

# **Welcome to Birchtree Lodge**

Thank you for choosing to holiday at Lower Campscott Farm, and welcome to Birchtree Lodge. We hope you had a good journey and enjoyed the Devon cream tea which we left in the fridge for you.

The information in this folder has been put together to help you get the best out of your stay. We're always updating it so if you think we have missed anything please let us know.

### The Lodge

The kitchen is fully equipped with everything you would expect to find in your holiday home including a washer dryer and a dishwasher with a small supply of tablets to start you off – if you run out they can be bought individually in the farm shop. If you can't find what you need or there is something missing then do let us know so that we can help you out.

All our TV's have FreeSat and can accept an HDMI cable so you can connect them to a tablet or laptop. There is also a DVD player and there are always DVD's to borrow in the farm shop.

#### WiFi

The code for the **Wi-Fi** is **campscott14**. It's a whole site **Wi-Fi** which means you can log on anywhere, but our speed isn't so great so please bear that in mind while using it.

### Farm Shop

We sell our own delicious farm beef, lamb, pork, sausages, bacon, eggs and locally baked homemade cakes & cupcakes plus our own apple juice and a number of grocery essentials: from tea, coffee and milk to ketchup, mustard and barbecue coals.

There's also a selection of homemade meals, including vegetarian options, so you don't have to cook if you don't want to – family favourites such as beef casserole, vegetable crumble and shepherd's pie plus pasties, dauphinoise potatoes and chocolate brownies. Made in Devon, Farmer Tom's ice cream is stocked in the shop in individual or 1 litre tubs and a selection of flavours.

Lower Campscott Farm meat really is delicious, we have tasty joints and braising cuts as well as chops, mince & sausages so why not take some home with you?

#### **BBQs**

We have BBQs for you to borrow – please ask at the farm shop. You are very welcome to barbeque by your lodge or in the picnic area by the children's play equipment. We also sell locally produced charcoal but of course you can use your own if you wish.

# **Getting Out and About**

There's plenty to do in North Devon whether you want a rural walk with stunning views or a fun theme park to entertain the children, have a look at the leaflets in the games room and feel free to ask us if you need any advice.

There are local maps and guides also available for sale (some can be borrowed) in the farm shop.



#### **Meet the Animals and Farm Tours**

Animal feeding for children of all ages is scheduled for 9am every day except Sundays when it is at 10am. If you would like to meet the animals at any other time, please let us know – we're always happy to show people around the farm and to answer any questions you may have.

# **Our Sustainability Policy**

# 1. Reuse and Recycle

Our recycling point accepts most normally recycled items: further details are in this folder.

### 2. Cut down on your mileage

Why not plan a car free day while you're here? Full details of walks and cycle paths are available from the farm shop.

# 3. Try our local produce

We produce our own farm reared beef and pork, all to the highest animal husbandry standards: while you're here do try some - it's delicious!

# 4. Saving energy and resources

We have our own spring supplying the whole site with water, our Biomass boiler provides all our heat and hot water, and our PV generated electricity helps keep our carbon footprint low.

## 5. Respect the countryside

You are very welcome to walk nearly everywhere on our land, but please leave gates as you find them.

### **Departure**

On the day of departure do please aim to vacate your cottage by 10am; this will enable us to clean your cottage for the new arrivals. Please help us to help you by leaving the accommodation as you would hope to find it. You are welcome to stay and use the site facilities should you wish.

Although changeover day is normally busy, we always like to say goodbye and to wish you a safe journey home, so please drop your key back to the Farm Office / Shop before you go. If you can't find us, or you are in a hurry please just leave the key on the table in your accommodation, and the door unlocked.

#### Your stay

Naturally we would like your stay to be as pleasant as possible, so if you need any help or advice please let us know. We always welcome comments and reviews; if you enjoy your stay please tell your friends!!

Kathy & Tony