

Property reference number: - 157-1155 (WINCHESTER)

Home to a couple with four adult sons. They will usually be looking for a house swap for just the two of them, but sometimes for the whole family.
They are not limited to the school holidays.

KEY INFORMATION...

Bedrooms available:-	Double:-1, single:-2 (one of these a fold-out bed in garage conversion, twin:-2 (one of these with bunk beds) (Max:- 8 people)
Children welcome?-	yes, any age group
Pets that live here:-	No pets live here
Re-dogs:-	They would prefer not to have a dog in their home, but might consider it



This detached house is located on a quiet cul-de-sac in Teg Down, the outskirts of the small city of Winchester.

It is an attractive 1960s housing estate which has quite a spacious layout and is flanked by a golf course, park and open country. There are pleasant trees and gardens round about, with good walks to local woods and fields from the top of the estate. It is 10 minutes walk to local shops & eating places & a half hour walk from the city centre. Winchester and area have much to offer the holiday-maker, being rich in tourist attractions as well as fairly close to the coast. See area website below.



The house has an average size sitting room, not large but the suite seats 6 comfortably and space for extra seating. There is a separate dining area with table and 8 chairs, a back conservatory and a small side conservatory/music room. The garage has been converted & now doubles as a games room & usable as a bedroom. There is a small table tennis table.

The back garden is enclosed & has a sloping lawn surrounded by trees and shrubs. It's not especially well-maintained, but pleasant natural outlook. It is on the north side & there is usually choice of sun or shade if sun is out. It's peaceful to sit in and spacious and informal enough for children to play creatively in. The open front lawn has small trees and shrubs. There are garden chairs & a basic table, bbq, firepit and gazebo .

There is off-road parking but it is up a steep drive so house-swappers may prefer to park on the road in front of the house.

Christchurch in Winchester is a thriving Anglican fellowship of several hundred people . There is a good mix of traditional & contemporary styles of worship and the church serves its church & local community very well. It is well known for the children's and youth work. More info on their website:- <http://www.cwinch.org.uk>

Sport and Leisure	Riverside Park leisure centre in city with tennis, badminton, swimming, etc. and sports fields. Golf & horse riding available locally.
Free park	Dean Park - 10 minutes walk has children's playground as well as space for informal ball games. Also smaller park with swings a bit nearer.
Local places of interest	Winchester Cathedral, Great Hall, Winchester College, City Museum, Regimental museums, Mottisfont (NT), Hinton Ampner (NT), Hilliers Arboretum, Marwell Zoo, Romsey Abbey, Paultons Theme Park, Broadlands, Test Way, South Downs, Southampton. Further afield: Salisbury, Stone Henge, New Forest, Portsmouth..
Entertainment/ Arts	Winchester Theatre Royal, Southampton Mayflower Theatre, Nuffield Theatre. Arts Festival and Hat Fair early July.

<http://www.visitwinchester.co.uk/>

2023 From Merijn and Lisanne in Rotterdam (ref:-A225)

We loved this house-swap in Winchester! As we have two small kids, we spent most of our time in their conservatory, a wonderful light room to be in when it was sunny as well as when it was raining. The nearby playground was used a lot! And we walked into town quite a few times to do some sightseeing, always ending up in the playground in the town centre. We arrived quite late the first night, so it was wonderful to find a fresh made bread, and the necessities for a breakfast the next morning. They even left us home made cake!

The instructions were clear, they left us lots of information on the area, and even left us some toys for our oldest, even though their kids are all grown up. Needless to say we were made to feel very welcome. And as this was our first home swap, we are already looking for our next. I dare say we are hooked 😊



2018- From Steve & Jo (ref.1245) in Shropshire

We had a lovely holiday. This is a great location with lots to do & see in the area. The home had all that we needed. It was well equipped, and plenty of space, & we had lots of fun using their table tennis table! All communication was good, and we loved having Sunday lunch together at a pub half way between their house and ours, on the way back. Two families united in a shared love for Jesus, and demonstrating that love in a practical way by sharing our home with each other. *John 13.35* in action.

2017- From Mairi (ref1248) in Edinburgh

The house swap was a great success and we very much enjoyed staying at the this house. We made much use of their lovely conservatory and their table tennis room. They very kindly allowed us to stay an extra night after they arrived back so that we didn't have to spend the night in a hotel before going on to the Newday Youth Conference in Norfolk. This was our first ever house swap and we will definitely do it again!