

Property reference number: - 2007-1490 (OTLEY)

Home to a family with 2 children under 5yrs.
They are looking to house swap in the school holidays

KEY INFORMATION...

Bedrooms available:-	Double:- 2, single :- 1, and a sofa bed downstairs and a large feather sofa that can be used as a single bed (Max:- 5/7 people)
Children welcome?-	Yes all ages welcome
Pets that live here:-	They don't have any pets
Re-dogs:-	They would consider a dog staying, downstairs only.



The house is situated in a quiet cul de sac just out of the centre of the town. It's safe and quiet, and Otley itself is a mix of old and new buildings but the heart is mostly old Yorkshire stone.

Otley is a small but bustling market town on the southern border of the Yorkshire Dales. It's very full and lively in summer, and the hill views from everywhere in the town are lovely.

The Yorkshire Dales begin when you drive up the north edge of the town. Otley is known as the gateway to the Dales. Many of Yorkshire's top touristy stops like Fountains Abbey, Ripley Castle, Brimham Rocks, and Bolton Abbey are very close. A favourite with Otley people is the walk around Swinsty Reservoir in the Dales, a fifteen minute drive, or its neighbours Fewston and Thruscross.

Nearby Leeds (30 mins drive), is a really wonderful city with theatre, cinemas, charming covered shopping arcades and great eateries. Harrogate (25mins) is also close and has wonderful little streets, quite a lot of art and fantastic restored Victorian Turkish baths. Valley Gardens makes a nice walk and has lots for children. RHS Harlow Carr is there too. Skipton and Ilkey in the other direction are delightful too.

This detached house, built in the late 1980's has Yorkshire stone facing. There is a smallish garden around three sides of the house, and it has parking for two cars. Downstairs is the kitchen, sitting and dining room, a playroom/living room and a toilet; also a a study, but this won't be available. Upstairs are the bedrooms and the family bathroom with overhead shower and a separate shower room.

The enclosed garden, safe for small children, is mostly laid to lawn and has some raised beds with fruit bushes and



herbs; an apple and pear tree. House-swappers are very welcome to pick and enjoy any fruit that is ripe if staying in the summer! And a little watering would be great if you stay during a dry spell. There is garden table and chairs and a BBQ. Children will be pleased to find the swing set too. There are lovely views of the Chevin, the hill above the town. It's possible they might have some chickens sometime, in which case feeding/watering instructions will be given, and fresh eggs for breakfast!

The family attend Otley Parish Church which is very welcoming and has an extremely mixed congregation with people from all sorts of denominational backgrounds gathered in a warm and caring church community. Worship is a mixture of hymns and contemporary worship songs, with liturgy and communion, but a strong emphasis on prayer and the Holy Spirit alongside good teaching. More info on their website:- <https://otleyparishchurch.org>

Sport and Leisure	The best walking straight from the house is up the Chevin, - people come from miles around to walk the Chevin! A variety of steep challenging walks and more meandering forest walks with beautiful views and fun things to discover like a dry stone wall maze. There are gyms in Otley and the Chippindale swimming pool; a tennis club in the next village (Pool in Wharfedale) and the Dales offers all the adventures and exercise opportunities you could want - kayaking, sailing, windsurfing, and paddle boarding are all possibly at Otley's own Sailing Club, but locally there's also white water, climbing, great hikes, horse riding, cycling, wild swimming, rock hopping, caving.
Free park	The nearest park to the house is ten minutes' walk (Grove Hill) and it's for little children, but Otley's main park (Wharfemeadows, just through the town by the river, 15 minutes walking) is really good for children up to 11 or so; also a soft play cafe in the town - Buttercups.
Recommended Local places of interest	The walk we enjoy most - but we have small children! - is Swinsty Reservoir - look out for the signs to the little community cafe a little way round! Our favourite Otley cafe is Sift, a lovely pale blue cafe on the Manor Square in town. There's a great bookshop on the Market Square and Otley Courthouse has some great things going on for entertainment and art including art classes. Milk Bar is also a great little cafe and child friendly with lovely views. There are lots of very pubby pubs in Otley and also good fish and chips, - Wharfedale is our fave - and just up into the Dales are more good ones - the Roebuck, or a bit further the Craven Arms. We love a walk along the river by the weir or up onto the Chevin. National Trust's East Riddlesden is close as is Harewood House. Lots of local sights beyond like Mother Shipton's Cave. Also if you have children we are spoiled for farms that children can visit to see baby calves, pick pumpkins and climb on tractors!



