Welcome to 71 Ravensdale Cottages








Ravensdale is an early-nineteenth century development consisting of 12 mill workers' cottages. They are constructed of two terraces with six cottages in each. The two rows face each other, and their front doors open onto a shared surfaced area. The cottages are built in a uniform style, constructed of limestone with gritstone dressings. The cottages at Ravensdale were constructed in 1823 by William Newton at his own expense to house the professional workers at Cressbrook Mill and later nicknamed 'Newton's Folly'. Due to their secluded and dark location, these cottages were not popular with employees and became known locally as the Wick, shortened from the nickname "Bury-Me-Wick".

71 Ravensdale was bought by the Matty family in 1980, was passed down to the 5 brothers & sisters to look after over the last 10 years and in 2021 was bought by John & Michelle who have started to refurbish for family & friends to enjoy over the coming years.







Address:

71 Ravensdale Cottages
Cressbrook
Buxton
SK17 8SX
Grid Ref : SK 17192 73673
What3words : ///merit.monks.removable

COTTAGE LANDLINE : 01298 872280
(NO MOBILE COVERAGE AT COTTAGE)

OUR Contact Numbers:

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We thought it would be helpful if we provided you with a list of things that might help with your stay here in Ravensdale.

GENERAL

- There is **PARKING** next to the cottage, off the road. Be careful when reversing out especially if you are reversing down or up the street. If you have more than one car, park in the public car park at the approach to the cottages.

- We don't use the **FRONT DOOR** – access to the cottage is via the garden and **BACK DOOR**. The key to the back door is in the key safe. Make sure you have the code before you go.

- **First task**. You will need to **TURN THE WATER ON** (it's a condition of our insurance that we turn off the water every time we leave the cottage empty). The stop-cock can be found on the right hand side of the toilet, open the little door. Please turn the water on when you arrive and **off when you leave**.

- Next, you may need some **HOT WATER**. Turn on the water heater (heats up the tank) using the timer switch on the wall to the right of the bathroom door (up high). Press the grey button and the red light will come on. There are three timer positions – press so that the red light appears in the 3rd position for the longest time.

- If necessary, feel free to use the telephone in the lounge. The cottage number is **01298 872280.** However its better (cheaper ☺) to connect to Internet and use a WhatsApp call.

- The postcode of the cottage is **SK17 8SX.**

- **NO SMOKING** in the cottage please (condition of insurance). Smoke outside but please dispose of butts carefully

- The **HEATING** in the cottage is through **Storage Heaters**. These are new and have not yet been fully optimised. They heat up at night, retain the heat and then release heat during the day. Sometimes it can be a bit warm so use the ADVANCE button to switch off fan. Do not turn off heaters. There are also oil filled radiators in the Lounge and Bedroom to help keep the chill off if needed. Please ensure Storage Heaters are left SWITCHED ON at all times but make sure that if you use oil filled radiators that these are turned OFF after use.

- The **FUSE BOX** and electric mains for the cottage is found above the kitchen/hall entrance.

- As you can see **WINDOWS** throughout the cottage are original and not double glazed of course. Please take care opening windows and ensure they are closed when leaving.

- The **STREET LIGHT** outside the front of the cottage comes on automatically in the evening and switches off about midnight-1am – It can get very dark. There are head torches and a Torch in the Kitchen. There are outside lights at the back of the cottage (switch in Kitchen) – please make sure these are turned off overnight and when you leave.

- It probably goes without saying but please respect the privacy of other residents in Ravensdale. There is only one person now that lives in the street permanently and that is Deborah who lives next door to us. Most other cottages are regularly visited with one that is commercially let (No.73 on most holiday cottages sites). Please remember that sound travels far is such a quiet place so please keep the noise down as much as possible.

KITCHEN

- The **COOKER** probably needs to be turned on at the wall. The clock will need to be re-set. This isn't too difficult to do. The instructions for the cooker are in the kitchen drawers or in the cooker hood cupboard.

- Pots and pans can be found in the cupboard to the left of the cooker.

- Feel free to use any of the condiments, tea/coffee/sugar etc and anything else that you can find (replace what you can for next visitors if needed).

- There are under **CABINET LIGHTS** in the kitchen – at the moment the switch for these is in the extractor fan cabinet above the cooker.

- There is a **DAB RADIO** in the kitchen. This is connected to an external aerial as reception in the area is poor. The radio is old but works OK (need to replace soon). Switch on at plug. Switch on at side of radio. Use tuner dial on left to find station and press SELECT to choose station.

- There is a small **WASTE BIN** in the kitchen. Please place all rubbish bags in dustbin at side of cottage and secure lid tightly to stop vermin getting to bags. If you have more rubbish than fits in bin, please take it home with you rather than leave bags at side of bin. Recycling should also been taken home (or can be disposed of in the recycling bins in the car park behind the Monsal Head Hotel).

- Please make sure all plugs are switched off when you leave – apart from the FRIDGE/FREEZER !! (you can also leave Wifi Router switched on)

LOUNGE

- We have recently (and somewhat reluctantly) installed **INTERNET** at the cottage. For many years one of delights of the cottage that it was not connected in any way (apart from the landline). However, we have given in and now there is a (very very slow) broadband connection available. The router is in the lounge by the TV and the code can be found on the reverse of router. Feel free to connect but also feel free to switch off the router to get back to getting away from it all !!! Play board games, talk to each other, laugh & get drunk (responsibly) !!

- Along with the router we have now installed a new **TV**. The TV is connected to the internet and some live TV can be watched using the live channels on the iPlayer, ITVx, and All4 apps etc. Prime Video is also available as well as NetFlix if you have an account. Other features are available on the TV – access to Spotify (it's logged into my account) as well as Samsung TV Plus – a selection of TV programmes.

- Because the internet connection is very very slow (3Mbps) you may find that connecting multiple devices effects performance; downloading, using phones or radio whilst TV is on will cause buffering.

- There is also a Pure Evoke **INTERNET RADIO** in the lounge. Use the menu button to find the Station List option and select a station of your choice. This also acts as a bluetooth speaker and is connected to Spotify.

- There is a **DVD PLAYER** connected to a TV. On the TV select the HDMI 1 connection on the SOURCE menu. There are some DVD's in the Lounge and plenty more upstairs.

- There is also an **EXTERNAL HDD** connected via USB. On the TV select the USB HDD connection on the SOURCE menu. There is a updated library of films (we have discovered not all of them play on the new TV). Films have appeared from somewhere, don't ask where ;-)

- There is a **BLUETOOTH SPEAKER** (BOSE) in the lounge which you can connect to from your device. Press the Bluetooth symbol ᛒ on the speaker so that it is ready to pair and connect with your device. There is a power lead for recharging.

- **BOARD GAMES** – there are some board games in the **PINE CHEST** under the window in the lounge and some more games in boxes in the cupboard in the small bedroom upstairs.

- There are two new **SOFAS** in the lounge. One is a two seater sofa-bed (although 3 can sit) which will sleep two people who don't need to much space ☺. The other sofa is a Cuddle Chair which 2 people can squeeze into nicely. The Sofas should be covered with throws **at all times** to protect them. There are grey "waterproof" covers but these should be covered with other throws. Just trying to protect the sofas for as long as we can.

- **PETS** are more than welcome at the cottage. In fact you may detect Max's own doggy odours at times. Please try and keep pets clean as possible before letting into Lounge. There should be some Febreeze around if you can give the place a spray before you leave (or when you arrive). If throws do get a bit dirty/smelly then please bring back to us and we will wash them. Please try and remove any poo in garden or out on road (black poo bin outside). There is a hose outside that can be connected to the kitchen sink (unscrew nozzle on sink first) should you want to spray down your animal.

- There are plenty of logs for the **LOG BURNING STOVE** as well as kindling (in basket) and paper (in metal bin) to start a fire. There should be enough logs inside for your use, some of these may be a bit big so may need splitting to a more usable size, there is an axe available but please please do not chop wood on slate hearth, do it outside. Kindling can be bought at most shops nearby – please try and replace if you find you've used it all.

- Extra **WOOD** is available in bags in coal shed outside as well as in woodstore at side of cottage. If you have used all the wood inside please bring in some replacement wood before you leave so that it can dry out a bit before next visitors.

- There is a **TABLE & CHAIRS** in the lounge. If you feel the need to sit around a table and eat (and why not!) there is a fold-up table with four folding chairs. This is located by the front door (the lamp sits on it). Under the table is where you will find the chairs cleverly hidden. There is a table cloth to help protect the table when in use.

BATHROOM

- The shower is a new **ELECTRIC SHOWER** – switch between the rain head and shower head using the lever on the base of the pole.

- There is a **LIGHT** in the mirror above the sink which also incorporates a steam heater. Press buttons on glass to operate. Please ensure this is **turned off** when you leave.

- There is a **FAN HEATER** above the door in the bathroom. This should be left on and a letter S should be visible (this indicates "Standby"). Press the F symbol to turn the fan on, press it again for low heat and once more for high heat. Press F again and the symbol will change back to S. The fan will stay on for 30 seconds as it cools down.

- The **TOWEL RAIL** is switched on via a timer switch just outside the bathroom door (near the floor). Press the grey button and the red light will come on. There are three timer positions – press so that the red light appears in the 3rd position for the longest time.

- There should be are spare **BATH MATS** at cottage. Please let us know if bath mats need replacing/washing.

- Spare toilet rolls can be found in the cupboard under the sink. (Please Replace as necessary)

BEDROOMS

- The **MAIN BEDROOM** is nearly finished. Bedding and pillows are available or use your own – ask us beforehand to see what is available at the time. Please take care of carpet.

- The main Bedroom has a **STORAGE HEATER** that will come on at midnight and heat up overnight. Please leave this switched on.

- The main Bedroom has a small **TV/DVD** player. (DVD is in side of screen). There are plenty of DVD's both in Bedroom and in lounge.

- There is a **HAIRDRYER** in (or on top of) the chest of drawers

- The **SMALL BEDROOM** has a small pull out bed that has two small singles. Work has not started on this room so it's pretty basic. One bed is always made up with Pillows, Sheets, Duvet etc. with more available.

- The small Bedroom has a temporary **FAN HEATER** (faux log burner style) which can be switched on when plugged in using controls when you open the door.

OTHER USEFUL INFORMATION

- Our favourite pub is the **RED LION** at Litton. Well within walking distance either through the dale or along the road through Cressbrook village. If you want to eat here you should phone and book. Phone 01298 871458.

- Another favourite is the **PACKHORSE INN** at Little Longstone. Great food and on a good day a good but small seating area out back. This can be found just a short distance down the road from Monsal Head heading towards Longstone. Phone 01629 640471

- There is also the **MONSAL HEAD HOTEL** (overlooking the Viaduct). There is now only one bar here (used to be a separate bar on the right) but it serves OK food and a pint so what's not to like. Phone 01629 640250

- Another pub within walking distance (a little bit further but a nice walk) is the **ANGLERS REST**, down Millers Dale past Litton Mill. Phone 01298 871323. A little further down from the pub is Millers Dale station where there is a Café.

- If you fancy something a little quirky (ie very small) try the 17th century **THREE STAGS HEAD INN** at the end of the dale in Wardlow Mires (again, easy walking distance during daylight). Phone 01298 872268.

- There are other good pubs in Great Longstone (**The Crispin** and the **White Lion**) and in Tideswell, **The George, The Star Inn, The Horse & Jockey** and the more high-end Merchants Yard restaurant.

- If you like your beers another place worth visiting is the **Thornbridge Brewery** (Tap Room) in Bakewell. Great beers and great pizza !! Kids, dogs and everyone will love this place.

- The nearest shop is the **Co-op** in Tideswell – drive through Cressbrook to Litton then to Tideswell. There is a small village shop in Litton and one in Ashford-in-the-Water (on way to Bakewell). Nearest big'ish supermarket is either **ALDI** just outside Bakewell or the **Co-op** in the town centre.

- Nearest Fish n Chips are **Elliots** (opposite the George Inn) in Tideswell. Other take-aways (Chinese and Indian) are in Bakewell.

- There's a good Café (for coffee / lunch / full breakfast) at **The Cowshed Café** & Farm Shop. This is a short drive away – Go through Cressbrook to Litton, head towards Tideswell and the B60459, turn left and in a couple of miles you'll find Beltonville Farm (just past the YHA).

- There's also a Café not far (certainly walking distance – up through Cressbrook Dale and past Peter's Stone) at Wardlow Mires. The place is called **The Yonderman Café**. Apparently they serve a good breakfast.

- If you are up for a walk – a gentl(ish) path can be found going down the valley – directly opposite our cottage there is path on the left hand side. Follow the path until you cross a small footbridge. You can either then go straight ahead up the side of the valley (quite a climb) or can veer off on a footpath to the left that takes you through the wood along the valley floor. In both cases the path opens up after the woods to some spectacular views. You can either circle back or continue on to Wardlow, Litton etc …

- Another good (shortish) walk is down the hill via the road to **Cressbrook Mill**. When you get to the mill there is a footpath off the road (back of mill to the right of the entrance) which takes you round to Water-cum-jolly – a nice place to sit and look at the water. You can follow the river round to Litton Mill and beyond.

- You can get up to the **Monsal Trail** (see map below) from Upperdale (just down the road from the Cressbrook Mill towards Monsal Head). From here (turning left on the trail) you can follow the railway all the way to Bakewell - through tunnels that have recently opened. Great for CYCLING.

- If you want join the **Monsal Trail** further along try **Hassop Station** where there is a café and where you can hire bikes. Take a look HERE

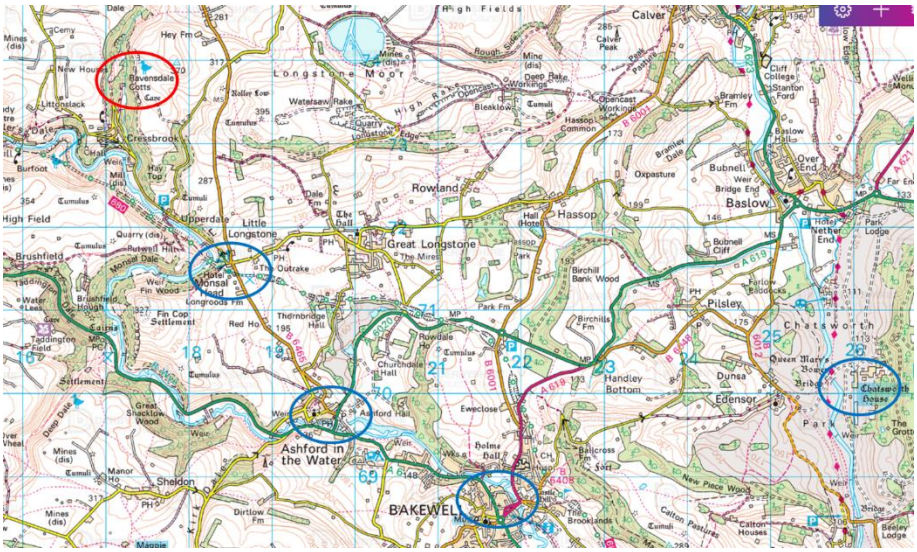
- **Chatsworth House** is very close – apart from the house and gardens there is a very good farm shop at Pilsley and a great Garden Centre at Carlton Lees (other side of Chatsworth). Chatsworth also has a small Adventure Playground & Farmyard for the kids. Find out more at HERE

- If you fancy leaving the car behind and mixing a bit of walking combined with a bus journey (always a good idea if you want to spend a day at the **Thornbridge Brewery**) then there is a bus service from Monsal Head that goes into Bakewell (get off at Aldi). Check the timetable for the 173 service HERE

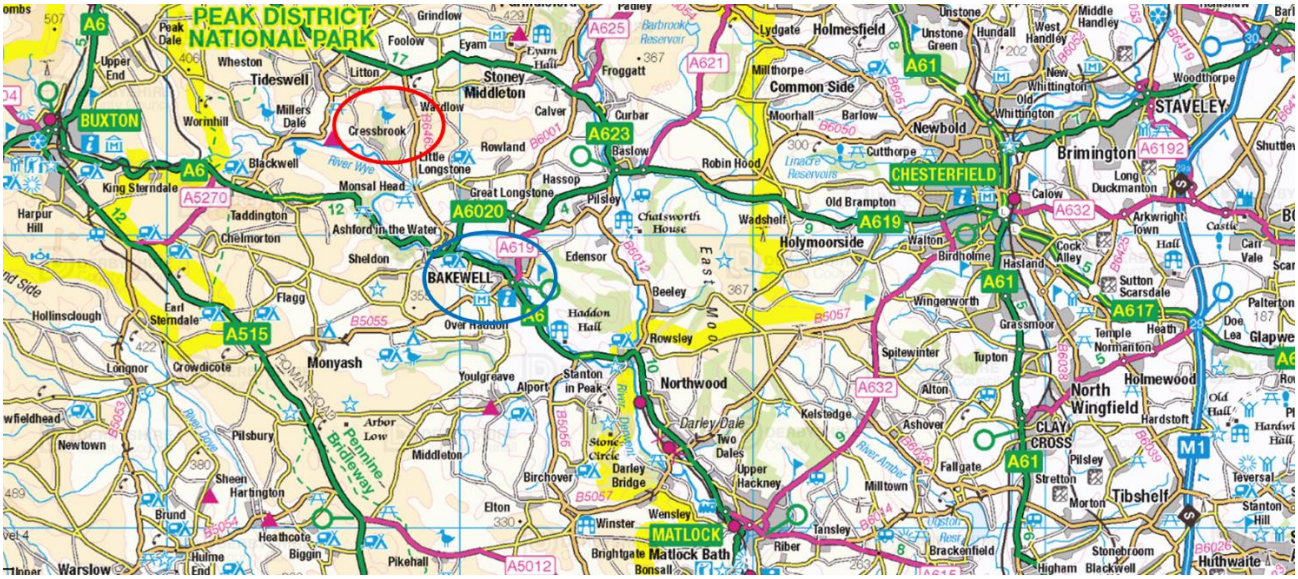
LOTS OF RECCOMENDED LOCAL WALKS, WITH MAPS AND DESCRIPTIONS, CAN BE FOUND IN THE DOCUMENTS ATTACHED TO THE WWW.RAVENSDALE.UK WEBSITE

Local Places

Monsal Head -1.2 miles
Bakewell – 5 miles
Buxton – 11 miles
Eyam (Plague Village) – 6 miles
Haddon Hall – 7 miles
Chatsworth House– 9 miles
Matlock Bath – 14 miles
Gulliver's Kingdom – 15 miles
Castleton – 10 miles
Edale – 15 miles
Derwent Water – 16 miles
Chesterfield – 16 miles
Sheffield – 19 miles
Ashbourne - 21 miles
Alton Towers – 30 miles
Derby - 31 miles
Manchester – 35 miles



GENERAL LOCATION


PEAK DISTRICT NATIONAL PARK
BUXTON
BAKEWELL
MATLOCK
CHESTERFIELD
STAVELEY
Tideswell
Middleton
Stoney Middleton
Cressbrook
Monsal Head
Ashford in the Water
Great Longstone
Little Longstone
Hassop
Rowland
Bastow
Curbar
Calver
Froggatt
Millthorpe
Common Side
Holmesfield
Newbold
Brimington
Holymoorside
Old Brampton
Wadshelf
Chatsworth House
Edensor
Beeley
Haddon Hall
Rowsley
Northwood
Darley Dale
Two Dales
Upper Hackney
Darley Bridge
Stanton in Peak
Youlgreave
Alport
Middleton
Pilsbury
Monyash
Crowdicote
Longnor
Sheen
Hartington
Brund
Elton
Winster
Wensley
Brightgate
Matlock Bath
Bonsall
Pikehall
Heathcote
Biggin
Warslow
Hulme End
Wormhill
Millers Dale
Blackwell
Litton
Wardlow
Foolow
Eyam
Grindlow
Peak Dale
Upper End
Wheston
Taddington
Chelmorton
Sheldon
Flagg
Earl Sterndale
Hollinsclough
King Sterndale
Harpur Hill
Buxton
Pennine Bridleway
River Wye
River Lathkill
River Amber
Spitewinter
Tupton
Alton
Kelstedge
Ashover
Fallgate
Milltown
Wingerworth
Grassmoor
Temple Normanton
North Wingfield
Clay Cross
Pilsley
Stretton
Morton
Tibshelf
Holmewood
Sutton Scarsdale
Arkwright Town
Calow
Duckmanton
Long
Woodthorpe
New Whittington
Old Whittington
Unstone
Unstone Green
Hundall
West Handley
Middle Handley
Barlow
Moorhall
Cutthorpe
Linacre Reservoirs
Barbrook Reservoir
Higham
Stonebroom
Brackenfield
Tansley
Riber
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