



Welcome to Moorparks Cottages

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Michele and Erik would like to welcome you to Moorparks farm and holiday cottages.

Beaford Village is very small with a population of around 400 people. We have a church, a village hall which is very active, a garage with small shop in it and a wonderful pub which serves great food and is the center of the community.

Moorparks was built around 1850 and is a grade II listed building, the listing is due to it being a typical period property of the area. Part of the listing also mentions the 'Mile Marker' on the bank just outside of the entrance. The 1861 census shows a William Mitchell living here.

Michele and I had lived in Berkshire all of our married life, Michele working as a Nurse and myself self-employed running my own companies and working as a Special Constable (volunteer police officer). We have two sons, both moved out of the family house and now have their own places, so we had talked about where we would like to move to. I had seen two properties on the internet, which I liked. In 2014 we came down to North Devon on holiday for a week. On the last day, although having to leave the cottage at 10am, we didn't want to go back home so early, so, we looked at some properties (like you do on holiday), two of which were the ones I had seen on the internet. Moorparks was the second property we saw, and empty when we viewed it, but we thought it was perfect for what we wanted. It took us a year to sort our sale and the purchase of Moorparks. We moved into Moorparks in July 2015.

The cottages had been converted by the previous owner between 2005- 2010 (being a listed building everything takes time) and were a bit tired, as were the grounds. When we moved in, we started renovation and updating of the cottages and gardens. 2017 was our first trading year.

We have tried to make this a place we would like to stay!

The last few years have been very busy and there has been a great deal of work done, we hope you like it. The large field, which surrounds the main paddock, is also ours. The first two years we were here a farmer was renting the field. As we got more animals, we needed more room. So, we put up new fencing where needed and had the paddocks ploughed, seeded and rolled ready for more sheep. Rather than walking around the fields (for returning guests, remember we made a path around all of the fields ?) , you can just walk through them now. There is a stile in the far corner with access to the stream, no, we still haven't done anything there for those who have been before.

Our rare breed Greyface Dartmoor sheep flock is growing with lambing usually happening in February/March. We also have our Swiss Valais Blacknose which we added to last year and had three lambs over the last few months. The Valais is one of only a few breeds of sheep which can lamb all year around, but I think we will lamb them November/December.

Ongoing projects at the moment: We are coming to the end of the projects we wanted to do and are almost at the stage of getting in a routine!

Last year was the first year we did all of our own advertising and bookings, no more 'Booking.com or AirBlah&Blah, Cottages.con or Holidaycottages'. All of these companies take a BIG commission and make the owner feel like an employee. We now update our website, Facebook page, Youtube channel and Google etc. Over the last year we have had mentions on BBC Devon radio, The Mail on Sunday, Mail online, LonelyPlanet and a few local newspapers.

We hope you enjoy the fresh eggs we have left you. We try to include a couple of ducks eggs for you to try too. If you would like more, then please ask and we can let you have more, subject to the girls laying regime on any particular week. A donation of £1 for 6 which goes towards the Devon Air Ambulance Trust would be appreciated. Money raised from extra logs for the fire also goes to D.A.A.T. We have raised over £320 now for this worthy cause.

We are usually around most of the time, gardening or looking after animals.

If there is anything you need, ring the bell by our back door. Let us know if there is anything you would like and feel would be useful in the cottages and we will do our best. We will not be offended!

If you would like to see some of the work that has been done, have a look at our Facebook page.

www.facebook.com/moorparks

We do hope you enjoy your stay here, and for our many returning guests welcome back and we look forward to catching up with you.

Michele and Erik

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Emergency Contacts

In the first instance, if you have any problems please speak to Erik. If he is not around then call him.

We are in Devon, so phone signal is not always as good as it should be. Please leave a message and he will get back to you.

Erik 07850356627

Local Doctor

Castle Garden Surgery 01805 623222

North Devon District Hospital 01271 322577

Raleigh Park, Barnstaple EX31 4JB

Local Dentist 01805 625837

Police / Fire / Ambulance 999 (emergency, something happening now)
101 (non-emergency)

Our Address: Moorparks, Beaford, Winkleigh, EX19 8NA

What3words address: again.joys.farmer

We have a first aid box in the cottage , bottom drawer in the kitchen.

The Electricity Consumer unit (fuse box) is located in the cloakroom.

In the unlikely event of a flood within the property, the mains shut off valve is located in the cupboard to the left of 'The Barn'.

Please let us know of any blown bulbs, flat batteries, breakages etc so that we can replace them

Appliances

Wi-Fi

The password for the Wi-Fi is: Bookdirect

The first time you log into the WI-FI may take a while to connect as it takes you to a terms and conditions page.

Please read the T's & C's, but if you don't, it informs you that your IP address is logged whilst here. If there is any reason for any authority to request who is using the WI-FI due to improper use, then details will be released. Wi-fi is free but subject to availability, we are in the country.

There are USB sockets on both sides of the bed in the main bedroom, one in the twin bedroom and one in the lounge area also.

Radio

The radio in the kitchen is a DAB (Digital)/FM radio with Bluetooth.

The 'Power on' button is on the top/left.

When on DAB the stations are pre-set, when on FM stations have to be tuned into using the 'Station' button on the top of the radio.

Press the DAB/FM button to toggle between the two.

To change stations on DAB, use the left and right buttons (the stations name will show on the front display) and press enter.

The radio can also receive audio from many Bluetooth capable devices. The Bluetooth name of the radio is 'JL Radio'. If you are prompted for a password, enter '0000'.

TV / DVD / Movies

Operating the TV

- The TV will be in 'standby' mode, with the red light on. Switch the TV on using the red button.
- If there is no picture, make sure TV is selected using the source button

- Use channel Guide/Menu buttons to select a channel.

Channels start at 1

HD Channels start at 101

- The TV is a smart TV and already connected to the internet.

-- Press the 'Smart Hub' button

-- Click the 'Featured' square using the left or right arrows, and then enter

-- Click the blue Samsung Apps button to list all smart apps, and then enter

If you do use this for any social media (Facebook etc) please make sure you log out after using it.

The TV can also connect to our main server, which has a number of films on it (about 400). Please check any age recommendations if there are children with you. Please advise if you would like the film server/smart capability of the TV restricted (off).

Using Plex (Film server)

- With source button make sure TV is selected

-- Press the 'Smart Hub' button

-- Click the 'Featured' square

-- Click the blue Samsung Apps button to list all smart apps

-- Click Plex

-- Select from Movies or TV Shows, Click on the movies title on the left to get the full list.

You can view the TV library at '<http://tvlibrary.moorparks:8082>' on the Wi-Fi

(The web address above will only be available when you are at Moorparks)

We are still loading films onto the server but have about 100 children's DVDs if you need more.

Operating the DVD Player

- Turn on manually with right hand button
- There are no lights on the box, but it should start making noise
- Put DVD in after pressing eject button (third on left)
- Make sure TV is on
- With source button make sure HDMI1 is selected
- The controls at the bottom of the remote will operate the DVD player

Heating and hot water

An oil-fired boiler in 'The Cottage' controls the heating and hot water

All of the water from the hot taps is heated 'on demand', if it's not hot just give it a couple of seconds and it will be. The shower is electric so is not affected by the taps being turned on.

Heating is controlled by a remote Sunvic thermostat that is in the lounge area (They are placed there to get a good signal from the transmitters, so please do not move them). The heating has two set temperatures, one is the background temperature, which it keeps at a constant 15 degrees and the other a booster, set at 17 degrees.

(I do sometimes change the above if it's looking cold or not summertime)

As a default, the booster is set to come on at 08.00hrs and off at 10.00hrs and then again at 17.00hrs and off at 22.00hrs.

The up and down arrows on the top of the controller will adjust the temperature until the next programmed set time.

During the summer they are usually turned off, the off button turns it back on if needed.

Please feel free to adjust the timer or temperature.

Please ask if you would like help changing the timer.

Log Burner

If you have not used a log burner before, please feel free to ask us to show you how to use it.

First open both top and bottom vents by sliding them to the left.

Place two fire lighter pouches on the grate and put some kindling on top in a pyramid shape with a couple of small logs on top.

Light the pouches and CLOSE THE DOOR. The log burner should only be opened when starting up and putting more logs on.

When the smaller logs have caught fire, another larger log can be put on it. When the fire is roaring nicely, the vents can be slowly closed to slow the flames down.

As the logs are burning down add another to keep going.

A log burner is designed to be used with the door closed and adjusted using the vents for air control.

Logs do and will spit, please keep the door closed.

ALWAYS use the glove and tools when touching the burner or putting anything onto the fire. And remember NOT to leave the glove on top of the log burner when lit.

We have included all that is necessary for your first fire; Fire starters, kindling, logs and matches.

We can supply further baskets of supplies for £5.00 per basket (includes starters, kindling and logs).

All money from logs and egg sales go to the Devon Air Ambulance Trust, we at Moorparks match whatever is made from the sales at the end of the season.

You will probably see the helicopter fly over during your stay as the airfield is about 3 miles away.

Shower

The bathroom shower is electric. There is a white pull cord by the light switch, which is a safety isolator turning power on/off for the shower. When the pull cord has been turned on the shower unit will display a green light. There are two dials on the shower unit, set the top dial to 'high' and the bottom one to a mid-range point. Press the on/off button near the bottom of the unit to start the shower and adjust temperature as required. When finished, press the off button on the unit to stop the water flow and the pull cord to turn the power off.

Microwave

Quick and easy way (on full power)

Press the "STOP/CLEAR" button.

Turn the large dial anticlockwise and then clockwise to the number of seconds/minutes needed and then press the start button (in the middle of the large dial).

If you want a % of power then follow the instructions below from the manual.

- 1) Press the "POWER " button once, and "P100" will be displayed.
- 2) Turn the "TIMER/WEIGHT/AUTO" to select the microwave power. "P100", "P80", "P50", "P30" and, "P10" will be displayed.
- 3) Press "START/+30 SEC./CONFIRM" to confirm the power rating.
- 4) Turn the "TIMER/WEIGHT/AUTO" dial to adjust the cooking time. (The time setting should be between 0:05- 95:00.)
- 5) Press "START/+30 SEC./CONFIRM" to start cooking.

P100	100% Cooking Power
P80	80% Cooking Power
P50	50% Cooking Power
P30	30% Cooking Power
P10	10% Cooking Power

To stop the cooking process at any time, press the "STOP/CLEAR" button.

Where available, the full instruction manuals are available on the website when on the Wi-Fi, under Guest Manual.

Other items available

Should you get the urge to bake (it's your holiday!) we have cake and loaf tins and a hand mixer that you can use please just ask. Alternatively, there are two bakeries in Torrington, and wine glasses in the kitchen!

Picnic

If you are going out for the day a cool box, waterproof rug, plastic plates, mugs, cutlery, may be available.

BBQ

A barbecue is available for your use, and kept in the bike shed (Code 3124, see below). If you do use it, please could you empty the ash in the bin provided (next to the bike shed) and leave the grill in a clean condition for the benefit of the next guests before returning to the shed. Apologies if the previous guests have not extended this courtesy to you but as we have a great deal to do in a short time and just can't physically manage this as well between changeovers this is one job we respectfully ask guests to undertake themselves. We also have a barbecue available that we keep for vegetarians.

Garden Furniture

The Barn has a table and four chairs on the patio opposite the front door and a small table and two chairs just outside the door, perfect for morning coffee. The cushions for the chairs outside the door are hanging up, please keep them inside when not in use. There are four loungers in the 'secret garden', the cushions for these and the larger table and chairs on the patio are in the box in the Secret Garden.

Bike shed

If you have bicycles with you, they can be left in the bike shed. The code is "3124" (when the lock is facing you and the words 'MASTER' are under the number dials).

The bike shed also has:

- Some garden games. Feel free to use them, but please return them after use for other guests.
- BBQ and tools
- Some lounge chairs for The Cottage.

Refuse disposal and energy saving

Our wish is to make our cottages more energy efficient and eco-friendly, so aim to exceed a minimum standard of waste management and energy efficiency, with facilities to encourage walking, cycling and nature conservation. We also provide information on local transport and local food suppliers. With this in mind please:

- Don't turn the heating up and open windows
- Turn lights off when not in the cottages
- Don't leave taps running for longer than necessary
- Recycle where possible

Recycling

Down the steps, in the car park, towards the bike shed is a cream box with a green lid.

We try and recycle as much as possible. Devon council can recycle cardboard, paper, tins, glass and plastics (including food trays, yoghurt pots etc). Please rinse out.

Food waste is now also collected.

Please put all food waste in the green caddy, this can include meat and bones, t-bags, coffee grinds and all other food waste. Please ensure the lid is closed and locked after use. No plastic bags please in the food waste.

All other recycling now goes in the green box.

Leave any full bin bags in the metal bin next to the recycling storage and we will dispose of them.

Septic tank

The drainage system is a septic tank. Please do not put anything down the toilet except human waste and toilet tissue.

This is all in the aim of keeping and improving Moorparks holiday cottages....and our home.

Do's & Don'ts

There are two cottages, and both maybe occupied, therefore please respect the other occupants

There is plenty of parking and no set spaces. Please keep the area through to the cottages and bike shed clear.

Do not leave windows open when you are not in the property. It can rain at any time, yes.... even in Devon!

Please note there is NO SMOKING within the cottages. The T&C's mention this, there WILL be a fine for cleaning and as non-smokers we can tell. The smoke alarms are mains connected, taking the batteries out will NOT WORK and nor will leaving windows open.

The front doors are locked by pulling the handle up and then turning the key, please ensure the cottage is locked when leaving Moorparks.

Do NOT feed the animals. There are certain foods, and plants, which are poisonous to our animals.

If you would like to be with us when we feed the animals please let us know, we are more than happy to let you feed them with us.

Please do not go into the Alpaca paddocks without either Michele or Erik. The Alpacas can bite and give a nasty kick if they are unsure of a situation.

Although an 100kg sheep is lovely, a 100kg sheep/alpaca charging at you WILL knock you off your feet. (Ask Michele). Sheep will stay out of your way unless you challenge them.

Feel free to wander around. If you do go into the sheep paddocks (some sheep have horns!), close all gates behind you and put any extra latches on. Do not leave them open to do 'On the way back'.

When on site, please keep any vehicle speed to 5mph. We do sometimes walk the alpacas or sheep around the property or let the chickens out. There also may be children or other vehicles around the corner.

Please make sure young children are supervised near animals and play equipment

PLEASE NOTE: In the interest of safety and damage limitation, we may need to enter the cottage if we believe that it becomes necessary. If you are not on the premises, and it is necessary, we will contact you immediately after the issue has been resolved to inform you.

Shops



Use your phone camera to download the link to our list of all the local places to eat, visit, shop etc (or go to <http://bit.ly/moorparks-google-map>)

Church Street Stores, Dolton, EX19 8QE, 3.5 miles away

Church Street stores is the local stores stocking all of your basic needs. There is also a post office on site. Open every day, 7am – 8pm except Sunday which 8am – 7pm.

Co Op, Torrington, EX38 8AA, 6 Miles away

Spar, Torrington, EX38 8HN, 6 Miles away

M&S, Torrington (Within BP Garage), EX38 8EJ, 6 Miles away

Lidl, Torrington, EX38 8BX, 6.5 miles away

There are also two butchers, two bakeries and a lovely Delicatessen (Browns, hidden at the top of South St.)

Morrisons, Bideford, EX39 2LG, 13 miles away

The four supermarkets below deliver to this area; we can accept delivery on your day of arrival and put your shopping in your cottage.

Tesco, Bideford, EX39 4AJ, 13 miles away

Sainsbury's, Barnstaple, EX31 3NH, 15.5 miles away

Asda, Bideford, EX39 3QU, 16 miles away

Waitrose, Okehampton, EX20 1WL, 18 miles away

Takeaways & Restaurants

Mobile takeaways

(Please remember this is Devon, sometimes they just don't turn up 'because'!)

Monday

Wood fired Pizza, Torrington, EX38 8AE, 6.3 miles away, 16.30 – 19.30

www.pigandolive.co.uk 07788 259652

Tuesday

Miles' Fish and Chips, High Bickington, EX37 9BD, 6.9 miles away, 16.30 – 19.30

Wednesday

Miles' Fish and Chips, Dolton, EX19 8QX, 3 miles away, 16.30 – 19.30

Wood fired pizza, Umberleigh, EX37 9AB, 9.9 miles away, 16.30 – 19.30

www.pigandolive.co.uk 07788 259652

Whiddon Valley Fryer, Fish and Chips, Winkleigh Square, EX19 8HJ, 6.3 miles away, 17.00 – 19.00

Thursday

W J Miles, Fish and Chips, Winkleigh Square, EX19 8HJ, 6.3 miles away, 16.30 – 19.30

Takeaways

Taffs (Fish & Chips), Torrington, EX38 8AA, 6.2 miles away 01805 622291

Yau's House. Chinese takeaway, Torrington, EX38 8EP, 6.2 miles away 01805 623817



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Please note, not all restaurants open for lunch and dinner or every day. Hardly anywhere serves food Sunday evening. Always a good idea to book to avoid disappointment, even out of season.

The Globe Inn, Beaford, EX19 8LR, 0.8 miles away, 01805 603920

There's a large selection of real ales and craft beer as well as local ciders, fine wines, quality spirits and a variety of hot and soft drinks. You'll also find tasty bar snacks, an open fire, comfy seating, pub games and decent tunes... always with a warm welcome.

The New Inn, Roborough, EX19 8SY, 3 miles away, 01805 603247

Has reopened after a refurbishment.

The Royal Oak, Dolton, EX19 8QF, 3.5 miles away, 01805 804288

The Royal Oak Dolton is on 'The Square' of the pretty village of Dolton in North Devon.

PLEASE NOTE: Under new management (Just in case you have been, should be better now)

The Rams Head Inn, EX19 8QS, 3.5 miles away, 01805 804255

The staff and chefs follow an ethos of 'great food that is exciting' and the seasonal menus showcase just that. With much of the food coming from suppliers right on our doorstep you can be in safe mind the food has been freshly prepared in-house. Our dishes offer some of the best that Devon produces.

The Cranford Inn, St.Giles in The Wood, EX38 7LA, 5.9 miles away 01805 623309

Friendly welcome, service with a smile, great food & drink.

The Kings Arms, Winkleigh, EX19 8HQ, 6 miles away, 01837 682681

Serving a varied selection of real ales, refreshing beers and wines.

Our food menu offers traditional and exciting dishes with something for everyone to enjoy.

We cater for vegetarians, ensuring there is something tasty and fresh to enjoy every day of the week and we also have a great children's menu full of lots of popular dishes.

The Torridge Inn, Taddipport, Torrington, EX38 8AW, 7.5 miles away, 01805 625042

The Thai Diner offers authentic Thai cuisine freshly prepared every day for your enjoyment. Only using the freshest ingredients and original Thai herbs and spices Nussara's fabulous food will excite your taste buds...

Open Wed-Sun 18.00hrs – 23.00hrs

The Pig on the Hill, EX39 5AH, 16.1 miles away, 01237 459222

This contemporary hilltop gastropub serves real ales and has a vintage games room and gardens.

Cooked to order, the fresh food dishes offer a taste of the traditional with an inspirational twist. At just over a mile away, perfect for a meal out with the kids after a day at Westward Ho!

Morans Restaurant, Westward Ho!, EX39 1LH, 16.4 miles away, 01237 472070

Morans Thai restaurant Westward Ho! is a family run establishment specialising in a delectable range of exclusive Thai cuisine, traditional English dishes, and cocktails complemented by extensive fine wine list. Morans Thai restaurant is set in the heart of Westward Ho! North Devon just a few steps from the beach, with the spectacular views and sumptuous décor we strive to create a unique and calming ambience

The Pier House, Westward Ho!, EX39 1JU, 16.5 miles away, 01237 477777

The Pier House with stunning views across Bideford Bay from Lundy across to the award-winning Blue Flag Westward Ho! Beach offers a very special venue to meet with friends and family and enjoy a fantastic array of tantalising meals throughout the day and evening.

This place does a lovely Sunday carvery, but you WILL need to book. 01237 477777

The Waie Inn, Zeal Monachorum, EX17 6DF, 18.5 miles away, 01363 82348

A visit to The Waie Inn can provide the perfect setting for a quiet and relaxing lunch with a few friends or an exciting day of activity for all the family. The Waie Inn welcomes children and they will never be lost for something to excite and entertain them, come rain or shine with outdoor and indoor safe play areas.



Local attractions and amenities

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There are many attractions, amenities and local events around the area. We have listed many on our web site, with postcodes and a map (just click on the postcode) to help you find it.

If you do not have access to Wi-Fi, please let us know what you are looking for and we will find it (if it exists).

For those guests who are happy using WIFI and the website for local information we have tried to include as much as possible but is a continuing project.

For those not so keen on the techie side, Erik is around and happy to advise and help understanding of appliances and details of the local area.

Our Boys and Girls

Chickens

We currently have six hybrid chickens – Millie, Molly, Mandy, Alysha, Luna and Olive . The hybrid usually gives a fairly constant supply of eggs throughout the year. The chickens have a feed pellet on demand in feeders and a corn mix in the evenings. At lunchtime they usually get a snack, anything from broccoli, sweet corn, cabbage, but a firm favorite is tomato. The girls are sometimes let out to peck around the gardens.

Pet Sheep

We have seven pet sheep at the moment, Boris and Chewbacca (Chewie) are wethers and Pure Ryelands. Lamb Chop (Lamby) is the only girl and a cross between a Ryeland and an Exmoor horn. Jumbo, Dougal and Reg are Greyface Dartmoor wethers. Larry was born in February 2018 and is a Suffolk wether.

Greyface Dartmoor Sheep

These are our rare breed pedigree sheep. Our original Five (named alphabetically) Annie, BOB, Curley Sue, Dagny and Emma. At the time of writing (Just after lambing) we now have 33 Greyface Dartmoor sheep. Yes, there is a story to most of the names.

Swiss Valais Blacknose sheep

Officially called ‘The cutest sheep in the world’ we have six ewes at the moment, Gloria, Gracie, Fifi, Jenny, Indira and Inka. We also have one wether who will be leaving us soon. We hope to breed them this year for lambing towards the end of the year.

Indian Runner Ducks

Towards the end of 2019 we introduced three Indian runner ducks to their new ‘summer’ home, The Waddle On Inn. The new girls are called Annie (Oakley), Billie (The kid) and Jane (as in Calamity). During the winter/wet months they move behind the polytunnel to dig the ground/veg patch.

Goats

Last year we bought three Golden Guernsey goats. They are pets, wethers, and great fun.

BE WARNED – They like to nibble. Please don’t feed them without one of us around. Just because they eat it doesn’t mean it’s good for them.

Our goats are called Del, Rodney and Trigger.

Sheep terms

A young sheep (less than 12 months old) is a Ram or Ewe lamb, unless it's been bottle fed, in which case it is also a Cade lamb. Obviously, lamb is also the name of the meat from the lamb. If the animal is older than 12 months old, it is a Ram, Ewe or wether and it's meat is mutton. So, a female sheep is a Ewe, unless it's between 12 months and 24 months and then it's a yearling. But, if the ewe has had a lamb, then it's a dam of the lamb. When the ewe has had a few lambs, it is a brood ewe (if its main use is for breeding).

An intact male is a Ram, Buck or Tup. If the Ram does his job well, he will be the sire to a lamb. A male lamb not considered up to standard for breeding will be castrated and then become a wether. A teaser is a Ram which has had a vasectomy, done if they are too keen and a problem or to keep mating times close together.

A sheep without horns is polled. To make things easy, a sheep with horns is called...horned!

These are just a few of the terms for sheep, there are variations depending on what part of the country you are in. To go with the above, sheep age is identified by teeth. I.e. A two tooth yearling

At approximately one year of age, the central pair of baby teeth is replaced by a pair of permanent incisors.

At age 2, the second pair is replaced by permanent incisors. At 3 and 4 years, the third and fourth pairs of baby teeth are replaced.

At approximately four years of age a sheep has a full mouth of teeth. As it ages past four, the incisors teeth will start to spread, wear and eventually break. When a ewe has lost some of her teeth, she's called a "broken mouth" ewe. When she has lost all her teeth, she is a "gummer"

You will NOT be tested on this at the end of the week!

Alpacas

We have six pet alpaca boys. Toffee (light brown), Paul (White), Cooper (dark brown). Bart (White), Mr Burns (White) and Smithers (Light fawn)

Alpaca facts

- There are two types of alpaca, the Suri ('SUR-ree'), which have a long dreadlock type fleece and the Huacaya ('wah-KI-yah') which ours are.
- Originally alpacas came from Peru, Bolivia and Chile..... ours came six miles from Torrington!
- Alpacas are mainly kept for their fleece with some breeders also supplying to the meat trade.
- The gestation period is about 11-12 months
- Alpacas don't give birth, they 'Unpack'
- A baby alpaca is called a Cria
- An adult alpaca can reach approx. 100kg
- Most females can produce 10 – 12 cria in a lifetime
- Alpacas can live well past **20 years** of age (I did hear of one 27 years, unusual though)
- Alpacas are sheared annually, usually in the spring.
- The fiber may be sold and processed, spun into yarn, knitted or woven into fine fabrics.
- Alpaca fiber is softer than cashmere or angora, and warmer and lighter weight than wool, without the prickle-factor that some wool has. Since alpaca fleece has no lanolin, it is easier to process and is hypoallergenic.

We have some of the processed fiber and a few products if you would like to see them.

Although we don't say the 'L' word around here (Llama), you may want to know the difference.

ALPACA

Has short spear shaped ears

Weighs around 90kg fully grown

Has a fine fiber fleece used for clothing

Is a herd animal

Don't spit, or at least only at each other

The owners are very intelligent*

* I read this on the internet, so it must be true.

** Further research concludes I may have made that up.

LLAMA

Has long banana shaped ears

Weighs around 250kg fully grown

Has a very coarse hair

Very independent

Happy to spit at people

Owners not so clever*

Checkout instructions

On your last day, departure time is 10.00hrs. This is necessary as we have a very short time to prepare the cottage for the next guests.

On the day of departure please:

- Leave the cottage as you found it.
- Strip beds and leave linen on the bed.
- Leave the key with Erik.

If you go out to any local attraction/restaurant/beechness etc it would be appreciated if you could add a few comments, good or bad for future guests. We have left a Black A5 booklet.

We hope you enjoy your stay here at Moorparks.

Please 'Like' our Facebook page and keep in touch. We also update our website regularly and the animal webcams are available to view [here](#).

Review Moorparks

We are no longer using an online agent so word of mouth, Facebook links and reviews are a big way for us to make sure we keep getting booking. Tagging us in Facebook or Google pictures is great.

With a bit of luck, you will have enjoyed your stay here and want to tell the world. I know what you are thinking, if we do that you will be booked up and won't be able to book again. (Well, I hope that's what you are thinking 😊)

But no, if you sign up to our email list at www.moorparks.co.uk (the sign up is at the bottom of the page) or use the QR code, you will be first to see when we open up bookings and will get to see special or last minute offers or very occasionally what's going on.



Please take as many of the business cards/cards (on the bookcase) as you like and hand them out to friends and family. If you have no friends, hand them out to strangers.... Who knows they may then turn into friends. 😊

New guests can reserve dates for 3 days, returning guests can just phone and I will reserve dates until December! Returning guests will also get a discount on the web price, please email me with dates and I will send a discount code, no deposit until December when you decide.

If you did enjoy your stay with us a review on the following would be great and much appreciated:



Google: Moorparks Holiday Cottages, click on the details on the right to review https://g.page/holiday_cottage_devon/review?rc



Facebook: These are now called recommendations <https://www.facebook.com/moorparks/>

If you are not on either of the above you can use the link below.



<https://moorparksdevon.repuso.com/collect>

If you have/had any problems or issues you would like to discuss with me I would like the opportunity to fix/repair or change things where necessary.

Thank you for your time.