

Croeso i Cymru - Welcome to Wales Please read these notes, they are important. Sorry they are long, but it is a big house!

Thank you for your booking at Hafod y Gwynt. We know you will be looking forward to your break / holiday and we are pleased to welcome you at our home in Snowdonia. We wish to reassure you that every effort has been taken to ensure your stay will be safe and enjoyable, and we have prepared the below information to provide advice and guidance. We wish you a happy time, which is central to the Snowdonia Mountains. Please email us if you have any questions or can be of any assistance with your visit.

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For mountain conditions on Snowdon google, yrwyddfa live

HISTORY & SITUATION

Hafod y Gwynt is situated near the junction of the A4086/A498, next door but about 150 metres from the Pen y Gwryd Hotel, **(which at present is only open for bar trade at weekends)** at grid ref. 661558. The original Victorian cottage was the coaching house for the Hotel¹. The house was extended in the 1920s by Arthur Lockwood and his wife Florence, who were owners of the hotel; he had been superintendent of Cwm Dylli Hydro Electric Power Station in Nant Gwynant, built in 1906. He had settled in the area from Yorkshire and his favourite hobby was fishing, although he was a keen walker and mountaineer. He created our lake opposite the house, (using parts from a First W W German submarine in the dam), and laid out the gardens, which are now being restored. The grounds also include earthworks of a Roman marching camp, and a scheduled World War 11 blockhouse. We like to think that the house is somewhat unique and now feels, and is furnished and equipped as a family home, with links to the surrounding mountains, we ask you to treat it accordingly. **The house has unlimited Wi fi, BT – 7RCP73, the password is ULNRaD6MhQbXen.** Note the Wi-Fi is not strong in the dining area, better reception in the lounge or conservatory. Mobile phones generally do not operate at the house location, but the signal outside is getting better, and worth a try!

CONTACTING THE OWNER

Harvey Lloyd and Frances Richardson, 37 Stockleys Rd., Headington, Oxford, OX3 9RH Tel. 01865 750067 or Hafod y Gwynt 01286 872456 (private phone in the house), email harveyrichlloyd@gmail.com, are joint owners. Harvey usually visits the property about every fortnight, staying in the flatlet accessed from the kitchen courtyard. Mrs Siona Wyn Williams, cleans the house, she lives about 15 miles away, 09766 17566152, and can tackle minor problems if Mr. Lloyd is not available

The House and your booking: Direct Weekly bookings are normally Friday to Friday, via the house website www.hafodygwynt.co.uk and booking form, **and via AB&B bookings**, where a minimum of 3 nights is acceptable. Please do not arrive before 4 30 pm. Departure by 10 00am on last day. We do also take 3 night weekend short break bookings, please ask for details.

ELECTRICITY and GAS. The house now operates through the mains electric meter and no longer takes £1 & £2 coins. The house also has 16 solar panels of the roof, so it benefits from free electricity in the daytime when the sun shines. It operates automatically.

If the electric Aga is used, we charge a sum of £42 per week, payable direct to Mr. Lloyd. Please ask for details on how to use it. The house electrics are controlled by a modern RCD unit for safety reasons. If the unit trips, instructions are beside the meter. Please keep a torch handy!

¹ Public Bar only opened in 2025 on Fridays and Saturdays 11am – 11pm, probably the same in 2026.

HEATING. Bulk propane gas provides the hot water and central heating. Hafod y Gwynt is in a mountain area (about 800 ft above sea level) and evenings, even in early summer, can be chilly. Bring a jumper to wear! Please ask the owner before your stay if you wish the gas-fired central heating to be switched on; a charge of £65 a week, **(not AB&B bookings)**, is made for central heating), hot water is always available. Please note that the main thermostatic control for the heating is situated on the wall behind the lounge door, the heating can be switched on or off by using this, if it is turned right down the heating will not come on; check this if the heating is not on – the previous tenants may have turned it down. Also note that the radiators have thermostatic valves on them, room temperature can be adjusted using these. **The emergency number for gas leaks is 01244 530391.** There are electric heaters in all main rooms, electric blankets on all the beds except the bunks and a multi fuel stove in the lounge, for which fuel (wood & coal) is included in the letting cost. Instructions for lighting it is in the house (bring a packet of firelighters to help), and extra wood in the conservatory, the wood store and the garden. If you have small children, there is a large fireguard which should be put in place, it gets very hot when it is lit. The stove is a little sophisticated, follow the instructions! Always ensure that the door of the ash pan is properly closed using the spring retaining clip. The coalbunker is outside the conservatory. There is a dehumidifier in the cloakroom, which will act as a drying room for wet outside clothing. **If you are going out for some time, we would be grateful if you could turn the heating down, - this helps us to manage our heating bill during these challenging times. Thank you very much.**

FIRE SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & emergency exit. We do not allow smoking upstairs; **and with present legislation we do not think that guests should smoke in the house.** All the rooms have fire doors and door closers on them, so they should not be blocked open. **We have a system of linked electronically operated heat and smoke detectors fitted throughout the house, together with carbon monoxide detectors.** To reset the fire alarm note the circular control above the broom cupboard, which is under the stairs. All members of your party/group (including children) on arrival should familiarise themselves with fire exits and escape routes from the upstairs bedrooms. Note there is no emergency lighting in the house. Note that a muster point should be designated outside the house as an assembly place in an emergency. There are fire extinguishers situated in the dining room and on the upstairs corridor, and a fire blanket in the kitchen please do not let children play with them.

SECURITY. Please also be security conscious, remember there are thieves in Snowdonia too, lock your cars, and ensure that all lights are turned off and doors and windows are properly secured when you leave the house. At the end of the visit all windows should be secured, and if you have used the key box please return the key for the next visitor.

SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS

Sorry we are not able to provide bedlinen, or supply towels, or make up beds for visitors, our prices reflect this. Duvets and Pillows are provided on all beds.

Bedroom 1 - 2 x 3' single beds. **Room 2** - 1 x 4'6" double bed.

Room 3 - 1 x 4'6" double, king size duvet, 2 x 2'6" bunk beds, + 2'6 folding bed by arrangement. En-suite bathroom. A cot is available also but needs assembling. If used, please unassembled it before leaving.

Room 4 - 1 x 4'6" double, king size duvet, 2 x 2'6" bunk beds. En-suite shower room.

We do not supply pillows cases, duvets covers and sheets. Spare blankets are provided; but please **bring top and bottom sheets / duvet covers and pillowcases** for each bed to be used. Also, there is a highchair in the dining room.

THE KITCHEN. Cooking is by gas hob/electric oven cooker and microwave. An **Aga cooker is electrically operated and can be used by visitors; but it needs about 6 hours to come up to heat, let Harvey know if you intend to use it.** There is microwave cooker, a four-slice toaster and a Kenwood Chef and a Magimix food processor, together with a fully equipped kitchen and a dishwasher. There is equipment and utensils for up to 12 persons. There is an American type frig/freezer in the kitchen which dispenses chilled water and ice cubes, a 5 litres of mineral water from a supermarket will generally keep it going all week. There is an upright

frig freezer adjacent to the kitchen, near the utility room, which can also be used. There is seating available in the dining area for 12 people

WATER SUPPLY & SEWAGE. The house has a private water supply and draws its water from the stream at the top end of the garden, make children aware of this. The water is filtered and purified by units in the utility room, visitors will not have any need to service them. If there is a power cut (unlikely) water should be boiled. If the central heating is not on, hot water can be obtained by using the immersion heater; the switch is in the airing cupboard to the right on the upstairs corridor. The house sewage operates through a septic tank system. It will not cope with children's nappies and other sizable items.

CLOTHES WASHING and Laundry, A modern washing machine (powder needed) and electric clothes dryer are provided in the utility room, together with a clothes line in the garden, when it is sunny, stored in the conservatory with clothes pegs.

FACILITIES LOCALLY. **Tourist Information Offices:** Caernarfon 01286 870765. Betws y Coed 01690 710426. **Walking from the house:** There are many, many short walks that can be done from the house, ask Harvey for a suggested list. There is open access to the hills but please don't climb the stone walls, find a stile or gate and keep dogs under control. Search out *Martin's* and *Nancy's* seats, both across the road. Bring wellies with you and walk around the lake. Visit and explore the four World War 2 block houses adjacent to the house. Walk down the old road towards the Cwm Dyli Hydro Electric Power Station. Walk up the newly established footpath to Pen y Pass and have a cup of tea in the café or at the youth hostel.

Longer Walking: The house is a mecca for mountain walking. Mountain walks start from the doorstep, including Snowdon, the Glyder and Moel Siabod; valley walk to Llyn Gwynant and Capel Curig, note it is advisable to walk up to Pen y Pass where in the summer only parking places for cars booked in advance are available and very costly. Careful parking allows up to 5 cars to park at the house. Buses also are available, bus stop outside the house. In the summer a fine walk can be taken to Dolwyddelan, where lunch can be taken in the pub, and the return route back to Capel Curig, a bus will return the walkers to Hafod y Gwynt, (details 01286 672255). It is worth purchasing the local 1:25000 OS map 'Snowdon' which shows the footpaths, although there are copies in the house. Harvey can email suggested routes from the house and nearby.

Orienteering: Two fixed courses in the Gwydir Forest; maps from Betws-y-Coed Tourist Information Centre. Also a course based at the Forestry Commission site in Beddgelert.

Mountain Biking. Gwydir Forest is a very popular centre as well as is the Coed y Brenin Forestry centre, near Dolgellau (about 50 minutes' drive). A fantastic mountain bike centre has been set up at Blaenau Ffestiniog. Bikes can be stored in the conservatory.

Paragliding: Moel Berfedd, adjacent to the house and the slopes of the Glyder are popular with paragliders in the season - both within easy walking distance (note restricted in lambing season).

Plas y Brenin National Mountaineering Outdoor Centre at Capel Curig 01690 720214 offer taster sessions on rock climbing (indoor climbing wall), canoeing, mountain biking and other mountain activities. It also has a very pleasant lounge bar which provides meals and is open to the public.

Rock Climbing: The nearest main centres are the Llanberis Pass and the Ogwen Valley, about 20 minutes' drive west or east. **A company with a varied programme of activities is**

www.shaggysheepwales.com 01559 363911.

Ropes & Ladders: Try this for a bit of fun & excitement, (it can be expensive!) children, families, or adults, 01286 872310. Also note <https://www.zipworld.co.uk/> loads of fun and excitement, but also expensive.

Swimming: In Llyn Lockwood, or the larger Llyn Cwm Ffynnon (follow stream uphill behind the house), or over the ridge in front of the house Llynau Diwaunydd (it's a good walk!). Swimming pools at Bangor or Caernarfon Sports Centre, with plenty of lakes around for wild swimming.

Sea Fishing: An interesting and rewarding day can be spent sea fishing. A range of trips are available, 01248 810379 or 810251 Strada Sea Fishing for details. They operate out of Beaumaris.

Tourist attractions: There are a wealth of tourist attractions in the area, including castles, mines, museums and narrow-gauge railways; details in the folder in the house. **Sygun Copper Mine** (10 mins. drive) is close

bye and worth visiting, on the left side of the A 498 road before Beddgelert. **The National Trust** and **Penrhyn Castle**, Bangor is one of their showpiece attractions, **Craflwyn Hall** in Nant Gwynant (10 mins. drive A498) has some very pleasant walks laid out in the grounds and nearby hills, and **Bodnant Gardens** in the Conwy Valley are world famous. The **Welsh Highland Heritage Railway** is one of the better Great Little Trains of Wales visits at Porthmadog, 01766 513402 or www.whr.co.uk, sat nav LL49 9DY. Not to be missed visit but closed in 2025 for maintenance (brill when it's raining too!) is the **National Slate Museum** in Llanberis, free admission, 01286 870630, www.museumwales.ac.uk which is open throughout the year, but at present is under modernisation work.

Wild swimming: for those who enjoy this sport the opportunities are endless; check our lake or the web.

The Hafod y Gwynt Gardens. The extensive gardens have been badly damaged by high winds in December 2024. They still contain streams and ponds and are very slowly being restored. For many years we have endeavoured to return it from the wilderness that it was in December. Please warn children about the danger of water, it is about two feet deep in places, and supervise small children, but given these limitations the garden can be a big adventure playground for youngsters. Take care on the slate paths and steps, which will be extremely slippery when wet. Please keep the **house gates closed** - the sheep love to eat the plants and they are expensive to replace (the plants, not the sheep!!) Ensure the gates are closed when you leave the property. **We do have a small portable charcoal barbeque with charcoal available, stored in the conservatory – if you use it, it is important to clean it after use.** Remember that midges can be a nuisance in the summer, bring anti midge cream if you intend to barbeque or sit out in the garden in the evening. **Note also that a copse is being created opposite the Pen y Gwryd hotel, with a viewpoint and seat; please feel free to walk where you wish.**

THE LAKE: Lockwood's Lake over the road belongs to Hafod y Gwynt and contains native brown trout and some stocked trout. Canoeing and Fly-fishing is available to guests; (you will need a fishing licence). Canoes can be used as can wild swimming. The open season for brown trout fishing on still waters is 20 March until 17 October, rivers are 3 March until 30 September. Minimum taking size limit is 8". Please record any fish caught in the visitors' book. At times other people may fish the lake.

PLANTS: Please water the plants in the conservatory and house - their future depends on you! There is a hosepipe available. The birds also appreciated their feeders being refilled, seed in the conservatory.

RECYCLING and RUBBISH disposal: *We would like to think that we operate Hafod y Gwynt as a Green Centre.* The careful use of electricity is part of the plan. However, I mention one of the problems that modern times are thrusting on us - too much packaging and too few rubbish collections! We now have a Green (refuse) and a Brown (garden) wheelie bin and also a recycling trolley, together with two waste food caddies for collection, in the enclosed area outside the front of the conservatory. A calendar on the sideboard in the house shows which is a brown week and which is a green week. Garden refuse (the brown bin) is collected early fortnightly on Monday morning and the Refuse, (the green wheelie bin), is collected on early Thursday morning, three-weekly generally **early about 7 am**, and to further complicate matters the waste food and recycling is collected weekly! Please put **outside the gate all containers on Sunday or Wednesday evenings**. Recycle everything that is re-cyclable! A small waste food bin is provided in the kitchen, the larger brown one outside the front door, this must be lined with corn/starch compostable bags available in one of the kitchen drawers/ units. The refuse collectors will not pick up extra black plastic bin bags if the wheelie bin is full. The collection is only every three weeks so recycle all that is possible and wash, crush and condense things down; life is not easy in the countryside! Please separate all recyclable items into the boxes provided. Please bring into the garden the bins etc. from the pavement before you leave the house.

It is worth noting that in domestic situations it is a fact that 80% of household waste can be recycled, although this figure is rarely achieved, we trust that you will very much favour the crush recycling cans, crush plastics, glass, waste food, food packaging, cardboard and newspaper etc., given the threat of global

warming. Initially there is a unit for this in the fitted kitchen units. Finally, please, please no recycling in the green wheelie bin, this is for garden fill rubbish only!

BREAKAGES: We do not ask guests to pay an upfront deposit in respect of damage and breakages **but ask and do need to know when any accidents occur.**

CAR PARKING and PUBLIC SERVICES, the Bus: With a little careful arrangement at least 5 cars can be parked outside the house. If you expect more contact, Harvey. **Don't park at Pen y Pass – it costs £50!** Hafod y Gwynt is on the Llandudno-Llanrwst-Porthmadog-Llanberis bus route, there is a bus stop outside the house. In summer school holidays period a very good service passes the house: buses also run to Llandudno Junction, Beddgelert, Porthmadog and Caernarfon. Extensive bus information from the Gwynedd CC web site, timetables on line or 0871 200 22 33 or 01286 672255, be environmentally friendly and use the buses! It is convenient for organising linier walks through the hills. There is normally a bus timetable on the sideboard in the dining room.

Cashpoints: The Spar shop in Llanberis has a cash machine and operates Switch. **Post box:** Opposite the Pen y Gwryd Hotel.

Shopping: The village shop at Capel Curig is now closed, there is now a café and perhaps there are plans re reopen. Post Office and Spar supermarkets are in Llanberis, Betws y Coed and Beddgelert. Safeway's, Morison's, Tesco's etc. in Bangor, Porthmadog and Caernarfon. Supermarkets do deliver to the house. The Ice Cream shops in Llanberis & Beddgelert are recommended! Petrol is available in Betws y Coed 24 hours, and available somewhat cheaper on the main A 4086 to Caernarfon, beyond Llanberis.

Eating out: Most of the pubs in the area do quite good bar meals and children are welcome. When open the Pen y Gwryd Hotel does not serve bar meals in 2025. In Llanberis there is an excellent café called Pete's Eats (eat@petes-eats.co.uk) although closed at present. Also, similar are Y Caban, in Brynrefail 01286 685500, (www.caban-cyf.org) is worth searching out, as in Plas y Brenin the National Outdoor Centre. We publish a info sheet giving more details; please ask for one if you intend to eat out. Capel Curig has three hotels, although now only the Tyn y Coed Hotel and Plas y Brenin provide evening meals.

Key holders: If you have any problem with the key/access to the house, the following people hold keys; Mr Ken Jones 01286 870721.

COMMENTS: ***We do hope you have a lovely stay and enjoy your holiday in the house. Your comments on your visit would be helpful - please feel free to write in the visitor's book comments about your stay or ideas that future guests may find useful.***

EMERGENCY NUMBERS - Harvey and Frances, Oxford, 01865 750067

Doctor, in Llanberis 01286 678999, NHS direct 0845 4647, OofService, 0300123 55 66

Mountain Rescue 999. Police in Llanberis 01286 870222

Central Heating problems, boiler problems, Mathew Nottingham, 0787 616 7799.

Electric Supply problems at times of supply failure, i.e. stormy weather 0845 2722424

Electrical problems, Matthew Lee Scott, Matthews Electrical 01248 673218 / 07921 159 507, or Robert J Plaister, Ty Gwyn, Waunfawr, Caernarfon, LL55 4AZ. 01286 650070, mob. 0776 880 9996.

Gas Supply / problems Camgas 01244 520551 Gas, Emergency number for gas leaks is 01244 530391 June 2025