

# Sweetheart Cottage

## Self Catering accommodation in Dumfries and Galloway

Nestling in a beautiful village near the Solway Coast, Sweetheart Cottage is the perfect place to escape the stress and strain of modern life.

The property has been fully renovated and combines traditional country living with a stylish and modern interior. Walking in the front door under an arbour of flowers, the hallway leads into a beautiful sitting room with fine furnishings, stripped pine floors and a real fireplace.

Sweetheart Cottage has two bedrooms, a double and a twin, with a separate dining room, bathroom and a new fully fitted kitchen with dishwasher and washing machine. Outside the front and back gardens are an oasis of lawn and wild flowers with a summerhouse for lazy afternoons and an eating area for al fresco dining.

**The Cottage** - Sweetheart Cottage is situated in the scenic village of New Abbey. With plentiful parking and gardens on three sides, it has electric background heating and an open fire making it very cosy.

**The Bedrooms** - the cottage has two bedrooms. A double bedroom with sink and a twin bedroom. A travel cot can be provided.

**The Sitting Room** - a cosy room with an open fire; coal and logs are provided. There is a digital tv/video/DVD and freeview, large selection of videos and DVDs as well as books and games.

**The Kitchen** - is a bright and well equipped with a ceramic hob, microwave, fridge freezer, dishwasher, washing machine. The back door is a feature stable door which leads to the outside eating area with barbeque/garden and summer house.

**The Dining Room** - has a window to the rear and extendible table seating 4-6 people and has a hatch to the kitchen.

**The Bathroom** - has a toilet, bath and sink with hand-held shower over the bath.

**The Village** - Situated in a National Scenic Area, New Abbey is one of Scotland's prettiest villages. The cottage has Views of the ruined 12th century abbey and nearby Criffel, the highest hill in this part of the country.

The village also has an excellent store, two pubs Serving food and an award-winning tearoom. New Abbey is only six miles from the bustling market town of Dumfries with shops, leisure facilities and Fascinating local history, much of it linked to Scotland's bard Robbie Burns.

Sandyhills a beautiful sandy beach with safe bathing is only 2 miles away. There are visitor attractions in the village run by historic Scotland and the National Museums of Scotland.



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## Local Attractions

**Relaxation** - New Abbey is the perfect place to unwind. The village is surrounded by beautiful countryside offering great walking opportunities, like the steep climb to the nearby Waterloo Monument. Once you reach the tower you can climb the internal staircase and will be rewarded by a panoramic view.

The Abbey Cottage Tea Room is a great place for a snack and has a terrific shop.

**Kids** - The area is a safe and welcoming environment for families with long, safe, sandy beaches offering the perfect place to build sandy castles and enjoy one of the best climates in Scotland.

New Abbey is also just three miles from Mabie Farm Park, one of the biggest family attractions in southwest Scotland. It features a quad bike course and boating pond along with pony rides and the chance to see a wide variety of friendly animals close up.

A little further away, Cream of Galloway is one of Scotland's biggest selling organic ice cream brands. Families can watch the manufacturing process and enjoy a specially built adventure playground before sampling the product.

**Sport** - The area is great golfing country with 20 courses within a 30-minute drive. Horse riding and pony trekking are also available nearby. Hillwalkers can choose from gentle rolling hills or some of the most demanding summits in the south of Scotland. The Solway coast is also a mecca for sailors with Kippford the focus for local yachting. In recent years, Galloway has become one of Britain's top destinations for mountain biking.

Nearby Galloway Forest has 2600km of waymarked cycle trails.

Bikes are available to hire at the entrance to the forest.

**Bird Watching** - This area is a favourite with ornithologists offering terrific opportunities for spotting rare breeds at sites owned by the RSPB and the Wetlands Trust.

**History** - The area around New Abbey is rich in local history. Sweetheart Abbey was built by Cistercian monks in the 13th century and is the final resting place of Lady Devorgilla who is buried in the grounds alongside her husband's heart. The village also features a traditional water wheel at the New Abbey Corn Mill, now restored to full working order by Historic Scotland who have daily demonstrations.

Shambellie House, situated within beautiful Shambellie Forest and within walking distance of the village, contains a costume museum and tea room, run by the National Museums for Scotland. They also feature regular family event days and workshops for children.

Just a few miles along the A701, Kirkbean was the birthplace of John Paul Jones, the founder of the American Navy. From the coast, many Scots and Irish emigrants sailed on ships to new lives in America.

**Food** - Fresh organic eggs can be bought from Mrs McMinn at neighbouring Ingleston Farm. It's a short drive to the delightful village of Beeswing, where Locharthur Farm has a fully stocked shop of their own organic vegetable, dairy and bakery products.

Nearby Castle Douglas stages an annual food festival celebrating top-quality local produce. Galloway beef is renowned but the area also produces lamb, prawns, salmon, honey, top quality local cheeses and wonderful ales from the Sulwath Brewery, which supplies beer as far away as Devon.

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## Ten favourite things to do

- Climb to the top of the Waterloo Monument
- Enjoy a pint in the Abbey Arms
- Mountain bike in Mabie Forest
- Spy rare red squirrels in Dalbeattie Forest
- Order scones, jam and cream in the tearoom
- See the village waterwheel in action
- Spot Barnacle Geese from Greenland wintering on the Solway
- Pony trek at Barrend
- Watch the sunset over Sweetheart Abbey
- Shop for organic cheese, bread and meat at Loch Arthur
- Step back in time at Shambellie Museum.

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This simple guide is designed to allow you to make the most of your stay. Unlike most holiday properties, we don't want to burden you with rules and regulations. After all, you're on holiday.

All we would ask is that you treat the cottage like your own home and respect the quiet and privacy of the neighbours around you in the village.

Within the cottage, the white meter heating system is programmed to give optimum heat and hot water. For additional warmth, coal for the fire is supplied.

The kitchen is fully equipped and usually has some basic provisions. Please feel free to use them.

Departure time is 10am to allow the cottage to be cleaned and prepared for the next guests.

Sweetheart Cottage is maintained by a housekeeper and gardener.

This booklet includes suggestions for activities and visits but the Tourist Office in Dumfries has many more ideas.