

Clematis Cottage, Bradpole, Bridport 5 pages to see!



Oak kitchen



Sitting room



King size bedroom



Clematis Cottage front elevation



View of our cottage along Middle Street



Fully enclosed Alfresco dining area



Bluebells in Langdon Woods



Clematis Cottage Prices availability and booking conditions 2012 - No charge is made for dogs as they are part of the family. We trust our guests will leave our cottage clean and leave no trace of their 'family' behind. 10% of the cost of your holiday goes to '[Many Tears Animal Rescue](#)' in South Wales. Prices are for 2 out of school holidays; if more than 2 guests in this period there is a charge of £25 per adult & £10 under 14. Prices are for 6 in school holidays (SH). One third rental is due on booking, remainder due 60 days before holiday. Sorry, Clematis cottage is not suitable for children under 8 years of age. **Electricity, gas and WI-FI are included.**

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Jan 01 2012	£658	Mar 24	£328	June 16	£478	Sep 08	£438	Dec 1	£285**
Jan 07	£288**	Mar 31(SH)	£448	June 23	£498	Sep 15	£418	Dec 08	£285**
Jan 14	£298**	Apr 7 (SH)	£448	June 30	£518	Sep 22	£408	Dec 15	£265**
Jan 21	£298**	Apr 14	£388	July 07	£538	Sept 29	£388	Dec 22(SH)	£658
Jan 28	£298**	Apr 21	£388	July 14	£538	Oct 6	£328	Dec 29(SH)	£658
Feb 4	£298	Apr 28	£398	July 21 (SH)	£688	Oct 13	£328		
Feb 11	£298	May 05	£398	July 28 (SH)	£688	Oct 20	£328	See availability on	
Feb 18	£298	May 12	£408	Aug 04 (SH)	£688	Oct 27 (SH)	£398	We site for	
Feb 25	£298	May 19	£408	Aug 11 (SH)	£688	Nov 03	£298	Dates booked	
Mar 3	£298	May 26	£448	Aug 18 (SH)	£688	Nov 10	£298**		
Mar 10	£298	June 02 (SH)	£568	Aug 25 (SH)	£648	Nov 17	£298**		
Mar 17	£298	June 09	£478	Sep 1	£468	Nov 24	£298**	** Pensioner disc.	

Clematis cottage has one King, one double and one small twin bedroom with all linen included. There is a fully tiled bathroom with over bath shower, an Oak kitchen with microwave, halogen hob, electric oven and fridge. The cosy sitting room has a clear view wood burning stove. There is a pretty outdoor eating space and parking.

Built in the Early 1700's as a cider house, Clematis Cottage is in the Conservation area of old Bradpole, Dorset. It is two and a half miles from beautiful National Trust Beaches and ideally situated for exploring all of England's only **World Heritage Site - The Jurassic Coast of Dorset** - a gloriously scenic region of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Equidistant between Georgian Lyme Regis and Medieval Abbotsbury, our cottage has beautiful walking from the door. We are a few hundred yards from the Brit Valley Way and due to the area's generally good weather, walking is a pleasure all through the year. The climate is akin to that of the Channel Isles and the lush lanes often have wild flower margins. In winter the hedges are clothed with the silky seeds of wild Clematis, known as Travellers' Joy.

Bridport has a thriving Farmers' Market and is classed as a 'Foodie Town' by the Guardian reviewers. It has many good food pubs and interesting cafes and tearooms as well as kiosks and sea food bars in the bustling West Bay Harbour. The famous Swannery in Abbotsbury and the Fossil beach and Cob at Lyme Regis are within easy reach of our cottage.

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Over the 15 years we have been welcoming guests to Clematis cottage, we have had a wonderful comments in our visitor's book and lately by E-mail. This is our latest one:

March 17th 2012 *Just returned yesterday from our holiday at Clematis Cottage -visited family on our way back - we had a super week, the first two days weather was sublime then not so good (misty), visited all we wished to do and enjoyed some marvellous walks, visited places we had not been to for over forty years! The cottage was great, no problems, all we required, welcome basket wonderful, comfortable with a very comfortable bed which was most welcome after a strenuous day along the coast. Many thanks - we hope to go again, but will not leave it another forty years!! Best wishes, Brian and Marlene (Greasley)*

Here is a small historical selection:

The cottage was lovely and so well equipped ,we were short of nothing - Mrs. Fox, Sheffield..... We went on some lovely walks around the village, the children had the opportunity to see farm animals and collect wood for the fire. Thank you so much Pat and Richard. - Mrs.Staniland, London.....What a great kitchen for a cook and lots of fantastic local produce and fresh seafood around. Lovely to sit with a Palmers (the local brewery) in front of blazing logs, when you know there's lots to see and do in the day ahead. Darcy boy loved the cliff walks and the sandy beaches, he only has pebbles at home! Thank you. Andrew and Gary, Brighton.....We all had a marvellous holiday, helped by an absolutely lovely holiday home. So much to see and do, a week is not long enough. - Mrs. Millen, St.Albans..... We loved your cottage, the candlelit suppers in the alfresco dining area were a delight after wonderful walks on the quiet beaches and deserted downs - Mrs. Shuttleworth, Chesterfield..... The cottage was such a home from home and so very cosy. Mrs. Melton, Belper.....We are seasoned holiday cottage users and we haven't found a better equipped, warmer and more centrally located base for exploring Dorset. Thank you Pat and Richard. – Simon and Claire, Derby.....We have had lovely weather all week and Mo and Jemma enjoyed their walks in Langdon Woods. The bluebells there were fantastic. We had nice meals at the Pymore Inn, The Manor and at Hive Beach café. Mo and Jemma were welcome at all of them and we took their bed to put under the table at the beach café. Your cottage was lovely and clean, we liked the country style decor and the floors are just right for dogs. Thank you for the welcome basket and for having us. – Dick and Mags, Ambergate.....

Here are some more photographs of the area:



Far Left: The coast path, with Golden Cap in the distance.
Left: The coast path with our favourite dogs all year beach, Cogden, around 4 miles from Clematis Cottage. The path goes through West Bexington with 'The Manor' cream teas!

No village in England has an ambience quite like Abbotsbury which is seven miles to the East of Clematis Cottage. Famous for its Swannery and Tropical gardens, it also has a tithe barn, children's farm, ruined monastery and on an impressive hill top location, St Katherine's Chapel. Cream teas in the garden at Abbey House are worth the visit, and lovers of wood art must visit Dandel Gallery. The road to Abbotsbury is one of the most beautiful in the country. It takes in the glorious sweep of the Chesil beach and there are lay-bys which allow for photos. There is a non 'greasy spoon' café with a view, The Egg Cup, en route and they do early cooked breakfasts at a very reasonable rates.



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In the midst of charming villages and sweeping countryside stands Golden Cap, the highest cliff on the South coast of England. A short and easy walk takes you to the summit where it is possible to see the range of the bay, taking in Sidmouth, Exmouth, Dartmouth and Teignmouth. Chesil beach, one of Europe's most amazing stretches of natural coastline is breathtaking. Indeed, this area has perhaps the most varied coast in the country and it has attained World Heritage status. Everywhere you see and feel the influence of ancient civilizations and our cultural legacies. Dorchester, Weymouth, Maiden Castle and the Marshwood vale are but a few sites of great interest. No more than an hour by car away lie the circular beauty of Lulworth Cove, the grandeur of Durdle Door and historic Corfe Castle which rises majestically, dominating the rolling landscape. Near Corfe is atmospheric Worbarrow bay and Tynham, the 'village that died for England'. This bay is open during school holidays and at weekends only the rest of the year and may be reached on foot only. In contrast, the glorious sweep of golden sands, dunes and protected heath land that form Studland Bay has several car parks adjacent to the beach.

Here are some links and Attractions (click text to view) in the area around our cottage. We are lucky to be very central for all of Dorset- both West, East and North – of course South is the sea!



[West Bay](#)



[Fossils](#)



[Dorset NGS Gardens](#)



[Hardy's Wessex](#)



[Taste of Dorset](#)

[Hive Beach and café](#)

[Athelhampton](#)

[Dog friendly pubs in Dorset](#)

[arts centre](#)

[farmers market](#)

[Abbotsbury Sub-tropical Gardens](#)

[Downhouse Farm](#)

[Mangerton Mill](#)

[Important Dorset gardens open to the public](#)

[Forde Abbey](#)

[Hardy's Monument](#) Currently closed for work

[Moonfleet church and Dorset smugglers](#)

[Milton Abbey](#)

[abbeys and churches.](#)

[River Cottage HQ](#)

[Tynham](#)

[Lyme Regis](#)

[The Swannery](#), Children's farm etc.

[Walks for softies](#) and:

[Stone barrow hill](#) - turn off A35 towards Charmouth, take 1st left after Caravan Park up narrow lane - views and walks. [Charmouth beach](#) is the best one for children – it is a fossil hunters paradise

[Easy Golden Cap](#): Go through Chideock towards Morecomblake and just before the start of the dual carriageway there is a concealed left, take this and go immediately left again on rough road to free NT car park. Walk around woods nice, then short one up to Golden Cap (The highest cliff on the south coast) for panoramic views.

See Curiosities book in our cottage for ruined chapel on [Ashley Chase](#) it is a lovely secluded, romantic and atmospheric spot full of wild flowers.

[Fossil Forest](#) at Lulworth Cove OPEN DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS, AT OTHER TIMES YOU MUST GO ON SUNDAY OR SATURDAY BEFORE JOURNEY HOME (army ranges) It is a lovely walk to Tynham and Worbarrow Bay. Durdle Door, Studland Bay (long stretch of white sands, part allocated for nudists) and Old Harry rocks are all less than an hours drive from Clematis Cottage.

There are Small play areas at the Ilchester Arms (Symondsburry) and the Marquis of Lorne (Nettlecombe, Powerstock) Plenty of Fast food at West Bay, one and a half miles, (the nearest sandy beach) Beach café at Charmouth is good – all these have adjacent car parks and toilets too. Walk from Osmington Mill (Pub) to Ringstead Bay (Café) Sea views all the way. [The County Museum](#) at Dorchester is small but good and [Barrington Court](#) is very a very pleasant place to visit

[Children's activities in Dorset](#)

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[Powerstock Common](#) and Dorset wildlife reserves



Our dogs love to walk the common but we always keep them under control as the delicate infrastructure really needs protecting. Powerstock is beautiful at any time of year.

[RSPB Dorset](#)



At Radipole Lake and near Weymouth, you can see bearded tits in the reed beds and common terns on the lagoons. The waters off Portland are important for the globally threatened Balearic shearwater.

[Paragliding](#) West Bexington



Paragliding is the purest form of flight available to us. With a steady breeze blowing up a cliff you can soar all day in perfect relaxation – or so they say. I haven't tried myself!

[Golf](#) West Bay



Bridport and West Bay is a 6213 yard course and a test for all levels of golfer. The club offers an excellent restaurant, a lounge and spikes bar, as well as a Driving Range and Putting Green.

[Lyme Regis Attractions](#)



Lyme is full of contrasts. Quirky Georgian architecture, Art galleries, fast food kiosks, Dinosaur Museum and film and book associations. You must Visit Monmouth beach fossil pavement and walk on the Cob!

[Weymouth Attractions](#)



If you want the hustle and bustle of a traditional sea side town with lots of activities, shopping, arcades etc. Weymouth is a quality experience! There are also a few odd ball things to do too!

And now the serious stuff: Booking Conditions:

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE Arrival and departure days are usually Saturdays but if this is inconvenient, we may be able to arrange a different starting day. Short breaks are available at some times of the year at two thirds of the weekly cost. The cottage will usually be ready for you to take over at 3pm at the start of your holiday. We will send your travelling instructions near to the date of your holiday. Please do not arrive early - time is needed to thoroughly clean the cottage between lets. For the same reason please ensure you are ready to leave the cottage by 10am on departure day.....**METHODS OF PAYMENT** You may prefer to pay the full amount for your holiday straight away - and you must do so if you are making your booking less than 30 days before your start date. If you are making full payment we should receive the complete rental shown, otherwise a deposit of one third of the cottage price should be paid on booking. If you cancel for any reason and we cannot re-let, all payments will be retained. If we can re-let all payments will be returned, less any costs, forced discounts etc. incurred. Should we cancel for any reason the only liability we will incur is to return any payments made. The balance of payment must be received by 30 days before your holiday begins. Payment may be made by bank transfer, or most major debit/credit cards - telephone Mrs. Priestley on 01629 584634. Electricity and gas central heating are free of charge. You are welcome to use our logs for a couple of initial fires but please purchase your own and ensure that you replace ours, so that other guests can enjoy this facility too.....**YOUR PARTY** Please give details of all members of your party, for insurance purposes, when you make your final payment. We accept couples and family groups only and under no circumstances may the number of guests exceed 6 plus baby. If you have any breakages please inform us, minor accidents are bound to happen occasionally, but any damage to the property, furniture, fixtures and fittings must be paid for and you are jointly and severally liable. Supplementary information regarding pets must be provided, we are always happy to accommodate you if we can. Please do not smoke in the cottage.....**LINEN** All sheets, duvets, pillows and cases are provided. You will need to bring your own towels and tea towels and cot linen if appropriate.....**FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT** A colour television, video, DVD player, radio, tape and CD player, are provided. There are books, maps (OS. both large scale local and further afield) games, a wind break, beach tent and sun hats, to cover every eventuality. An iron, ironing board and hair dryer are available for your use. There is a church and a pub in the village and there are several excellent eating places in and around Bridport. The Riverside Restaurant (West Bay) is nationally acclaimed for its fresh fish menu (See Bill Bryson's Notes From a Small Island) There are supermarkets on the outskirts of Bridport, a P.O./General store and a butcher in the village. Clematis Cottage is ideal for a quiet relaxing holiday but for those who enjoy the bustle of a traditional English seaside town, Weymouth is only twenty minutes by car. The nearest golf course is two miles from the cottage, at West Bay and there are riding facilities near by. West Bay and the surrounding coastline have featured in many television series and major films and is part of the Jurassic Coast Official World Heritage site.