

Kingston Smallholding Goat Farm

Caravan and Camping Information

Thanks for enquiring about booking space as a paying guest in our caravan or on our campsite.

Address: 4 Bucks Cottages, Kingston Smallholding Goat Farm, near Shorwell, IOW, PO30 3LP

Simone and I have a six-acre smallholding, with around fifty goats, five pigs, four cats, seventy hens and two cockerels! Kingston Smallholding is situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, two miles from the picturesque village of Shorwell, which has a shop and The Crown Inn. The nearest larger shop is at Brighstone, about four miles away. The Wight Mouse Inn is in Chale, about three miles away. We are just two miles from the sea, and The Shepherd's Trail bridleway and footpath runs close by to Shepherd's Chine and the southern coastal footpath. There is an extensive network of other footpaths to explore, and our road is part of the round the Island cycle route. Apart from the farmyard noises, this is an extremely quiet place to retreat from the hustle and bustle of the 'rat race'. By day we can see about ten properties as far as the eye can see in any direction. On a clear night it is a great place to stargaze and enjoy our Dark Skies Status.

Buses: Southern Vectis buses run from all ferry ports to Newport, and to Shorwell (No 12) or Chale Green (No 6). Both bus stops are about two miles away. If you let us know your ETA, we should be able to meet you.

Directions: If arriving by car or bike, the PO30 3LP postcode is quite far-reaching. We are *not* situated at Bucks Farm. We are actually about 500m away in the tiny hamlet of Kingston, one of two semi-detached white brick cottages, with a large static caravan on the front lawn and plants for sale on the drive.

Facilities: We inherited the 1980's-circa caravan when moving here in June 2014, and have slowly upgraded it. The old gas system has been ripped out and mains electric and shower installed, plus a small cooker, fridge-freezer, microwave, kettle and toaster. There is no TV, but there are loads of DVDs, if you have the means of playing them.

The caravan has a double bedroom, a twin room, and another double bed can be created in the lounge. Bedding and towels will be provided, plus we have spare sleeping bags if required.

Food: We will provide an initial supply of milk, bread, tea, coffee, butter and jam, plus other basic commodities. Home-produced goat meat, bacon, sausages and eggs are usually available to purchase, together with local goat's cheese and honey. You will need to bring any other food, or buy it on the Island.

Costs: To cover our costs, we ask our caravan guests for £20 per person per night. School children are half price. Pre-school children are free. Payment is by cash, cheque or BACS transfer:

Campsite: We also have a small campsite, for about ten pitches. The campsite has cold water 'eco' facilities with compost toilets. £8 per person per night. School children half price. £10 to rent a tent for the duration of your stay. £5 for hire of sleeping bag, pillow and cover.

We look forward to receiving a booking and enjoying your company.

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