

**Property reference number: -1107-0969 (DARLINGTON)**

Home to a family with an 18 yr old and a 12 yr old, & they are looking to house swap during school holidays:

**KEY INFORMATION**

Bedrooms available	Double:- 1, single:- 2 (max:- 4/5 people)
Children welcome	Yes, any age group
Pets that live here	They have a cockapoo, who will be elsewhere when they house-swap. He is hypo-allergenic, so non-shedding.
Re-dogs	They could consider a dog in their home.



Darlington town is just under 1½ miles away from this late 1990's semi-detached home located on a quiet estate. The estate is well situated for local amenities and access to the motorway (but you cannot hear or see it!). The area is quiet and just 5 mins walk is West Park Village.

The village is a well designed small new build area consisting of an M&S foodhall, Aldi, Cooplands bakery, local Co-op, pharmacy, hairdressers (including beauty treatments), family pub and lovely independent Cactus Café and Kitchen for take away treats and dining. It also has a spectacular 12

hectare award winning park. 'This is a really exciting feature to have on our doorstep. It is a large & diverse, & interesting place with hills, sculptures, woodlands & play areas. It has a purpose built bike track, natural play areas, sculptures & a stream. It's a very family-friendly park with poetry bridges with gentle climbing slopes'. 20 miles away is Durham with its marvellous cathedral, & other great attractions, and only 23 miles from the beautiful Durham Coast with beaches, seals, dolphin spotting, sand dunes, caves and rock pools! . Area websites below:

There is off road parking by the house. The back garden is fully enclosed & so is safe for young children. It's mostly laid to lawn with a patio seated area with table and chairs & a large comfy egg chair for two. The home has a nice conservatory which is lovely to sit in at any time of day or evening. There is a trampoline, full size outdoor table tennis table & basket ball hoop in the garden as well as other garden games/toys such as football nets, footballs, paddling pool and more!

The family attend the Darlington Elim Pentecostal Church which has a morning congregation of about 35 people (not everyone has returned yet since Covid lockdown), and the style of worship tends to be contemporary. The church is very friendly. Both adults & children receive an instant

warm welcome on arrival. The church has active groups doing the week such as Toddler group, Ukulele, 55 plus coffee morning and a mid week prayer and reflection group.

More info on their website:- [www.elim-darlington.org.uk](http://www.elim-darlington.org.uk)

Sport and Leisure	Dolphin Centre is a large leisure centre in town, with swimming pool, bowling, gym, fitness classes, squash courts, badminton courts, trampolines, soft play; numerous out door parks locally with football areas, tennis courts, outdoor bowls and play equipment; golf club, rugby club & indoor bowling club, in the town. Plant Leisure (5 miles) has laser quest, axe throwing, roller disco, trampolines and bowling.
Free park	West Park as described above
Local places of interest	Head of Steam – Darlington ‘s Railway Museum (3 miles) National Railway Museum Locomotion (7 miles) Durham City Castle & Cathedral (20 miles) Raby Castle (13 miles), Barnard Castle (17 miles). North Pennines Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) (25 miles) with waterfalls, heather moors, woods and rivers. Beamish – massive indoor/outdoor museum used to film Catherine Cookson Films (30 miles)
Entertainment	Hippodrome Theatre and Vue Cinema in town,

**Spring 2023 from Dawn at ref 1007-Derbyshire**

This house was absolutely lovely and in a great location – about 3 minutes off the A1(M) North of Darlington in a quiet estate close to Aldi, Lidl and an M&S foodcourt. We were able to visit friends in Darlington and County Durham and did some absolutely brilliant walks including Roseberry Topping & the Captain Cook Monument, High Force and Low Force and the fell above them in upper Teesdale and up the valley from Richmond then back along the River Swale. Adele was a brilliant communicator and super-helpful. Everything was absolutely GREAT!





*2023 from Rebekah in London ref:- 1322*

This was a lovely clean home and garden to holiday.

Area websites:- [www.aboutdarlington.co.uk/things-to-do-around-darlington/](http://www.aboutdarlington.co.uk/things-to-do-around-darlington/)

[www.thisisdurham.com/](http://www.thisisdurham.com/) [www.darlington.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/visitor-information](http://www.darlington.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/visitor-information)

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