

Hardraw Old School Bunkhouse: Pre-visit information

Entrance

Is on the right hand side of the building by the cycle shed. The current code to open the door will be provided in the accompanying email.

Parking

We have 2 parking spots outside of our main entrance (the left hand side of the car park if looking from the road). **With 2 firefighters in the family, being on-call requires access 24/7, and it is essential that both spots remain clear and that our cars do not get blocked in.** There is room for up to 10 cars in the remainder of the car park—we have even seen more but this requires quite intricate parking formations!

Heating

The central heating and hot water is provided by our biomass boiler. The thermostat has been set and the heating will come on during set periods—morning, early afternoon and evening. If you know that you will be out all day, not back till the evening or socialising till late, please let us know and we will be able to adjust the settings for you. (*Useful tip: keep the radiators in the hall on a 3 bar setting as this will mean they have to work harder to get the room up to temperature and the whole place will be warmer*).

The Schoolhouse is constructed from local limestone and care is taken to protect the integrity of the building by limiting periods of central heating to mornings, early afternoon and evenings. We have restored one of the original fireplaces and the central heating can be supplemented using kiln-dried logs (available to purchase) during the colder months.

Log burner

Log burners have maximum efficiency if wood used has less than 20% water content. We have sourced a local supplier and a **bag of logs (including kindling) can be bought for £4—please ask.**

Please use only kiln dried logs or ones purchased from us (we don't make a profit, we are just aiming to keep the log burner functioning effectively for guests)

After a little paper to start the fire, please do not burn any other materials/items in the log burner

Hot Water

Showers are electric and instructions for their use are displayed in the bathroom areas.

We pump hot water to the bunkhouse kitchen and bathrooms during prime use times and, around breakfast and in the evening, hot water should be automatic. **It is VERY HOT—so please be careful!** At other times, you may have to run the tap for a while.

Bunkrooms

To keep sleeping areas as user friendly as possible, please **DO NOT** wear outside shoes in the bunkrooms.

When the bunkhouse has been booked for sole use, bunkrooms available will depend on group numbers.

Wi Fi etc

The bunkhouse has free wifi (the access code will be displayed near the router). We do have a TV licence (but no TV in the bunkhouse!). If you are using an electric device and the circuits trip (an occasional occurrence!) please call the emergency contact numbers below for details on how to rectify the situation.

Dogs

Unfortunately, due to allergies of other guests and the extensive additional cleaning involved to maintain bunkhouse hygiene, **dogs are NOT allowed in the bunkhouse**. Guide dogs are, of course, allowed but please inform us if you will be bringing a guide dog with your group.

Bike Storage (Please ask if you require the bike shed padlock & key)

Our cycle shed is left open unless padlock requested. It can be used as equipment storage space and is a useful drying space for outer layers (ropes are tied to allow items to be draped). This cycle store fits 10 - 12 bikes.

Cleats should be removed before entering the bunkhouse as they can cause considerable damage to the flooring materials.

We would like to remind you that our insurance policy does **not** cover the safekeeping of your property anywhere in the building so please use your normal bike locking procedures as well as locking the doors of the sheds.

Key loss will be charged at the cost of purchasing a new heavy duty padlock—this being necessary to protect future bunkhouse users.

Drying room

Turn on using switch near the floor by the dehumidifier. If left at 18 degrees, clothes seem to dry well overnight unless the room is overloaded. If you have a large group and a lot of wet gear, please consider using the cycle shed drying space for some items.

Please switch off when you go out in the morning & when you leave at the end of your stay.

Rubbish and Recycling

Please do not put individual items of rubbish in the blue commercial bin. All rubbish should be tied in carrier bags or dustbin liners before placing in the blue bin next to the cycle shed.

There is no recycling collection from The Old Schoolhouse. It would therefore be appreciated if you could take all recycling home with you. If you are passing through, on foot or cycle, and this would be impossible, please collect the following items and put in the storage bins in the entrance area:

NEWSPAPERS/CARD

GLASS & CRUSHED CANS

PLASTICS (no hard plastic or black plastics)

Cleaning

It is expected that guests leave the bunkhouse tidy and relatively clean—this is what makes bunkhouse accommodation so cost effective. Cleaning fluids, cloths and brooms can be found in the kitchen, bathrooms and drying room. Obviously we expect to carry out some cleaning after every group however, if excessive amounts of cleaning are required, this will be chargeable.

REAR GARDEN AREA. Feel free to use, but please note...

Due to the cost of replacing renovation glass in the windows of the property we have had to stipulate a "no ball games in the garden" rule. Please feel free to play other games and use for BBQs. BBQs can be safely used on limestone slabs that edge the garden.

The enticing walls around the rear garden are not very stable—the top stones are loose and beginning to move. Please **DO NOT** climb on the walls as they are of historic value and are showing their age (150 years) and will collapse at some point, especially if climbed upon.

Thank you

Emergency contact numbers: 01969 666034 or 07513279899