

Property reference number: - 171-1234 (BELFAST)

Home to a family with a 12 year old & 2 teenagers.

They are looking to house swap in the school holidays

KEY INFORMATION...

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| Bedrooms available:- | Double:- 1 large, with king-size bed Single:- 2 (both with options for extra guests if needed – trundle bed in one, futon in the other) Bunk beds:- 1 (4 bedrooms in total) Other:- there is also a large sofa bed in one of the downstairs rooms. (Max:- 8/9 people) |
| Children welcome?:- | Yes all age groups |
| Pets that live here:- | They have a cat which will need feeding please; and a dog which they may like to bring with them, but can otherwise go into kennels. |
| Re-dogs:- | A dog would be welcome |



This spacious detached house was built in the 1960's and is set in a lovely large garden. It is situated on a leafy residential area, close to one of the main roads into Belfast.

The house is within walking distance of a local park and has easy access to shops, several churches, leisure centre and other local amenities. There is a basic newsagent with milk just a couple of minutes walk & a big Tesco, & some eating places less than 5 minutes' drive. Central Belfast is 15 mins drive. Their road connects to the Belfast ring-road (after a few minutes' drive) with easy access to the sea, woods, hills and other local towns, all within 20-30 mins drive. While Belfast is the thriving capital city

in terms of its many amenities & attractions, it's more of a big town in terms of size/ease of getting out and exploring the rest of Ireland! This is a wonderful location for a holiday. See area websites below.

This house is spacious and up-to-date, with a large lounge, well-fitted kitchen, dining room, cloakroom and toilet downstairs, as well as an extra TV room/conservatory next to the kitchen leading out to the garden. The bathroom has a shower as well as bath. There is a washing machine and dishwasher, rotary line outside, and airdryers inside but no tumble drier. 3 TVs (2 downstairs in living room and conservatory and one in king-size bedroom) – virgin on main TV, Netflix on other 2. 2 DVD-players and selection of DVDs, various boardgames, Wii, good Wifi. There is high speed internet access and a choice of three TVs – one has Virgin TV package, and the other two stream a range of content. See photos.

They have a large partially enclosed garden with lawn and shrubs at the front, and the rear garden has a patio, lawn, shrubs and a summer house/shed. It's a lovely spacious garden with trees along the back and fairly private, as only overlooked by a few neighbours on one side, but with fencing between. They have a large trampoline, swing ball, box of balls etc. in summer house, tennis-table in garage and netball hoop.

As the family own a dog, there is a dog cage/run at the side of the garden with an attached kennel & a wire long-lead screwed into the ground. House swappers who bring their own dog are welcome to use this.

The family's church, which is very close by, is St. John's Orangefield which is 'Church of Ireland'.

There are three very different services each Sunday and house swappers are sure to receive a warm welcome to whichever service they go to.

10 am is informal and contemporary with a band, screen, tea & coffee etc. (40-50 people attending including the children),

11.30 is traditional – pews, organ & choir-led hymns, uses the Book of Common Prayer, (60-70 adults)

6.30 is quieter and more reflective using various liturgies e.g. celtic, with both traditional and modern music led by a piano and visuals on screen (20-30 adults)

www.stjohnsorangefield.org is a great website & well worth browsing. The church fellowship serves its community well, with lots on offer for all age-groups.

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| Sport and Leisure | local leisure centre (10 mins drive) with a 25m pool, gym & fitness classes, and a swimming baths about the same distance away. The local park has playing fields with regular games of football & rugby, plenty of space to walk dogs, cycle (it is part of the Belfast greenway – you can cycle to Comber which is some 10 miles away through beautiful countryside), rollerblade, skateboard & more! We are also about half an hour's walk from the Kingspan stadium, home to Ulster rugby. |
| Free park | local park with an enclosed children's play area with swings and slides, climbing equipment, a roundabout etc. It also has basic gym machines on various routes that anyone can use, and tennis/basketball open air courts. |
| Local places of interest | <p><i>"Belfast and surrounding areas have so many places of interest... see websites below to learn more, but some of our favourites are:- "</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Titanic experience – a brilliant interactive museum looking at the whole story of the Titanic • W5 – a kids' interactive science museum • The Odyssey – concerts and films • Dundonald ice-bowl/Cineplex/crazy-golf/bowling etc. – this centre of entertainment is 15-20 minutes' away and has loads going on • Mount Stewart (about 30 minutes' drive) – a National Trust historic house with beautiful gardens on the edge of Strangford Lough • Rowallane Gardens (about 20 minutes' drive)- National trust gardens with something to enjoy all year round <p>Further afield:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The North Antrim Coast is really beautiful and about 80 minutes drive away – the Giant's Causeway is a must if you haven't visited it before, and there are lots of castles, the Carrick-a-rede rope bridge, as well as towns like Portstewart and Portrush with all the regular seaside offerings, restaurants – and Barry's amusement park for big or little kids! • In other directions are the lovely seaside town of Newcastle where 'the mountains of Mourne sweep down to the sea' (about 45 mins away) or the beauty of the Fermanagh lakes around Enniskillen (about 90 mins away) • Dublin is only about 2 hours drive away or a train/bus ride, and the central train/bus stations are easily accessible by local bus from our road. |
| Entertainment/ Arts | Belfast has many cultural and music festivals of various kinds. The Lyric and Stranmillis theatres are the closest, but there's also the MAC, the Crescent Arts Centre and lots available through Queen's university for dance or drama workshops. |

www.discovernorthernireland.com

www.visitbelfast.com

<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/northern-ireland/county-antrim/belfast>