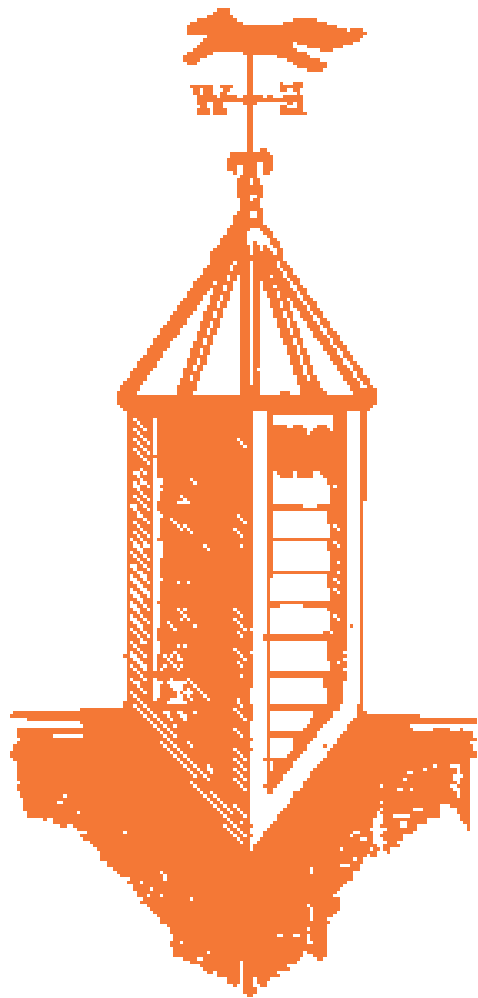


*SLEIGHTHOLMEDALE
COTTAGES*





TWO MILES from Kirkbymoorside, standing in complete isolation, in a steep wooded valley, is Kirkdale church, *renovated* in Saxon times.

Upstream from the church, the stony river twists and turns and as the valley opens out the high outline of Roll Gate Bank, and the beginning of the moors appear in the distance. In the valley the road leads only to five small farms bounded by hilly woodland and bracken, with the heather always in sight. On one of these farms stands Sleightholmedale Lodge and Cottages. Further upstream the river straightens and Sleightholmedale becomes Bransdale, a National Trust property, another of the marvellous patterns of high country Dales which makes this part of Yorkshire unforgettable.

Six charming holiday cottages have been made out of former model farm buildings at Sleightholmedale Lodge, a nineteenth century country house, in a little known and unspoilt area of beautiful countryside on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors. This conversion has been praised

in 'Country Living' magazine, the 'New York Times' Travel Section, and other papers and magazines.

Standing as it does, within the National Park boundary, Sleightholmedale provides the ideal base from which to explore the North Yorkshire Moors. You can visit York, the market town of Helmsley, nearby Rievaulx Abbey and coastal resorts such as Scarborough and Whitby. You can easily drive to Castle Howard or take a ride on the famous North Yorkshire Moors steam railway.

Or you can simply relax in peaceful surroundings, taking an occasional stroll around Sleightholmedale's magnificent garden, perhaps walking down to the beck and up onto the moors.

All day-to-day services and excellent shops are in Kirkbymoorside, three miles away. There is a fine selection of good inns and restaurants locally.

Sleightholmedale Cottages are close by Sleightholmedale Lodge which was built in 1889 by Lord Feversham for his

youngest daughter. It is still the family home and a working farm.

The old farm buildings have been given a new lease of life as holiday cottages, converted in 1986.

Each cottage has a fully-fitted, very well equipped modern kitchen and is pleasantly furnished throughout. All the living rooms are well heated with gas fires, but in three of the cottages there is the added advantage of an open fire if you want it. (The Archway, Barn, and Granary cottages).

The bedrooms have electric heaters. Being well-insulated the cottages are always warm and comfortable. Fuel costs are included in the hire charge. All the cottages have colour television and video, and a shared laundry with washing machine and tumble dryer. There is also a payphone.

The cottages are under the personal supervision of the owner of Sleightholmedale Lodge, Mrs Rosanna James, helped by William and Janet Jeffrey.

The Granary

In The Granary the living room is on the first floor and has a balcony overlooking the courtyard. The kitchen is also on this floor. The entrance hall is on a half level and stairs lead to two bedrooms and a bathroom on the ground floor.

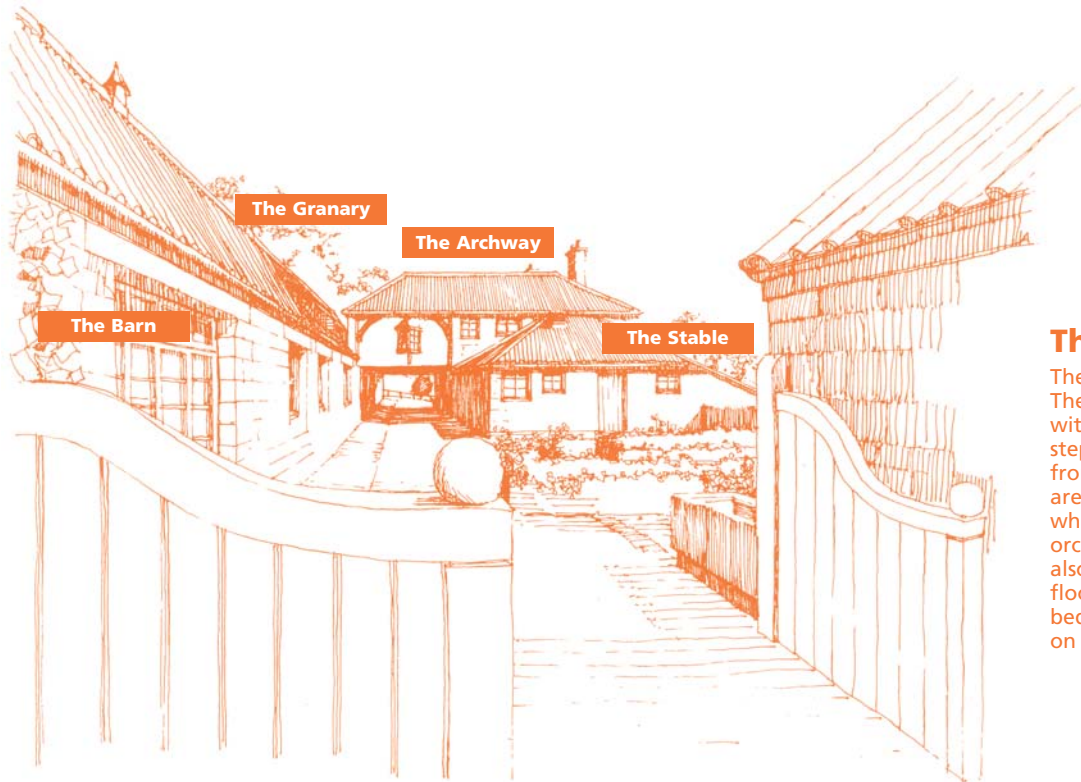
The Archway

is all at first floor level. As well as a living room and kitchen/dining area there are three bedrooms, a bathroom, and a second toilet and washbasin.

This cottage has particularly fine views over the surrounding countryside and can sleep up to eight people.

The Barn

The Barn has a spacious living room on the ground floor leading onto a courtyard patio. Next to the living room is the kitchen. The two bedrooms and bathroom are on the first floor.



The Stable

The ground floor of The Stable is split level with a small flight of steps leading down from the kitchen/dining area to the living room which opens onto an orchard patio. There is also a bedroom on this floor with the second bedroom and bathroom on the first floor.

The Dairy

The Dairy has a first floor living room with balustrade overlooking the dining area. The two bedrooms and bathroom are on the ground floor. The kitchen/dining area opens onto the cottage's own patio.

The Dovecote

At The Dovecote the living room and kitchen/dining area are on the ground floor with the dining area opening directly onto a patio. A staircase leads from the living room to the bathroom and two bedrooms. The dovecote forms an interesting feature in one of the bedrooms.



Each cottage has one twin-bedded and one double-bedded room with folding beds available, so that up to six people can be accommodated. The exception is The Archway which has three double bedrooms as well as folding beds, and can sleep up to eight. Beds are supplied with fitted sheets and duvets. All linen (except towels) is included in the cost. Bath towels are available on request. Our water is not from the mains supply, but from our own spring.

There are regular buses as far as Kirkbymoorside (3 miles) and Helmsley (8 miles). The nearest railway stations are Malton (12 miles), Thirsk (20 miles) and York (27 miles).

We would advise that folding beds are only suitable for children or occasional nights.



The cottages are run as an independent family concern.

What you can do...

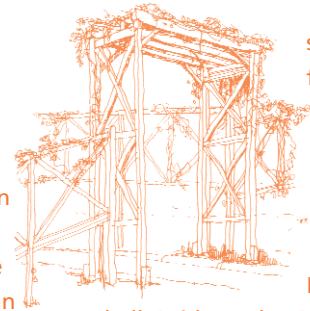
Walks – Mrs James and her family own the 152 acres immediately surrounding Sleightholmedale Lodge, which include the Hodge Beck flowing off the moors in Bransdale. The beck is safe for children under supervision and is a bathing place in hot weather. Many beautiful walks can start direct from the cottages and the more ambitious walker has the whole of the North Yorkshire moors to explore.

Birdwatching – The whole farm is an ornithological survey area with numbered nesting boxes and an annual record kept of all the birds seen. Of special interest is the migrant Pied Flycatcher.

Wild Flowers – The wooded hillside is limestone, and a natural habitat for many interesting wild flowers including wild daffodils, lilies of the valley, columbine and orchids.

The Garden – The three acres of garden at Sleightholmedale, open to the public from time to time as part of the National Gardens Scheme, can be enjoyed by cottage residents at most times.

Special features are the old-fashioned roses and a delightful walled garden with



stone paths and oak fences. Many garden writers have written about this garden, including articles in the Telegraph Week End Magazine, the

'Shell Guide to the Gardens of England', 'The Rose Gardens of England', 'Country Life' and 'The Garden' (RHS) 2002.

Tennis – There is an all-weather court at Sleightholmedale which may be used by arrangement with the owners.

Fishing – There are over two miles of trout fishing on both banks of the stream running below Sleightholmedale Lodge. This is available free of charge to cottage residents by arrangement.

Golf – There is a good 18-hole course at Kirkbymoorside and several other courses within reach, including Ganton.

Riding – Good riding centres nearby are Anthony Barker, Helmsley (01439) 770355; Biltsdale Riding Centre, Biltsdale (01439) 798252 or 225; and Friars Hill Riding Stables, Kirkbymoorside (01751) 432758.

-  Land above 1000 feet
-  Land above 500 feet
-  National Park boundary
-  Main roads
-  Other roads
-  Forest Drive
-  Railway and Station
-  Information Centre
-  Woodland
-  Youth Hostel
-  Castle
-  Abbey or Priory
-  Museum
-  Steam Railway
-  Public Lavatory (in rural areas)



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