

Responsible Visitors Charter



At Harrods Cornish Cottages, we are committed to providing a memorable and enjoyable holiday experience while also prioritising the well-being of our guests, the local community, and the environment. We kindly request all visitors to adhere to the following Responsible Visitors Charter during their stay:

1. Respect the Local Community, and Local Wildlife:

- Be considerate of our neighbors and fellow guests, keeping noise levels to a minimum, especially during quiet hours.
- Observe and follow any specific guidelines provided by the cottage management regarding local customs, traditions, and regulations.
- Support local businesses, artisans, and attractions, contributing to the sustainable growth of the community.
- Keep your distance from any animals or creatures.
- Do not disturb wildlife. – not even for a perfect photo opportunity!
- Keep dogs on a short lead when around wildlife, or in areas where you may come across wildlife unexpectedly.
- Do not feed any wildlife – not even seagulls!

2. Preserve the Environment:

- Reduce, Reuse and Recycle wherever possible.
- Help us conserve water and energy by using them responsibly and avoiding unnecessary waste.
- Sort and dispose of waste correctly using the recycling facilities provided, reducing landfill impact.
- Respect the natural surroundings, wildlife, and biodiversity. Do not disturb or harm flora and fauna, and refrain from littering.
- Take litter home / back to your cottage when visiting beaches etc.
- Do your bit when you come across other people's litter – pick it up and dispose of it responsibly, we can all do our bit to make the environment a clean and safer place.
- Do not use single use plastics – use refillable bottles where possible – lots of shops and cafes will refill your bottle for free if you ask.
- Do not take sand, shells, pebbles, stones etc. from the beach – this effects the natural environment.
- Consider what sunscreens and body lotions you are wearing before you enter the sea. Use marine friendly options, that will not harm the marine environment.

3. Promote Sustainable Travel:
 - Consider lower-carbon transportation options, such as public transport, carpooling, or cycling, when exploring the local area.
 - If driving, obey speed limits, park responsibly, and avoid unnecessary car use during your stay.
 - Take advantage of the nearby amenities and services, reducing the need for long-distance travel. For example, the Southwest Coast Path has wonderful walks, and there are lots of places to hire bicycles or kayaks etc.
4. Be Mindful of Water and Energy Usage:
 - Use water responsibly, avoiding excessive consumption. Report any leaks or malfunctions promptly to the cottage management.
 - Turn off lights, appliances, and heating/cooling systems when not in use or when leaving the cottage.
 - Utilise natural lighting and ventilation as much as possible to minimise energy usage.
 - Turn off the outside lights when you are in the cottage – on a clear night, without the light pollution of the streetlighting the stars are an absolutely incredible sight.
5. Support Responsible Tourism:
 - Learn about the local culture, history, and customs, and engage respectfully with the local community.
 - Choose activities and attractions that prioritise sustainability, conservation, and ethical practices.
 - Leave the cottage and its amenities in good condition, respecting the property and its furnishings.
6. Communicate and Share Feedback:
 - If you have any suggestions, concerns, or feedback related to responsible tourism practices or the cottage itself, please let us know. We appreciate your input and are committed to continuous improvement.

By adhering to this Responsible Visitors Charter, you contribute to the preservation of the local environment, support the local community, and help create a sustainable future for all. We thank you for your cooperation and hope you have a wonderful stay at Harrods Cornish Cottages.