



Located in the heart of Kent in an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Welcome to the Smithy.

Over the following pages you should hopefully find all the information you need to make the most of your stay.

We hope you enjoy your stay, if you have any problems please do not hesitate to contact us on the above phone numbers, or alternatively try our front door.

Kevin & Emma





### **Ashford**

A large purpose built town with many shops and industrial estates. There is a very good Designer Outlet on the ring road into Ashford. Ashford is also the closest major train station.

Directions: From The Smithy travel to the bottom of the hill, turn right, follow the road through Hastingleigh and turn left at the first cross roads. After 1 mile take the first turning on the RHS (hairpin turn), then the next left and follow this road to the end. Turn right, second left, and right onto the A20 which will take you into Ashford. This is the shortest route to Ashford; however, take care and be prepared to give way as these lanes are very narrow. Alternatively, you can get to Ashford via Wye and the A28.

### **Baby & Toddler**

A travel cot, high chair, baby bath and non-slip bath mat are stored in the wardrobe in the double bedroom.

### **Playgrounds**

Playgrounds or play areas are available in Wye or Waltham (Waltham Park CT4).

### **Soft play centres**

Imagine is a superior indoor play centre located in Ashford with wall-to-wall fun and thrills for children up to the age of 12.

Millbank Road, Kingsnorth, Ashford, Kent TN23 3JD.

Tel: 01233 650789

[www.imaginethefun.co.uk](http://www.imaginethefun.co.uk)

### **BBQ**

During the summer months a BBQ is available. This is located in the shed behind the Smithy. Garden furniture will be set up on the patio during the summer months. Please do not use inside furniture outside, there are 2 spare chairs in the wardrobe which can be used outside if required.



## Beaches

The coast line is dotted with a number of fantastic beaches, some are sand and some are pebbles. Below is just a small selection

**Hythe** - When you come into Hythe keep going in the direction of the sea and there is an esplanade which is great for cycling, roller blading etc. A great seafood restaurant can be found on the beach.

**Whitstable** - Has a great Oyster Bar and is great for all boating activities, a very busy little port.

**Folkestone** - if you walk towards Sandgate from the amusement arcade based on the beach you will come to a wonderful big play area, all made of wood, with a café situated by the sea, a must for children.



## Bodsham Exchange

The telephone box on the village green unfortunately is no longer in use, however it is now the Bodsham Exchange. Please feel free to use the facility for any item you wish to exchange.

## Canterbury

An historic city with a lovely cathedral, lots of shopping and sightseeing.

**Directions** : From The Smithy travel to the bottom of the hill, turn left and continue to the end. Turn left again onto Stone Street (B2068) and continue along this road for about 10 miles. At the end you can either turn left which will bring you into the centre of Canterbury, alternatively turn right and follow signs for the park and ride.

## Castles

Leeds castle nr Maidstone ME17 1PL

Hever Castle nr Edenbridge TN8 7NG



### Channel Tunnel

With the channel tunnel only 15mins drive away it is easy to go to France on a day trip. Eurotunnel do special day returns if you telephone 24 hours in advance (08705 35 35 35). You can go cheaply if you travel out after 4pm and back before midnight. There are some great restaurants in Calais. City Europe is situated just by the chunnel terminal on the French side, lots of shops and cheap drink to be bought at Tesco. Le Touquet and Montreiul are only 35 minutes drive from Calais, as is Boulogne with its Maritime Museum - Nautica. Montreuil is a small walled town with typical French Tabacs and some great eating places. La Grenouille Restaurant is a must based just outside the wall (it is signposted). Le Coquempot is also a lovely restaurant, situated in a little square just on your left as you drive through the walls.

### Chemist

Co-op Pharmacy is located in Wye and is open 9.00am-1.00pm and 2.00pm-5.00pm tel 01233 812249

### Cinema

The nearest cinema is Cineworld at Ashford TN25 4BN is located on Eureka Leisure Park at junction 9 of the M20. Booking line is 0871 200 2000. [www.cineworld.co.uk](http://www.cineworld.co.uk)

### Departure

On your departure please return the key to the key box outside the front door.

Please leave the property in a similar condition as you found it upon your arrival.

### Doctor

Wye Village - 0844 3878419

Seedoc - out of hours 01233 812919

The William Harvey Hospital, Ashford is at junction 10 of the M20 (A&E dept)

NHS Direct - 0845 4647



### **Fuse Board**

The fuse board is located in the cupboard off the hallway. Each MCB (miniature circuit breaker) is clearly labelled. If in doubt, please ask.

### **Golf**

Etchingham Golf Club is located at Etchingham about 10 miles from The Smithy towards Folkestone

### **Heating and hot water**

The Smithy is heated by electric heaters in the main room, bedrooms and the hall. The heaters are on pre-set timers; however, feel free to adjust as needed. Please remember to turn off the heating or reduce when you are away from the property or retire for the evening.

The bathroom has a heated towel rail, the switch is found in the cupboard in the hall.

The hot water is set to come on first thing every morning, in the afternoon and evening; if supplies run low please adjust the 'on' segments accordingly.

### **Hot Air Ballooning**

If during your stay you would like to experience the wonders of the garden of England from a hot air balloon we would highly recommend Kent Ballooning on 01303 812 812. If they have availability and of course the right weather conditions they will be able to arrange your flight. Please mention Bodsham Holiday Lets to receive a special rate.

[www.kentballooning.com](http://www.kentballooning.com)



### Lighting

Low energy lighting is used. Please note when initially turned on they take a few seconds to come up to full brightness. We would appreciate it if you could remember to turn off all lights when you are away from the property. The outside lights have a light sensor and will automatically turn off during the day if left on.

We appreciate sometimes you wish to leave a bathroom light on overnight, if so please use the shaver light.

### Local shops

Stelling Minnis - a good general store ~ 4 miles from the Smithy. Directions : from the Smithy drive down the hill past the pub and turn left at the bottom. Turn left again and follow this road along the bottom of the valley and then up Dean hill. You will eventually come to a T-junction. Turn left onto the main road and then immediately right. Follow the road into Stelling Minnis and take the first left once in the village. The store is found on your LHS.

Wye - Co-Op and newsagents just opposite the church.

### Linen

Blankets and more pillows are available and are located in the drawers in the double bed base. Spare towels are located in the chest of drawers in the bunk bed room.

### Post Office

Stelling Minnis or Wye.

### Pubs

Please see separate 'pubs, restaurants & takeaways' information later in this welcome pack.



### **Restaurants**

Please see separate 'pubs, restaurants & takeaways' information later in this welcome pack.

### **Rubbish/Recycling**

Please refer to separate 'recycling and waste' information later in this welcome pack and in the kitchen.

### **Supermarkets**

**Tesco** - Junction 10 of the M20 (Ashford)

Hythe Road, Wilesborough, Ashford, TN24 0YE

Monday from 6am until Saturday midnight open 24 hours. Sunday 10am - 4pm

**Sainsburys** - Junction 9 of the M20 (Ashford)

Simone Weil Avenue, Ashford, TN24 8YN

Monday from 7am until Saturday 10 pm open 24 hours. Sunday 10am - 4pm

**Morrisons** - Wincheap on A28 towards Canterbury

Ten Perch Road, Canterbury, CT1 3TQ

Monday to Saturday 7am - 10pm. Sunday 10am - 4pm

**Asda** - Junction 11 of the M20 near McArthur Glen

Kimberley Way, Ashford TN24 0SE

Monday from 8am until Saturday 10 pm open 24 hours. Sunday 10am - 4pm

**Waitrose** - Junction 9 of the M20 (Ashford)

Repton Park, Ashford, TN23 3RT

Monday to Saturday 8am to 8pm. Sunday 10am - 4pm

### **Takeaways**

Please see separate 'pubs, restaurants & takeaways' information later in this welcome pack.

### **Taxi**

Arrow Taxis - 01233 666666/638777/630222

Ashford Taxis - 01233 888888



## TV

Freeview channels are available through the TV.

## Walks

Many and varied. The North Downs way is a great hike. Please also refer to maps later in this welcome pack for local walks. Pushchair friendly walks are limited to the main roads surrounding Bodsham.

## Wood burner

The fire is ready for you to light - use smaller pieces of wood and paper to start with, gradually progressing to the larger logs. Please keep an eye out for sparks if you have the stove doors open. Please refer to separate 'wood burner' information later in this welcome pack.

## Wi Fi

Wi Fi is available, this will appear as THESMITHY and the password is forgehouse. The Wi Fi device is located in the front room behind the stereo should it need to be reset (turn the power off for at least 30 seconds). To prevent disruption to the service please don't allow young children to tamper with the device.



## Wye

This is a University village, home to London University Agricultural College. It is a large village with a small Co-op, Chemist, Lloyd's bank and several pubs. A farmers market is held in Wye on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month, stalls include fresh fish, game and vegetables.

Directions : From The Smithy travel to the bottom of the hill, turn right, go up the hill through Hastingleigh and carry on for about 3 miles until you reach Wye.





## **Zoos**

### **Port Lympne**

Lympne, Nr Hythe, Kent, CT21 4PD

[www.aspinallfoundation.org/portlympne](http://www.aspinallfoundation.org/portlympne)

### **Howletts**

Bekesbourne, Nr Canterbury, Kent CT4 5EL

[www.aspinallfoundation.org/howletts](http://www.aspinallfoundation.org/howletts)