



# WALKERS WELCOME

## Grove House, Levisham Station

There are some fantastic walks straight from the cottage and many others accessible via the steam railway – no need to use the car at all. There are lots of walks detailed in the cottage as well as local maps. We walk quite a lot locally and are happy to suggest different routes or comment on the suitability of different walks you might identify.

### Emergency and other useful contact numbers

Doctor – Pickering	01751 471296
Dentist – Pickering	01751 477774
Hospital – Casualty Dept Malton.	01653 693041
Coastguard	01723 372323
Mountain Rescue: is provided by Scarborough and District Search & Rescue	contact via 999 or 112 from mobile
Local weather	01904 722067
Police	01653 692424/0845 6060247
Vets	01751 472204
Tourist Information, Pickering	01751 473791

### Walking in the Countryside

There is some absolutely fantastic countryside to walk through direct from the cottage. Please do follow the countryside code when out and about, its common sense both for you and others. (Copies are in the cottage).

A couple of local things specifically that might be useful to you:

1. The highland cattle on the moors, look lovely and cuddly especially the calves. They are actually normally quite docile BUT do take care especially of the mother of young calves or the bull if he is looking amorous towards one of the cows.
2. Sheep Ticks – there are loads on the bracken, if you have a dog it is very likely they will get ticks, they attach to the skin and suck blood. The best advice is to brush your dog thoroughly after every walk. If it does get a tick then we do have a remover available – just ask.

### **Local Services**

Telephone – Mobile phones do not work in the valley. The closest public telephone is in Levisham village at the top of the hill. In case of an emergency, for you or your relatives, you are welcome to use our number as a contact: 01751 471310.

We do have a pay as you go mobile which is available for use on request.



Post – The closest post box is in Levisham village. The closest post office is in Pickering high street. If you want anything posted we go to Pickering most days and would be happy to post mail for you.

Cash Machines/Banks – The closest are in Pickering which has a range of high street banks and cash machines.

Walking/Outdoor Equipment – Ryedale Ramblers is located on the high street in Pickering and has a good range of walking clothing and equipment.

Baggage Transfer – Is available through the Sherpa van project. Tel: 020 8569 4101

Local Walking Club – Ryedale Ramblers Association can be contacted via John Williams. Tel: 01653 618583

### **Public Transport**

Steam Trains – The train timetable is in the black tourist information folder. The line goes to Pickering which connects you to a variety of bus transport. It also now connects (on certain trains) to Whitby which connects with main line rail services. The train operates full time from the third weekend in March until the first weekend in November. Winter weekends through until Christmas, plus the Christmas New Year holiday and February half term.

Bus Services – There are no bus services from Levisham Station but plenty from Pickering. The Moors Bus is a great way to get around in the summer and departs from Pickering outside the Tourist Information Centre or Thornton-le-Dale. The Coastlines service connects to Whitby, Scarborough, York, Leeds and Helmsley. The bus to Whitby stops at Lockton. Bus timetables are in the tourist information folder.

### **Shopping**

Local shops – The closest shop is in Lockton village. It sells all the essentials and will order you papers if you wish. Open 9-5 (with considerable seasonal variation) closing day is Tuesdays.

Pickering has a much wider selection of shops. We get to Pickering most days and are happy to pick up shopping for the cottage.

Delivery in advance - If you would like to have your groceries in your cottage prior to your arrival then Tesco direct will deliver direct to the cottage and we would be happy to accept the delivery into the cottage.