

**LOWFIELD HOUSE
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WELCOME TO LOWFIELD HOUSE

Dear Guests,

A very warm welcome to Lowfield House. We hope that you will find your stay in Little Langdale relaxing, enjoyable and fun.

Lowfield is our much loved family home, and has been within the same family for 3 generations since it was first built. It has recently undergone an extensive refurbishment, and we hope that you will love it as much as we do. We respectfully ask that you take care of our home during your stay – much of the furniture and books are antique and irreplaceable to us.

In this folder we have included instructions for all of the appliances (along with e-links should you prefer). We have also included a number of ideas for places you may like to visit, along with contact numbers that you may need during your stay.

If there is anything at all that arises whilst you are staying at Lowfield that you require assistance with, please contact Wheelwrights on 015394 37635.

Enjoy Lowfield House, Enjoy Little Langdale, and enjoy the beautiful Lake District National Park.

James and Jan Lloyd

HOUSE RULES!!!

Lowfield House remains a family home, and we therefore respectfully request that the following simple “House Rules” are adhered to;

Please respect our neighbours – sound travels in the valley! Please keep this in mind when using the hot tub or outdoor facilities!

Please do not stick anything to our walls.

Please use the coasters and placemats supplied – much of our furniture is antique and impossible to replace, especially as many of the pieces have been within the family for generations.

Lowfield is a NO SMOKING property. Please ensure any smoking takes place outside, where slate pots with sand are provided as ashtrays are. DO NOT TAKE GLASSWARE OUTSIDE OR USE IN HOT TUB. Special polycarbonate glasses in a variety of shapes have been provided for you (cupboard next to the dishwasher).

Please ensure that all rubbish is placed in the wheelie bins at the top of the drive. We have a commercial collection and all rubbish and recycling is sorted at the waste depot – which saves you a job! We would be grateful if you take any large boxes that cannot be broken down to fit in the bins with you. Bins are collected on Thursdays.

Please ensure that dogs are kept on leads where signs instruct, and that any dog mess is cleared from the lawn and garden area with appropriate bags and disposed of. There is also a ‘pooper scooper’ available for your use. **PLEASE NOTE** – Dogs are not permitted on the carpeted section of the property, so must remain on the Lower Ground or Ground Floors only.

There are often horses and other livestock in the adjacent field – you are welcome to enjoy watching, but **PLEASE DO NOT FEED**.

Please ensure that all cutlery, glasses and crockery are either cleaned and returned to their cupboard home, or are put on a hot wash cycle and left in the dishwasher.

Please ensure that the property is vacated by 10.00am on the day of departure.

There are ENDLESS incredible places to eat in the area, and we couldn't possibly include them all!! However, here are some ideas to get you started, and if you find a 'hidden gem' make sure you include it in our Guest Book so that we can add it to our list!!!

PLACES TO EAT

THE THREE SHIRES INN

Little Langdale, Ambleside, LA22 9NZ
015394 37215

Once owned and run by the people that built Lowfield House – Arthur and Alison Scriven. Still a firm favourite with the family, and just a short few minutes walk along the valley from Lowfield House. No stay here is ever complete without a visit! Tony And James are the current Landlords.

<https://www.threeshiresinn.co.uk>

WAINWRIGHTS INN

Chapel Stile, Ambleside, LA22 9JD
015394 38088

Traditional Lakeland pub – great place to stop after walking over from Little Langdale!
PLEASE NOTE – no booking is available, operates on a first come first served basis (but you are welcome to enjoy a drink at the bar whilst you wait!).

<https://www.restaurantji.co.uk/cumbria/chapel-stile/wainwrights-inn/>

BRITANNIA INN

Elterwater, LA22 9HP
015394 37210

Excellent range of pub food on offer – the perfect place after a walk from Little Langdale into Elterwater

SLATES COFFEE AND KITCHEN

Maple Tree Corner, Elterwater, LA22 9HY
015394 37207

A new operation sited in what used to be the local Post Office and Corner Shop! Slates offers a range of pizzas and hot/cold drinks.

THE PRIEST HOLE RESTAURANT AND TEA ROOMS

Church Street, Ambleside, LA22 0BU
015394 33332

The Priest Hole is part of Keswick Old Hall – one of the oldest buildings in Ambleside. Offers an outside terrace for those warmer days! DOG FRIENDLY

ZEFFIRELLIS

Compston Road, Ambleside, LA22 9AD
015394 33845

Operating for more than 38 years, Zeffirellis is a vegetarian restaurant offering a great range of delicious dishes. Zeffirellis also has a jazz bar with live music and a cinema – special '2 course meal and cinema seat' packages are hugely popular.

LUCY'S ON A PLATE

Church Street, Ambleside, LA22 0BU
015394 32288

Lucy's has a renowned Deli where owners' James and Richard's Mum – Christine – used to shop specially for her favourite cheese!!! The Bistro has been operating for 25 years and is unique and quirky. It offers a selection of over 30 desserts that are cooked on site, from Borrowdale Sticky Banana Pudding, to Almond & Apple Eve Pudding and Toffee Vodka Cheesecake!!!

FRESHERS CAFÉ

The Courtyard, Rothay Road, Ambleside, LA22 0EE
07969 578517

Renowned for their sandwiches, soups and amazing quiches

FELLINIS

Church Street, Ambleside, LA22 0BD
01539 33845

Sister Restaurant to Zeffirellis. Not a vegetarian restaurant, but vegetarian and vegan friendly!

DOI INTANON THAI RESTAURANT

Market Place, Ambleside, LA22 9BU
015394 32119

Considered the premier Thai Restaurant in Ambleside since 2000

LAKE ROAD KITCHEN

Lake Road, Ambleside, LA22 0AD
015394 22012

Award winning restaurant using home grown and Cumbrian produce. Expect to see Herdwick Lamb, Dry Aged Saddleback and 100 Day Aged Cumbrian Blue Grey Beef on the menu.

Dr BREW'S COFFEE

Grosvenor Terrace, Lake Road, Bowness-on-Windermere, LA23 3BS
015394 47354

Coffee and cake!!!!!!
Dog friendly

THE CRAFTY BAA

21 Victoria Street, Windermere, LA23 1AB
015394 88002

Quirky and fun! Great for just drinks or food as well Winner of the 2018-19 Certificate Of Excellence.

THE LAMPLIGHTER DINING ROOMS

High Street, Windermere, LA23 1AF
015394 43547

Amazing Sunday lunches. Holders of the Certificate Of Excellence from 2015-19. Outdoor seating available.

THINGS TO DO – PLACES TO SEE!

HAYES GARDEN WORLD

Lake Road, Ambleside, LA22 0DW
015394 33434

Renowned Garden Centre, but so much more! Suppliers of endless gifts, and has a BBQ shop. There is also the Four Seasons Terrace Café. A very special place to visit at Christmas time!!

Guide dogs only, although water bowls are provided for dogs, and they have a special 'dog walk' so that your four legged friends can stretch their legs.

THE LANGDALE ESTATE

Chapel Hill, Great Langdale, LA22 9JD
015394 38055

The 35 Acre Estate offers great facilities – especially on a rainy day! Gym, pool, steam room, sauna, and tennis courts. Day Entry Passes and Twilight Entry Passes available for non-residents, prices starting at £12.

LOW WOOD BAY RESORT AND SPA

Ambleside Road, Windermere, LA23 1LP
015394 39303

Nestled on the shores of Lake Windermere, Low Wood offers a range of Spa Days, as well as hosting the two restaurants – Atrium and Blue Smoke On The Bay

LOW WOOD WATERSPORTS CENTRE

Ambleside Road, Windermere, LA23 1LP
015394 39441

A must for the more energetic guests! Offering flyboarding, sailing, boat hire, canoeing, kayaking, water skiing, wake boarding and paddle boarding.

LAKELAND

Alexandra Buildings, Windermere, LA23 1BQ
015394 88100

Lakeland's flagship store is based at Windermere, and many hours can be spent perusing the endless gifts and gadgets available – and the added bonus is their 1st Floor Café which offers views over the Lakeland Fells.

WORLD OF BEATRIX POTTER

Crag Brow, Bowness-on-Windermere, LA23 3BX
015394 88444

Interactive exhibits tell the story of Beatrix Potter's writing, and her importance to Lakeland conservation.

HOME OF BEATRIX POTTER

Hill Top House, Near Sawrey, Ambleside, LA22 0LF
015394 36269

National Trust 17th Century home of the children's author Beatrix Potter.

BROCKHOLE

Windermere, LA23 1LJ
015394 46601

A great day out. Offerings include boat hire, archery, adventure playground and laser clay shooting.

GRIZEDALE FOREST

Hawkshead, LA22 0QJ
0300 0674495

25 km² of beautiful woodland – keep an eye out for the elusive red squirrels!! Also has a café, Visitor Centre and a Go Ape high wire course for aerial adventure.

NEWBY BRIDGE AQUARIUM

Rocky Bank, Lakeside, Newby Bridge, Ulverston, LA12 8AS
015395 30153

Offering freshwater and marine exhibits, sting rays and an underwater tunnel.

WINDERMERE LAKE CRUISES

Bowness Pier – LA23 3HQ
Ambleside Pier – LA22 0EY
Lakeside Pier – LA12 8AS
015394 43360

Cruises available from 45-90 minutes, as well as self drive motor boat hire and row boat hire. Bus and boat tickets are available offering unlimited travel in the South Lakes and a boat journey across Lake Windermere.

LAKELAND MOTOR MUSEUM

Old Blue Mill, Blackbarrow, Ulverston, LA12 8TA
015394 30400

Much more than just a motor museum, with over 30,000 exhibits on view. Also has the Riverside Café. Joint tickets are available with Windermere Cruises and other attractions.

RAVENSGLOSS & ESKDALE STEAM RAILWAY

Ravensglass Station CA18 1SW Boot Station, Dalegarth CA19 1TF
01229 717171

The Ravensglass and Eskdale Steam Railway is the oldest and longest narrow gauge railway in England, and is known affectionately as 'La'al Ratty' (meaning 'Little Railway' in old Cumbrian dialect). The track is 7 miles long, and takes 40 minutes each way, with spectacular views over the countryside and estuaries. The main season for operating is March – October, although there are some services in November, as well as over the Christmas and New Year period. Ticket prices start at £12 for children, and £18 for adults. Under 3's are free, and various upgrades are available. Dog tickets are available at £1.50, and spaces can be booked for bikes and wheelchairs.

USEFUL NUMBERS AND INFORMATION

MEDICAL

URGENT TREATMENT CENTRE:

Westmorland General Hospital
Burton Road
Kendal
Cumbria
LA9 7RG
015397 32288

FULL ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY:

Royal Lancaster Infirmary
Ashton Road
Lancaster
LA1 4RP
01524 65944

DOCTORS:

Central Lakes Medical Group
Ambleside Surgery
Rydal Road
Ambleside
LA22 9BP
01539432693

Hawkshead Practice
Bragg Field
Hawkshead
LA22 0QW
015394 36246

PHARMACY:

Boots The Chemist
Market Cross
Ambleside
LA22 9BT
015394 33355

VETERINARY

OAKHILL VETS

1 Church Street
Ambleside
LA22 0BU
015394 32631

Lake Road
Windermere
LA23 2EQ
015394 88555

Emergency out of hours: 015394 88555

For wildlife emergencies, please call the RSPCA in the first instance on 0300 123 4555. An RSPCA Officer will decide if veterinary assistance is needed and will supply you with an incident number which you can then give to Oakhill Vets.

SHOPPING

Both Sainsbury's and Tesco will deliver groceries to Lowfield House. If you prefer to do your shop in person, then we highly recommend Booth's in Windermere;

Booths
The Old Station
Victoria Street
Windermere
LA23 1QA
015394 46114

RAILWAY STATIONS

Windermere Railway Station, LA23 1QA
Kendal Railway Station, LA9 6SA
Oxenholme Railway Station, Oxenholme Road, Kendal, LA9 7HG

APPLIANCE INSTRUCTIONS AND HOUSE GUIDE

When you arrive at Lowfield House, the heating will have automatically been set to ensure the house is warm for your arrival. All of the slate floors and tiled floors have underfloor heating.

If necessary, you can alter the heat settings to your liking by adjusting the 'NEST' thermostats (although this is generally not required). These are situated in the Entrance Hallway, on the first floor Landing, and in the Loft Bedroom. The water is heated on an ongoing basis to ensure hot showers and baths are available for all!

Fire extinguishers are available under the sinks in both the Kitchen and Utility Room, and a Fire Blanket is also kept alongside the extinguisher in the Kitchen.

The gas fire in the Living Room is controlled with the small remote control. Simply hold down the Red button and the 'large flame icon' button at the same time to start the ignition process. Once you hear the 'click' you can release the button – the fire can take up to 10 seconds to ignite.

The kitchen has a gas range which also includes electric oven/grill and a rotisserie oven. There is also a microwave/combi oven and warming drawer – which is below the combi oven (to open the warming drawer simply push and it will open). The on/off switch and temperature control are inside on the right hand side. There is also a helpful guide on the inside of the door of the cupboard next to the fridge.

The kitchen also has toaster, kettle and coffee maker, a multi blender/processor and electronic kitchen scales as well as the fridge, freezer, wine cooler and dishwasher.

There are TV's in both the Living Room (this set is on an arm that means the TV can be put in a position where everyone can watch in comfort) and in the Family Room on the Lower Ground Floor. You have full access to Freesat and Netflix.

The Utility Room has a Washing Machine and Washer Drier.

A Hoover, brushes and mop are available in the cupboard situated in the Ground Floor cloakroom/loo. There is also a heated clothes drier in this cupboard.

PLEASE HANG ALL COATS AND PLACE ALL SHOES IN THE LEFT HAND CUPBOARD IN THE FAMILY ROOM (Lower Ground Floor). This cupboard is heated to help dry of any wet garments. There is also an iron and ironing board available for your use.

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Spare pillows etc are available in the drawers in the divan beds in case of accidents. We would respectfully ask that any bedding that gets dirtied is cleaned before leaving the property.

The Hot Tub is situated on the patio at the rear of the house. Please be careful when using. ***There are darker towels available for hot tub use in the bench seat situated in the kitchen. Please leave any used hot tub towels in your bedroom en suites***

There are a selection of books and games available for your use (in the TV cupboard in the Living Room) as well as a selection of maps for the local area. Please do be careful with the maps – some of them are very old and mean a great deal to the family as they were originally owned by Alison Scriven who built Lowfield House.

There is a warm outside tap with shower attachment situated outside next to the EV charging unit. ***This has been set to the optimum temperature for washing off dogs.*** Please help yourself to the selection of dog towels in the basket placed in the Utility Room (along with the treats and toy for your family pooch!). Please place used dog towels into the Utility Room sink at the end of your stay.

Instructions for all of the appliances within Lowfield can be found in the accompanying folder. PLEASE CONTACT WHEELWRIGHTS ON 015394 37635 IMMEDIATELY IF THERE IS A PROBLEM.

LOWFIELD HOUSE – THE STORY SO FAR

On retirement from owning and running the Three Shires Pub in Little Langdale, Arthur & Alison Scriven (Grandparents to current owner James) bought the plot of land upon which Lowfield House is now situated from Joe Pepper - a local farmer from the Valley. The year was 1957.

The ¾ acre plot had the footing of an old barn still on it - all be it long since demolished at that point. However, this enabled planning permission for Lowfield House to be granted, and built upon the footprint of the old barn. Lowfield was built by local builder Donald Bowness and the landscaping done by Hayes of Ambleside over the years of 1966/67. Unfortunately Arthur passed away in 1964, but Alison moved in to Lowfield in 1967, and it was considered to have state of the art technology for the time.

Alison lived there until her death in the early 1990's. During this time Gran Had a Lifelong friendship with a lady named Mrs Gaskell. She had originally started working for Arthur and Alison at the Three Shires Inn, and then afterwards became home help at Lowfield until Alison passed away. Mrs Gaskell continued to be a Housekeeper for Lowfield – which was now a holiday home for the families of Alison's children Christine and Martin. Upon her retirement, her daughter - Janet Gaskell - then became the house keeper for Lowfield until her retirement in 2016, at which point her daughter in law took over the housekeeping duties. This is wife to Craig Gaskell – hugely respected local Building Contractor, and son of Janet. Craig has done all the recent refurbishment of Lowfield House, along with Fallowfield Projects of Stavely, Ambleside Plumbers, and Steve Price Electricians (all Local trades).

After Alison's death, Lowfield was kept as a family home and used regularly by the family and friends of both Christine and Martin. Christine sadly passed away in 2008, but her husband Michael kept the property, running it in conjunction with Martin. When Michael passed away in 2016, 75% of the title passed to sons James, Richard and Duncan, with Martin still retaining 25% equity. James and Richard agreed to buy out Duncan and Martin to avoid the house being sold so it could remain within the family for a 3rd generation and beyond.

At this point, Lowfield House had not had any modernisation since it was originally built, and as a result James and Richard - with a great deal of help from respective wives Jan and Coot (Caroline) undertook and project managed the modernisation and renovation along with Craig Gaskell. As a young lad Craig use to come and mow the lawns and do odd jobs at Lowfield, so it seems perfect that Craig was now responsible for pulling the property into the 21st Century.

Other points of note about our beloved Lowfield House;

1. There was a Norway Spruce to the left of the drive as you enter the property. It used to be the family Christmas Tree. It was brought into the house each Christmas during the 1960's, until it became too large, and eventually reached in excess of 100 feet. Sadly the tree was blown down in the gales of early 2022, but the remaining stump is now used as a plinth for the magnificent Red Squirrel by talented sculptor Claire Bigger (further information available on the Lowfield website). The squirrel is fast becoming famous within his own right!
2. Both James and Richard proposed to their respective wives at Lowfield
3. Richard was christened in Little Langdale Chapel
4. Both Arthur and Alison are buried at Chapel Stile in Great Langdale
5. Christine's ashes were scattered on Lingmoor, so that she can look down upon her beloved Lowfield House. The family constructed a cairn in her memory, and every time one of the family walks up Lingmoor they take a stone to place upon the cairn (which is now visible from the Living Room window)
6. There are two settles in the Three Shires Inn that Arthur and Alison purchased when they were proprietors

As with the Lloyd/Scriven family, the Gaskells have been associated with Lowfield for 3 generations - in fact 4 now that young Jack (son of Wayne - brother and work colleague of Craig) was responsible for watering the garden during the summer of 2019 after it was replanted for a bit of pocket money, and now looks after the lawn at Lowfield. Wayne and his family live across the valley at Stang End, so he is able to walk or cycle across the Valley after school.

James bought Richard and Caroline out in 2022 and now owns the property solely, but Lowfield still remains a holiday house for the family and hopefully for many generations to come. The decision was made to make it available for others to enjoy and appreciate what a special place it is. The following pages are a selection of photos from the original build of Lowfield, right through to the recent modernisation. We hope you enjoy them

James and Jan Lloyd