

**Property reference number: - (151-1131) OTTERY ST. MARY**

Home to a family with a child in the 10-12 age group and 2 teenagers.

They are looking to house swap in the school holidays.

**KEY INFORMATION...**

Bedrooms available:-	Double:- 2, single:- 2, (max:- 6 people)
Children welcome?-	yes any age group
Pets	They have a dog which they would like to bring with them when they house swap, but if a problem, can go into kennels.
Re-dogs:-	They would consider a dog staying in their home.

This attractive semi-detached period cottage dates back over two hundred years, and is located in the centre of the small town of Ottery St. Mary, in East Devon.

The house is a 'stone's throw' from the town square so there's lots of activity in the front during the day, although the house is set well back from the pavement. The back of the house is very quiet with lovely views over the garden to the large Parish church. The River Otter runs through the town on its course through the valley to the



sea at Budleigh Salterton. This is a beautiful area to visit, being surrounded by rolling hills, long views, sea cliffs and clean beaches. Beaches are mostly pebbly, but sandy beach at Exmouth. Ottery St. Mary is a couple of miles from the A30, easy access from the A303 (London) or the M5 (north/south).



The house itself is great, with much character. It is not pristine, but is spacious, homely and clean. Free wifi available. (Off-road parking for 2 cars) There are various scooters, bikes, bats & balls in the garage as well as various sizes of wetsuits / body boards / buckets and spades, all available to use. The large, fully enclosed walled garden at the back is approx. 100 x 50 foot.

There is a large lawn area with football goal. There are some 'secret paths' which are great for hide and seek, and a number of apple trees, some good for climbing. Children will love this garden which also has a large trampoline (with safety net).

All ages will enjoy the outdoor punch bag and boxing gloves! There are benches in the garden, & more garden chairs and camping table in garage, as well as a barbecue.

*Safety note:- The back garden is not fully visible from the downstairs of the house so not suitable for unsupervised toddlers!*

The family attend the New Life Church, with approximately 50 people attending the morning service. It is a very friendly & relaxed fellowship, where house swappers would be given a warm welcome! More info on their website:- <http://www.newlifeottery.org.uk/>

There are lots of other churches in the town including St. Mary's Parish Church, Salvation Army, Methodist, URC and Roman Catholic.

Sport and Leisure	Lovely countryside just outside the door for walks, runs & country lanes for cycling. Colin Tooze sports centre in Ottery – tennis, badminton, classes, gym. Swim' pools in Honiton and Sidmouth (approx. 5 miles). Water Sports at many nearby locations - Sidmouth for paddle boarding, kayaking & sailing. Exmouth for kite / wind surfing. Exeter Quays for canoeing on canal / estuary. Climbing wall in Exeter (12 miles). Outdoor climbing on Dartmoor (45 mins). Haldon Forest Park (30 mins) – for trail biking, Go Ape, Go Karting at Woodbury Park (20 mins)
Free park	Two parks in Ottery with play equipment for young children and open space for older children to play football / Frisbee, both are within 5 mins walk.
Local places of interest	Wonderful East Devon countryside and coastline all around. Nearest seaside at Sidmouth (15 mins). Seaside towns / villages of Exmouth, Budleigh Salterton, Beer, Teignmouth, Dawlish all within half hour drive. Lyme Regis is about 45 minutes by car. National Trust properties – Killerton (30 mins) , A la Ronde (30 mins), Knightshayes and Castle Drogo (both 45 minutes). Honiton 5 miles, great antique shops; Exeter-12 miles with Cathedral, shopping, Quayside, Underground passages, climbing wall. Lots of tourist attractions nearby including:- Escot Country Park (5 mins) Bicton Park Botanical Gardens (20 mins) Donkey Sanctuary (20 mins) Crealy Adventure Park (15 mins) World of Country Life (30 mins) Woodlands Theme Park (45 mins) Powderham Castle (30 mins) Paignton Zoo (50 mins)
Entertainment/Arts	. Sidmouth (5 miles) - Radway Cinema, Manor Pavillion Theatre Exeter (12 miles) -museum, Northcott Theatre, Barnfield Theatre and multiplex cinemas: Honiton for Thelma Hubert Gallery and Bee Hive Arts Centre (5 miles) Otterton Mill (8 miles) for gallery / cafe

<http://www.heartofdevon.com/places-to-visit/east-devon>

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