

**Property reference number: - 098-809 (HIGHAM)**

Home to a couple who are looking to house swap and are **not restricted to school holidays.**

### KEY INFORMATION

Bedrooms available:-	Double –1, twin –1, single –1 on ground floor. (max –5 people)
Children welcome?	Yes, but no specific facilities available
Pets that live here:-	No pets live here
Re-dogs:-	They could not consider a dog staying here.
<i>Special note!</i>	<i>An allergy to animal fur means this couple cannot stay in a home where any pets live.</i>



This detached house was built as a bungalow in the 1950's, and enlarged into a house in the 80's. It is situated on the outskirts of the Dickensian village of Higham, a rural location with wide views over rolling fields down to the River Thames and Essex beyond. Visitors comment upon the lovely views especially from the upstairs lounge. It is a peaceful area with countryside walks from the doorstep. Higham is a mixture of commuter belt and agriculture, has a few local shops, 2 churches & doctors' surgery. The train station is 15mins walk away (down hill) giving easy access to London, Canterbury, Rochester & the North Kent Coast. It is 4 miles from the riverside town of Gravesend, and 15mins drive to historic Rochester with its magnificent Cathedral, Castle, Dickensian Centres and much more.

Due to it formerly being a bungalow, the ground floor has the kitchen, dining room with patio doors into the garden, single bedroom, 2 toilets, shower room & small lounge, while upstairs is the main lounge with a telescope, great for watching River Thames

shipping, & Sky TV etc., plus 2 other bedrooms & another bathroom.

The medium sized ornamental garden is enclosed on all sides. However the pedestrian entrance has no gate. There is a pond which is netted for herons, (not children!) and house-swappers are asked to please feed the pond fish daily, top up the bird feeders & water the flower pots. The couple are keen gardeners, but children can run round on the grass & paths...taking care not to damage the plants please!

Gravesend Methodist Church & Community Centre tends toward contemporary in its worship style and roughly 80 people meet for Sunday morning worship at 11.00am. with an intimate gathering of 10+ people on the first Sunday of the month at 6.30pm (Holy Communion).

More info on their excellent website: -

[www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.gravesendmethodistchurch.org.uk)

There are 2 churches in the village of Higham, a high Anglican church & a congregational; both are about 5 mins walk from the house.

Rochester Cathedral is 15 mins by car.

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Sport and Leisure	Gravesend-2 swim pools/leisure centres, other sports in the region:- golf, dry ski slope, ice skating rink, tennis & 3 country parks for walking cycling & enjoying!
Free park for under 12's:-	10 mins walk to local rec. with some play equipment
Local places of interest	Many! Digger Land, Naval dockyard outdoor museum-Chatham, Cobham Hall & N.T. gardens & houses within an hour's drive; London only 25 miles away & Canterbury under an hour by car or train. Seaside at Whitstable, Margate about an hour's drive. 2 RSPB sites.
Entertainment/Arts	Sweeps & Dickens Festivals in Rochester, Local cinemas & theatres...see local websites for info.

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<https://www.visitgravesend.co.uk/>    <https://www.visitkent.co.uk/see-and-do/>

<https://www.visitgravesend.co.uk/home/villages-near-gravesend/higham/>

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***Autumn 2021, from John and Jackie in Notts (ref 1560)***

We've recently returned from a lovely week in Kent swapping with Eric and Hazel . Everything worked really well and we had a good rest as well as exploring part of Kent we hadn't visited before.