal accommodation base for both groups and families wishing to explore the area. ↘



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INTRODUCTION

The converted shooting lodge and barns have a fascinating history, whereby the original Gearstones Inn evolved into a shooting lodge for the local landlord.

In 1972 the premises were purchased by public subscription, monies were raised by the people of Mirfield, and Gearstones Lodge Charity was formed.

LOCATION

The centre is located at Ribblehead, Chapel le Dale on the B6255, the main road linking the two towns of Ingleton and Hawes.

ADDRESS:

Gearstones Lodge
Blea Moor Road
Chapel-le-Dale
Carnforth
LA6 3AS

What Three Words

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Latitude/Longitude

54.215210, -2.338908

GPS Coordinates

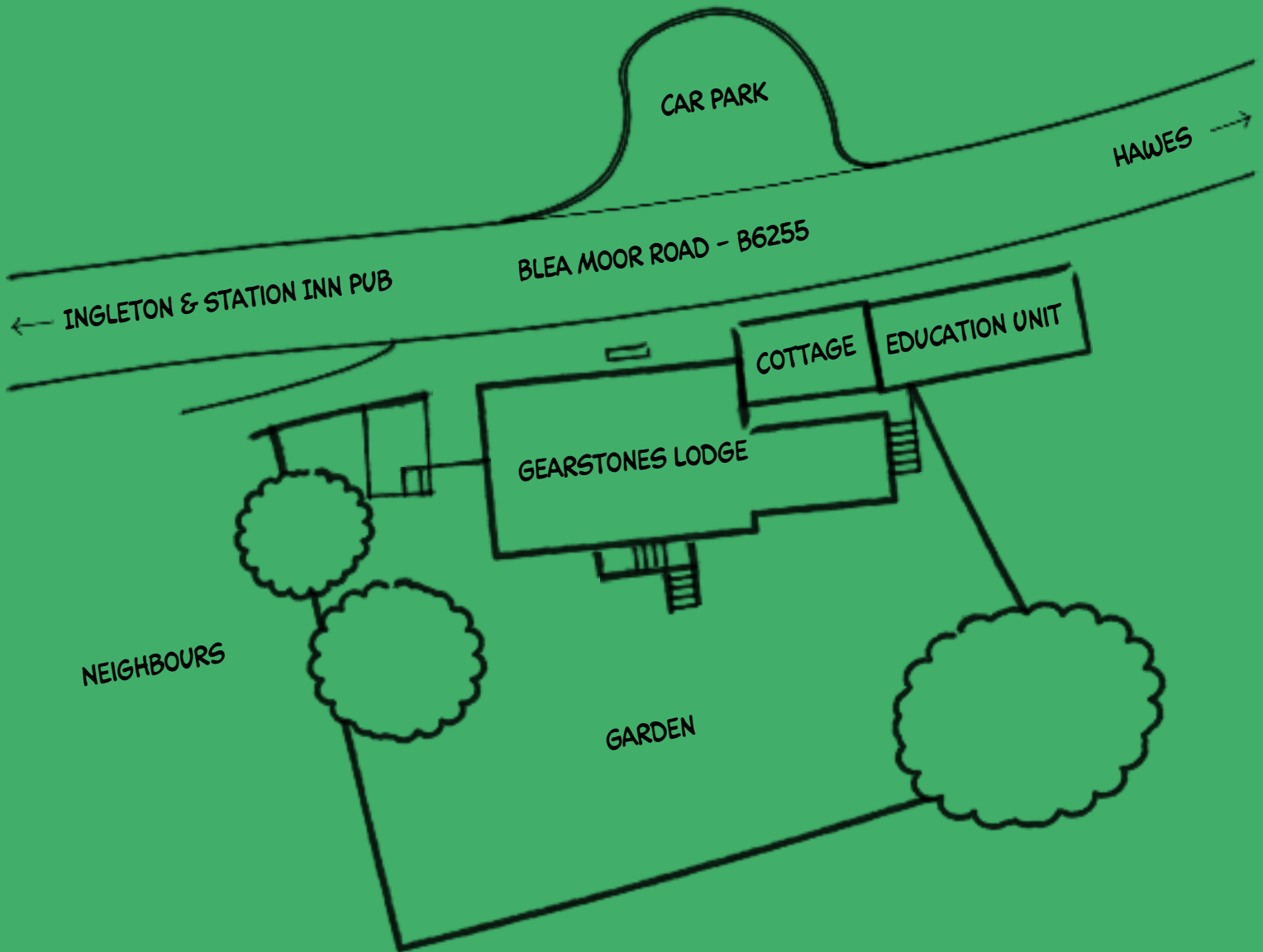
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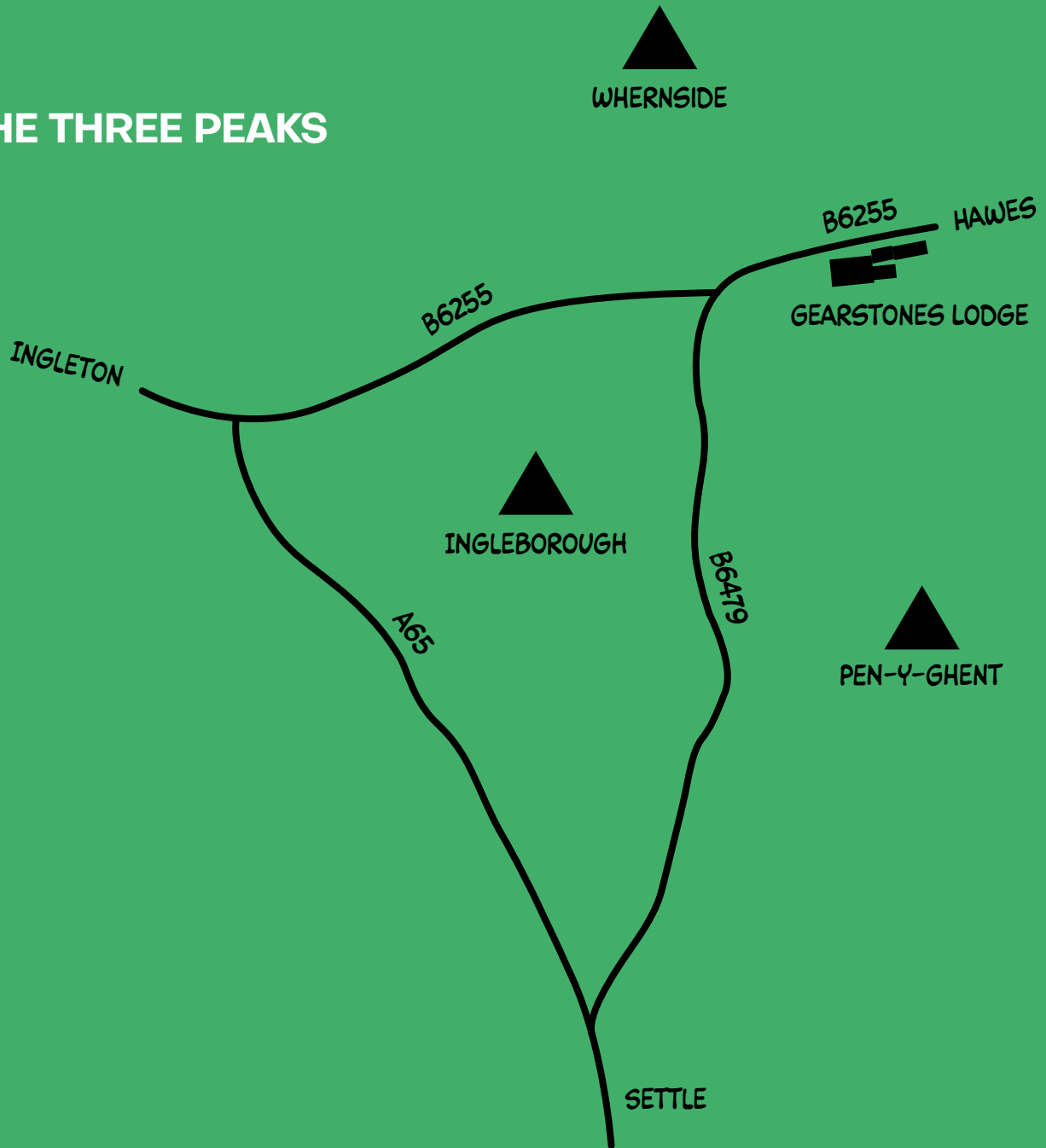
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GROUNDS LAYOUT



THE THREE PEAKS



THE LODGE EQUIPMENT

Kitchen:

- Fully equipped
- Large LPG gas cooker
- Microwave
- 2x Full height fridges
- 1x Full height freezer
- Toasters
- Water heater (wall mounted) & kettle

Cleaning store:

- Industrial hoovers
- Mops and buckets
- Soft and stiff brushes
- Dust pans & brushes
- Disinfectant
- Kitchen/bath/shower cleaning sprays

Bedrooms:

Bunkbeds and mattresses with covers.

Educational Unit:

Pool table and table tennis table.

YOU WILL NEED

- Washing up liquid
- Tea towels
- Dish cloths
- Brillo pads etc
- Toilet paper
- Dustbin Liners
- Small pedal bin Liners
- Torches
- First aid kit
- Matches (to light stove)
- Sleeping bags or sheets and blankets, pillows

ON ARRIVAL

On arrival access should be gained via the front door. Please use the information room as the luggage handling area, keeping the corridors free in case of emergency.

The party leader must take time to read the Health and Safety notice board located in the entrance lobby.

The party leader must ensure that **ALL** members of their party are aware of procedures as soon as possible on arrival.

A Fire Register must be completed and kept up to date in case of building evacuation.

The party leader should then make a preliminary check of the premises and note any defects on the “Fault Sheets” provided.

CAR PARKING

Gearstones has its own car park – space is limited providing parking for approximately 12 vehicles. Overspill space can be found at the side of the road past the lodge towards Ribblehead.

*Please be aware, access to the neighbouring driveway **MUST NOT** be restricted at any time.

*You'll know about it if you do!

GROUND FLOOR

On arrival entrance should be gained via the main door into lobby, where a payphone is situated, then into the main hallway where the Health & Safety notice board and fire alarm system can be found.

The room to the left is the Information Room, this can be used in the first instance as an arrivals/departure area for personal luggage, keeping the corridors free. Information on activities and events in the Dales live here. This room is an ideal briefing area before departure onto the fells.

A well-equipped kitchen with a large gas cooker services two large dining rooms.

Comfortable seating can be found in the two lounges, where the main lounge French windows open on to a balcony with a fantastic view of both Pen-Y-Ghent and Ingleborough. The balcony also leads into the back garden of the lodge.

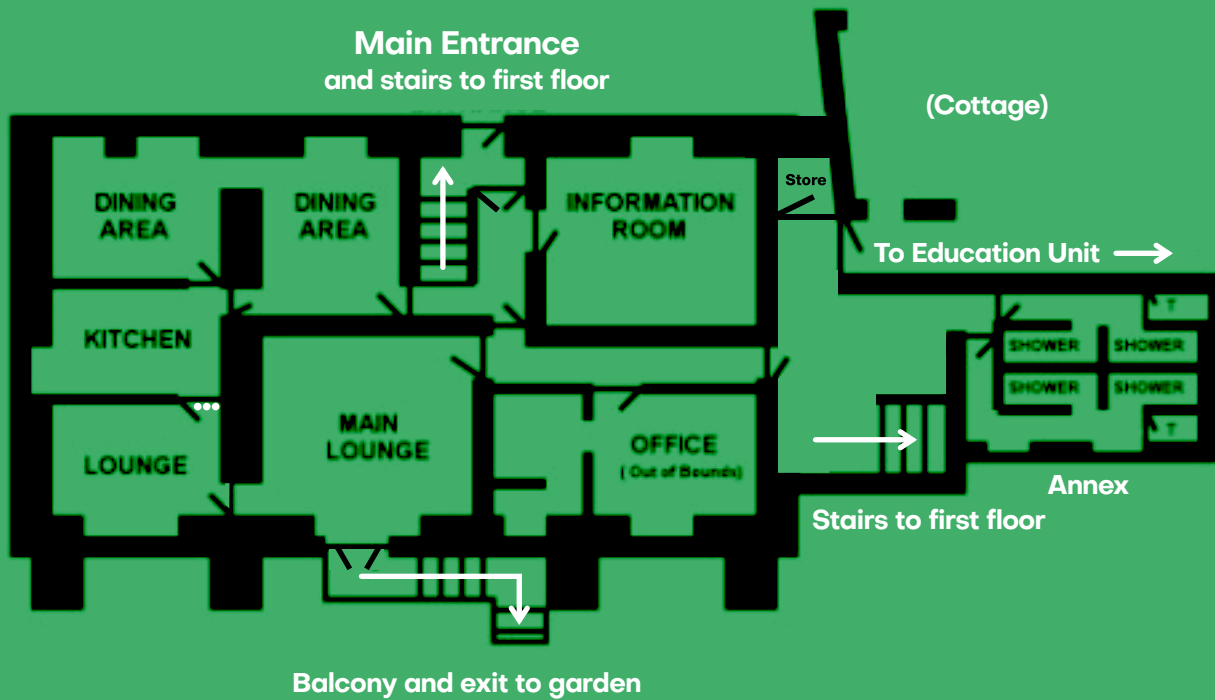
Toilet and shower facilities are housed in the annex adjoining the secondary stairwell which also leads to the Education Unit next door.

EDUCATION UNIT

The Education Unit is located past the cottage and contains both a pool table and table tennis table, along with chairs and tables. By default the room is set-up for playing games, but the table tennis table can be folded up to provide more room if required.

Please note we can no longer provide any extra equipment, with the exception of a projector screen. If you wish to use the room for educational/training purpose please bring your own equipment.

GROUND FLOOR & EDUCATIONAL UNIT LAYOUT



●●● Heating and water boost switches

THE FIRST FLOOR

The first floor offers eight bunk style rooms, which vary in size sleeping between two and eight persons, providing accommodation for up to forty people. The floor is split into two corridors, each with toilet and shower facilities.

ROOMS AND BEDS

Curlew: 2 beds (2 singles)

Winshaw: 8 beds (4 bunks)

Whernside: 6 beds (3 bunks)

Gayle: 6 beds (3 bunks)

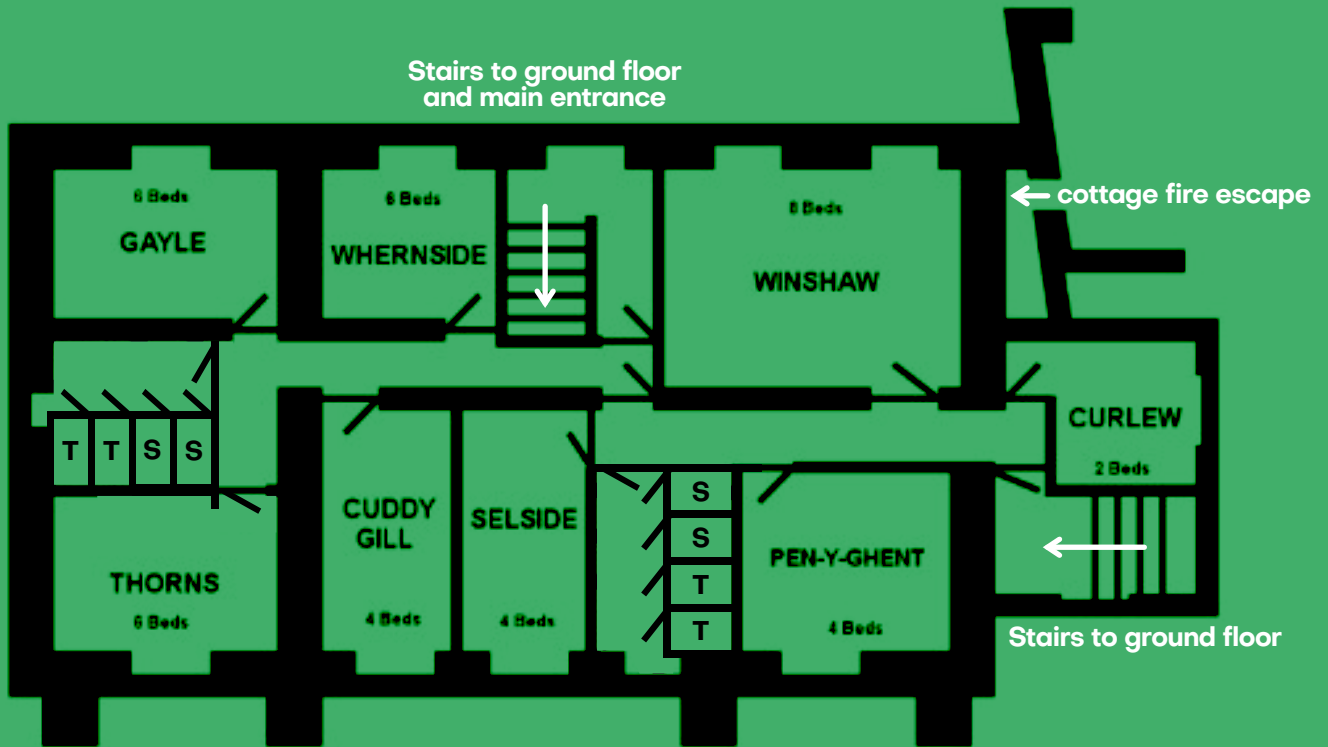
Thorns: 6 beds (3 bunks)

Cuddy Gill: 4 beds (2 bunks)

Selside: 4 beds (2 bunks)

Pen-y-Ghent: 4 beds (2 bunks)

FIRST FLOOR LAYOUT



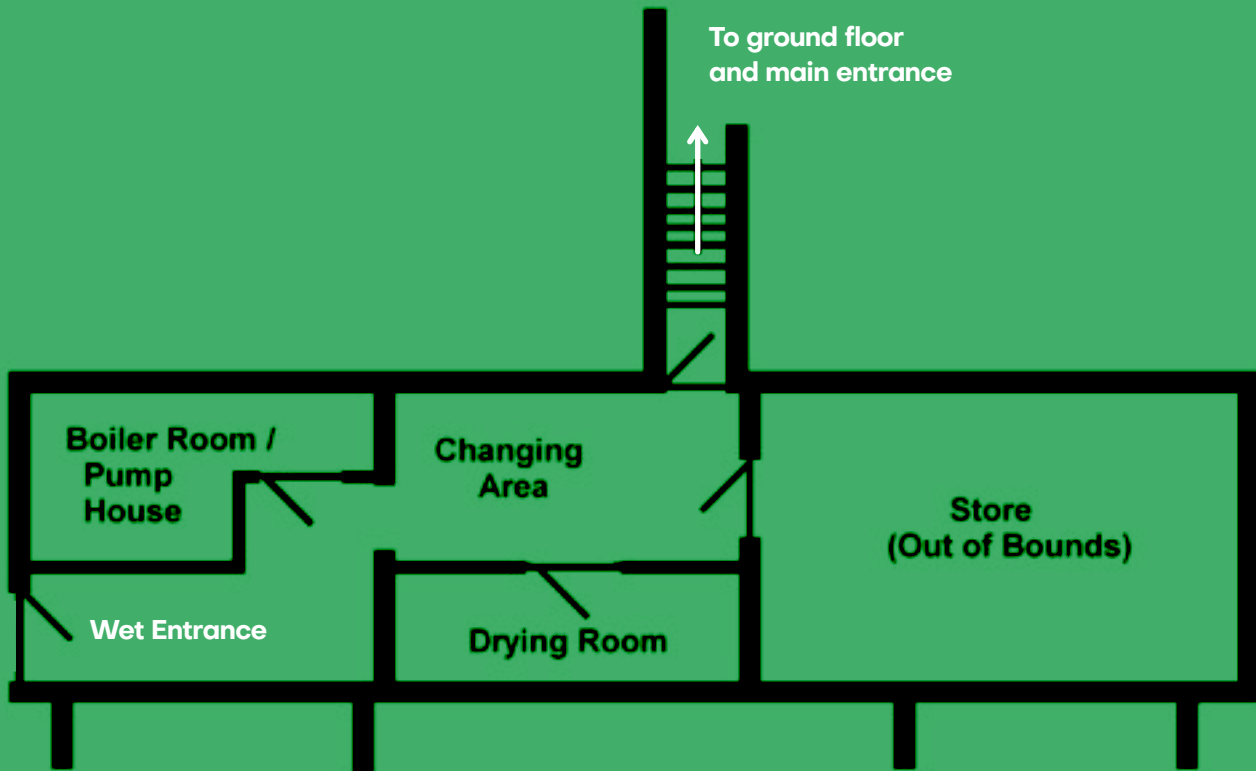
THE CELLAR – WET AREA

The Cellar has been geared up for the outdoors, when returning from an outdoor activity access should be gained via the Wet Entrance at the side of the Lodge, which leads into the changing area. The key can be found on the wall next to the door. Please return the key when not in use.

A Drying Room is available in the cellar for wet clothing. The Drying Room has background heating, with the optional turbo booster and dehumidifier.

The cellar also contains the boiler house and pump house for the bore hole.

THE CELLAR – WET AREA LAYOUT



GENERAL INFORMATION

Fire alarm system:

The fire alarm system is situated in the entrance hall; the system covers all areas of the lodge: including the cottage.

Please note that the system does not have an automated link to the fire service, and that if required you will need to dial 999 and ask for the fire service.

First aid:

Gearstones Lodge no longer has its own first aid kit – groups should bring their own kit.

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

Heating & hot water:

The centre is fully heated throughout by LPG gas central heating. The system (including hot water) operates on booster switches situated in the small lounge and education unit. Please note it may take up to 45 minutes for the hot water to heat up.

Electricity supply:

The main electricity supply is situated in the boiler house. This area is out of bounds. If you do have any problems – please contact us. Should a fuse blow or trip out, the fuse boxes are situated in the downstairs corridor above the common room door and upstairs above the door of the “Selside” bedroom.

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

Septic tank:

The septic tank will only accept **BIO DEGRADABLE WASTE**. Sanitary towels, wet wipes and Tampons of any sort should be placed in a bag and disposed in the dustbins. **NO DISINFECTANT, BLEACH (unless bio-degradable) OR ANTI-BACTERIAL AGENTS** should be put down the sink or toilets, as this impedes the action of the septic tank.

Ventilation:

On fine days it would be appreciated if party leaders will open windows to allow air circulation throughout the premises.

Please ensure all windows are closed when the lodge is unoccupied.

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

Broadband:

We provide free unlimited access to wireless broadband with basic content filtering to help block inappropriate websites. See notice boards for further details.

WIFI password: **gearstones1**

Please note that the streaming of 'live' television requires an appropriate TV license which is not provided by Gearstones Lodge. Personal TV licenses are only valid providing the device is being powered by batteries and not plugged into the mains electricity supply.

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

Mobile phone reception:

Please note the Lodge and Cottage buildings are located in a black spot for mobile phone reception – as such most mobiles will not be able to connect. There is a payphone situated in the entrance way should you need to make any phone calls.

Insurance & liability:

Gearstones Lodge Charitable Trust accepts no liability what so ever for damage, loss or injury to persons, property or vehicles on or around the Gearstones Lodge complex. A responsible adult (ages 18 years or over) must accompany any persons or group wishing to stay at the centre.

GENERAL INFORMATION (continued)

Damage:

Any damage must be reported and made good at the expense of the party organiser.

Support/problems:

If you encounter any problems, faults or have any questions during your stay, please contact a member of the Gearstones committee.

Any member of Gearstones staff on the premises whilst a party is on site will make themselves known to the party leader ASAP on arrival.

BEFORE DEPARTURE

You are asked to leave the premises clean and tidy in readiness for the next visitor. Cleaning logs are provided in the Information Room to assist in your cleaning schedule. Please note the covers for the mattresses should be left on. The aim is to leave the premises as you would wish to find them.

Please return any items moved back to their original places.

Please empty vacuum cleaners after use and return to their stores and empty all rubbish into the bins outside the Lodge premises.

FINAL CHECK

On your **FINAL CHECK** of the premises please:

- 1. Make sure all areas are clean and tidy.**
- 2. Windows and doors are locked and secured.**
- 3. All lights switched off.**
- 4. The water heater in the kitchen is switched off.**
- 5. Report any faults/damage when you return the keys.**

Your co-operation on all these matters will ensure that a high standard can be maintained, keeping running costs to a minimum, which reflect in the letting charges.

HOUSE RULES

1. Smoking is prohibited throughout the premises.
2. Alcohol should not be consumed on the premises by those under the legal minimum age.
3. A sheet should be used to cover all mattresses.
4. Should the premises be left unattended at any time make sure that all doors and windows are closed and locked.
5. No food or drink to be taken onto the first floor.
6. Persons staying in the adjoining cottage have no right of access unless in an emergency or permission granted.
7. The meadow area at the bottom of the rear gardens is out of bounds, bar the use of the public footpath to traverse field.
8. Groups must be made aware of the Country Code and Safety on the Hills relating to the Gearstones area.
9. The lighting of fires or barbecues in the lodge grounds is prohibited.
10. Please keep noise to a minimum after 9pm. Despite the remote location we do have neighbours.
11. Animals or pets are not allowed in the premises.

CONTACTS

Lodge Telephone Number (Payphone):

015242 41449

Booking Secretary (Graham Burrows):

07590 679018

Gearstones Website:

www.gearstones.com

