

Property reference number: - 193-1390 (SUTHERLAND)

Home to a couple looking to house swap and while they prefer to avoid school holidays, they can be flexible.

KEY INFORMATION...

Bedrooms available:-	Double:- 1, single:- 1, twin:- 1, (max:- 5 people)
Children welcome?-	Yes all age groups are welcome
Pets that live here:-	They have a dog and a cat. The dog will be in kennels when they house-swap, but house-swappers are asked to feed the cat please. "She can be kept out of the house as she has her bed etc in the utility area attached to, but separate from our kitchen. If swappers would rather not look after her, we can get a friend to come in daily to attend to her needs."
Re-dogs:-	They are not able to consider a dog staying.
N.B.	Access to the house is via a private driveway with a slight incline & steps to the garden & front door. Most people have no problems, but could be a consideration for elderly and anyone with mobility issues.



This 1960's detached house is situated in a quiet neighbourhood off a cul-de-sac on the edge of Golspie, a small seaside village in the Scottish Highlands. This is a great location on the Dornoch Firth, about an hour's drive north of Inverness, capital of the Highlands and Lochness. The county of Sutherland is incredibly scenic with hills, mountains, moors, rivers and lochs. It stretches to the west and north coasts, about 60 miles away, with quiet beaches of white sand and azure blue sea, now quite famous

thanks to the NC 500 road route, which passes through Golspie. The region is excellent for walking, watching wildlife & golfing. Royal Dornoch, less than 10 miles away, has been rated in the top 10 courses in the world. Golspie has its own excellent course, & there are mountain biking trails on the hill right behind the house.

.From the home there is a wonderful view across fields and a golf course to the sea (Dornoch Firth 0.5 mile) with Tarbet Ness Lighthouse on the far side of the bay.

Directly behind the house is "Ben Bhraggie", a hill with paths, mountain bike trails and panoramic views. There is a path from back garden into woods, with paths & mountain bike trails & many excellent local walks, both from the village as well as across the region including hill walks, forest and loch trails.

The back garden is enclosed and there is a large grassed area where children can play. There is a decking area, garden table & chairs a BBQ and they also have a table tennis table. Parents are asked not to let the children play in the fenced off veg. garden, or in the front garden (pictured) with its formal lawn and flowers. There is off-road parking, & they are about a ten minute walk to the village with shops & eating places.



The couple attend Dornoch Free Church which is a very friendly and welcoming fellowship. About 50 people meet for morning services & a more intimate 25 in the evenings. There is a good mix of traditional and contemporary music. They meet in a modernised building, & there is a crèche and Sunday School. Below is a link to the Free Church of Scotland main website, with the web page for Dornoch.

<https://freechurch.org/im-new/find-a-church/northern/dornoch>

Sport and Leisure	Golf, swimming pool, Mountain Bike trails,
Free park	Grassed Park with slide, swings etc about ¼ mile away.
Local places of interest	Dunrobin Castle less than 2 miles & other castles within day-trip distance. 2 whisky distilleries in neighbouring villages.(10 – 20 mins); A day trip to the Orkney Isles with its Neolithic archaeological sites ; Dornoch Cathedral; Lochness + Urquhart Castle; Culloden; Dolphin Watching;& more, see websites below.

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We had a gorgeous house sit in Golspie, courtesy of Patrick and Mary, who couldn't have been more generous, kind and thoughtful!

<http://www.venture-north.co.uk/>

https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/Attractions-g551806-Activities-Golspie_Caithness_and_Sutherland_Scottish_Highlands_Scotland.html

<https://www.visitscotland.com/info/towns-villages/golspie-p236031>

There are beautiful views from their decking area over the surrounding area.



Balnakeil Beach





Views of the West Coast, above and below



Dunrobin Castle in nearby Golspie