

# Whittonstall



Camp Site

Holiday and Activity Centre

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The Whole site is a No Smoking area, which includes all the buildings.

## Badges



Now available on site, kept in an honesty box in the leaders bedroom in Pasture House and in the Key box in Pax Haven - Price 75p.



# Pasture House



The sleeping accommodation is suitable for 24 persons on bunk beds in two rooms, (maximum occupancy of 14 and 10 respectively). Each bed has a waterproof mattress, a pillow with protector and a fleece blanket. The blankets must **NOT** be taken outside There is accommodation in an adjoining room for a maximum of 2 adults, and sleeping accommodation for a further 2 people on the ground floor, one standard bed and one folding bed, this has en suite facilities, and is suitable for wheelchair users. All occupants will need to bring a pillow slip, sleeping bag or sheets and blankets/duvet.

## Toilet Facilities

Ground Floor Bathroom (en-suite) 1 Shower, 1 Hand basin, 1 WC

Bathroom 1 Shower, 4 Hand Basins, 2 WC

## First Aid

All groups are expected to provide their own equipment, and provide their own risk assessment.

## Ground Floor

There is a large common room with an open fire, wood and/or coal supplied. Electric heaters for use in the winter months are situated in all rooms with the exception of the bathrooms.

The kitchen and open plan dining area are fully equipped, including pans, cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery for 30 people. There are 2 domestic double oven cookers and a microwave oven. Groups need to bring dish cloths, tea towels and toilet rolls, all cleaning equipment is provided. There is a freezer and 2 refrigerators, one in the kitchen and the other in the storage area off the kitchen, which also has open shelves for storage. Electrical appliances undergo periodic inspection. Other appliances should not be introduced into the building. The property is **NOT** licensed for the use of a television.

Electricity is used for cooking and heating the water, the immersion heater switch is located in the cupboard in the large dormitory, please remember to switch off before leaving. Sensors automatically operate all outside lights after dark.

There are 2 vacuum cleaners, sweeping brushes, dust pan & brush, mop & bucket, a rotary airer and pegs.

## Mains Water

The main supply is metered, so please try to avoid waste.

On arrival, the water supply will need to be turned on at the stock cock beneath the sink in the ground floor bathroom. This should be turned off before departure and the system drained between 1<sup>st</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> April.

## Sanitation and Waste Disposal

Pasture House is not on mains sewage, our system is by means of a septic tank. No sanitary products or wipes to be disposed of down the toilet, bags and bins are provided for this purpose. See notices in the toilets. To enable this system to work all cleaning products are provided for your use.

Northumberland County Council operates a twin bin system for removal of rubbish. Each bin is emptied on alternative weeks - **black bin is for recycling**, green bin for general rubbish - see information in kitchen. We have had problems with excess rubbish being left beside the bins, please will you burn as much as you can, and anything which won't fit into the bins either take home or take to the local refuse centre - See page 9. **TAKE ALL GLASS HOME**

## Safety & Fire Precautions

When in residence, the kitchen door, front door and the emergency exit leading from the Leader's room (Key in the drawer unit) **MUST** be kept unlocked.

The gate to the car park must remain unlocked to provide access for emergency services. Cars should not be parked on the hard standing inside the main gate.

**FIRE ALARMS** are located in the kitchen, beside the front door and on the upstairs landing.

**FIRE EXTINGUISHERS** are located in the front hall, dining room, common room and upstairs. There is a **FIRE BLANKET** in the kitchen.

The FIRE EXIT on the first floor is from the Leader's room. All exit routes must be clear and not be obstructed by luggage or movement of furniture.

## Telephone

Please record in the book provided, all calls which are made and leave the appropriate remuneration in the tin. Calls will be checked from an itemised bill.

## Animals

The only animals allowed in the house are Guide dogs

## Parking

All cars should be parked in the Car Park at the east end of the site. In good weather, it is possible for a limited number (2 or 3) to be brought up the track to within 20metres of the house. There are pipes running beneath the surface in this area which will be damaged if vehicles are brought closer to the house. Whilst in residence, the gate to the Car Park must be secured but not locked, in case of an emergency. The key to the Car Park is kept in the key safe in the cloak room on the ground floor, and should be returned there before departure.

## Cleaning prior to Departure

As is normal practice when renting property, it is expected that the house will be left in the condition in which you would hope and expect to find it.

## Breakages and Damages

For the benefit of subsequent hirers, please report these to the booking secretary, when returning the keys. A payment towards replacement or repair may reasonably be expected.

## Safety checks upon departure

All personal possessions and group equipment has been removed.

Telephone calls have been recorded and payment left.

Immersion heater is switched OFF.

Both fridges and freezer are wiped out and switched off - **doors left open**.

Water is turned off beneath the sink in the ground floor bathroom.

System, hot water tank and toilet cisterns are drained, 1st November -30th April.

All internal bins are emptied and cleaned, with rubbish in correct wheelie bin.

All portable kitchen appliances are placed in cupboards.

All tables and benches are stacked below window level.

All windows are secured.

All security keys returned to the key safe.

Front door and emergency exit (in leader's room) are locked.

Door between common room and dining area is locked.

Outside kitchen door is locked (departure route).

**Please return keys to the booking secretary within 2 weeks of your stay.**





## ADVENTURE PLAY AREA

Each piece of equipment in the adventure playground was specifically designed to be of safe height and size for the majority of the user group (children aged 7-11years) although used by older people will not cause it any harm. The design and manufacture complies with BS5695 and the safe surface with BS7188. Young people should always be supervised whilst using the equipment by an adult (over the age of 18 years). All users are covered by the Association's Insurance Policy. Responsible judgement should be made before allowing anyone onto the equipment or surface in wet or frosty weather. The surface should be raked on each occasion following use. A wooden rake is supplied solely for this purpose and can be found in the storage area located underneath Paxhaven.

A contract for regular safety checks and maintenance is held by the owners.

**NOTE - Paxhaven is available to hire if the campsite is not in use**





# The Camp Site



The site is not equipped. The camping area is suitable for one large or a series of smaller Patrol camps, Maximum number 50.

Wet weather shelter - Paxhaven, is provided in the form of a wooden building with a veranda.

**IT DOES NOT CONTAIN ANY HEATING.**

It has electric lighting, sockets, water boiler, tables, benches, refrigerator and freezer - Please switch both off and leave their doors **open** when leaving.

Cooking is **NOT** allowed inside the building.

Please park vehicles in the Car Park at the east end of the site and avoid taking heavy vehicles up the track to the site.

Gate key back door key and toilet block keys are stored in the Key safe in Pax Haven.

## Toilet Accommodation

A separate block with electric lighting houses 4 toilets, 3 showers and 4 hand basins all with hot and cold water. There is also a separate fully equipped wet room for disabled use.

There is also an outside dishwashing area.

These amenities drain into a septic tank - do not use bleach and all sanitary products and wipes must be disposed of in the bins provided.

## Hygiene and Disposal

As much rubbish as possible should be burned. The remainder should be placed in the correct wheelie bins near the main gate **Black for recycling** and green for general rubbish. We have had problems with excess rubbish being left beside the bins, please, will you burn as much as you can and anything which won't fit into the bins either take home or take to the local refuse centre - See page 9. **TAKE ALL GLASS HOME**

### Fires

Please only use the **BRICK BASED AREAS** for kitchen (raised altar fires only) and campfires. Turfing is not allowed. Some suitable equipment may be found stored under Paxhaven. Please check on your preliminary site visit. Wood is supplied, and a wheelbarrow is provided for your use.

## Safety and Fire Precautions

Campers should be aware of the emergency evacuation procedures for the site. Notices are posted inside Pax Haven.

### On Departure

Please sweep out Pax Haven, and clean toilet block with materials provided.

Toilet block and the car park gate must be locked and keys returned to the key safe in Pax Haven.

As is normal practice in renting property, it is expected that the property will be left in the condition in which you would hope and expect to find it.

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## Local Services

### Doctor

The Surgery, Branch End, Stocksfield, Northumberland

Tel: 01661 842 626

Please do not write to or telephone the Doctor prior to your visit.

### Hospitals

Hexham General Tel: 0344 811 811  
No paediatric or A & E departments

RVI Tel: 0191 233 6161

Non-Emergency Service Tel: 111

### Church Service

Anglican occasional Service - Whittonstall village

Tel: Rev Helen Savage 01434676852

### Groceries and Bread

Spar, Branch End Service Station

Tel: 01661 842124

### Chemist



## Activities

It is strongly recommended that contacts are made during the programme planning stages, prior to arrival.

Within Transport (possibly public)

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| Consett swimming baths                 | Tel: 01207 218 151 |                          |
| Hexham Abbey (Admin Office)            | Tel: 01434 602031  |                          |
| Queens Hall Art Centre, Café & Library | Tel: 01434 652477  |                          |
| Border History Museum Manor Office     | Tel: 01434 652349  | (Spring and Summer only) |
| Wentworth Leisure Centre               | Tel:01434 607 080  | Swimming, bowling etc.   |
| Hexham Market - Tuesday and Saturday   |                    |                          |

With own Transport

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| Whickham Thorns Outdoor Activity Centre | Tel: 0191 4335767  |                              |
| Beamish Open Air Museum                 | Tel: 0191 3704000  |                              |
| Prudhoe Water world                     | Tel: 01661 833 144 |                              |
| Gibside Chapel NT                       | Tel: 01207 541820  |                              |
| Chopwell Woods Forestry Commission      | Tel: 01388 488312  | (Based at Hamsterley Forest) |
| Ice Cream Parlour Wheelbirks Farm       | Tel: 07717282014   |                              |

Public Transport - Bus Service 689 Go North East Tel: 0191 4205050

Services to this rural community vary according to the time of year. Operators may change.

For latest information contact TravellLine Tel: 08712002233

Local refuse disposal site

Prudhoe Household Waste Recovery Site  
Broomhouse Road  
Prudhoe  
NE42 5ED

Opens at 8.00am

(NB info is correct at the time of publication and bookers should carry out their own enquiries prior to their visit)