

# BEECHENHILL FARM

## Welcome Information Pack The Cottage by the Pond



Beechenhill Farm, Ilam, Ashbourne, DE6 2BD

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## Local Shops and Food Deliveries

Name	Location	Contact	Description
<b>Fresh Choice Greengrocers</b>	<b>22 St John St Ashbourne DE6 1GH</b>	<a href="http://www.freshchoiceashbourne.co.uk">www.freshchoiceashbourne.co.uk</a>	Superb high-quality selection of fruit, vegetables and some dairy. Order on website at least 48 hours before pick-up.
<b>Cheddar Gorge Deli</b>	<b>9 Dig Street Ashbourne DE6 1GF</b>	<a href="http://www.thecheddargorge.co.uk">www.thecheddargorge.co.uk</a>	Delicious range of cheeses, pies, cereals, dried goods, bakery and baking ingredients. Superb little zero waste section.
<b>Loaf - Ashbourne</b>	<b>29 Market Place Ashbourne DE6 1EU</b>	<a href="http://www.theloaf.co.uk">www.theloaf.co.uk</a> 01773 857074	Gorgeous little sourdough bakery. Delicious range of interesting breads and homemade pastries. Open in the mornings for fresh bread, pastries and coffee.
<b>House of Beer</b>	<b>28b Church St Ashbourne DE6 1EA</b>	<a href="https://www.facebook.com/houseofbeerashbourne/">https://www.facebook.com/houseofbeerashbourne/</a> 01335 343669	Shop stocking a superb range of beers, and a lively tap room currently open Wednesday – Sundays (subject to change). Drop in or order a pick-up. Will also create random box or select recommended beers based on your likes.

## Where to Eat and Drink

Please see KEY at the end of the section

### Nearest Pubs

Name	Location	Directions	Description
<b>The George</b> 01335 310205 A <a href="https://thegeorgealstonefield.co.uk/">https://thegeorgealstonefield.co.uk/</a>	<b>Alstonefield</b> <b>DE6 2FX</b>	End of farm drive turn left, then 1 <sup>st</sup> right, next left, up hill, pub in centre of Alstonefield.	Warm and friendly village pub with good pub food. New owners will be taking over sometime so .... <b>Check opening and food service times</b>
<b>The Old Dog</b> 01335 350990 <b>W</b> <a href="https://www.theolddog.co.uk/">https://www.theolddog.co.uk/</a>	<b>Thorpe</b> <b>DE6 2AT</b>	End of farm drive turn right, in Ilam turn left at the monument and continue through Thorpe, at the top of the hill as you leave the village, pub is on your right opposite garage.	Warm and welcoming pub with relaxed and often updated menu. Can be pricey but has a lovely atmosphere, great drinks selection and is our preferred local! Need to book to guarantee a table. <b>Opening times vary seasonally – check their social media</b>
<b>The Royal Oak</b> 01335 310287 A <a href="https://www.royaloakwetton.co.uk/">https://www.royaloakwetton.co.uk/</a>	<b>Wetton</b> <b>DE6 2AF</b>	End of farm drive turn left, then 1 <sup>st</sup> left, winding lane to Wetton, pub in centre of village	Decent village pub, good to walk to from Beechenhill. <b>Check website for opening times- food served</b> MON- SAT 12PM-8PM Sun 12PM-7PM
<b>The Black Lion Inn</b>  01538 304232  <a href="https://www.blacklioninn.co.uk/en">https://www.blacklioninn.co.uk/en</a>	<b>Butterton</b> <b>ST13 7SP</b>	Drive north, through Wetton and turn left after village down into the Manifold Valley following signs to Butterton up the opposite hill. In Butterton the pub is near the church.	Welcoming relaxed pub with beautifully cooked food. Cosy and friendly. (laid back service!) <b>Opening Times – food served</b> Tuesday to Saturday Bar: 12:00-23:00 Kitchen: 12:00-15:00 and 18:00-21:00 Sunday Bar: 12:00-22:00 Kitchen: 12:00-16:00 Monday Closed
<b>Ye Olde Cheshire Cheese</b> 01298 83219 W <a href="https://www.robinsonsbrewery.com/pubs/ye-olde-cheshire-cheese-inn-longnor/">https://www.robinsonsbrewery.com/pubs/ye-olde-cheshire-cheese-inn-longnor/</a>	<b>Longnor</b> <b>SK17 0NS</b>	Drive north, through Alstonefield to the end of the road at Hulme End, turn left. Turn right for Longnor. In Longnor turn right at the cross roads, the pub is down the street on the left with a carpark just beyond on the left.	Very friendly, recently refurbished pub with big, generous pub meals. <b>Opening Times</b> Everyday 12-11pm
<b>The Oakover Arms</b> 01335 350305  <a href="https://www.okeoverarms.co.uk/">https://www.okeoverarms.co.uk/</a>	<b>Mapleton</b> <b>DE6 2AB</b>	Go south through Ilam, across the bridge, at top of hill take 1 <sup>st</sup> left, then pass Okeover Park on your right continue over bridge into Mapleton, turn right at junction pub is on your left.	Offering hearty home cooked meals, Indian food a speciality. Indian takeaways available see their website for menus. <b>Opening Times – food served</b> Tues-Sat 12-9pm Sunday 12-7pm Monday closed

<b>The Royal Oak</b> 01335 300090 A <a href="https://www.royaloakashburne.co.uk/">https://www.royaloakashburne.co.uk/</a>	<b>Hanging Bridge Mayfield DE6 2BN</b>	Go south through Ilam, across bridge, at top of hill take 1 <sup>st</sup> left then 1 <sup>st</sup> right across Okeover Park. Turn left at the T junction. Pub is just over the bridge on left.	Pub with dining. Need to book. <b>Opening Times- food served</b> From 12 noon every day
<b>The Duncombe Arms</b> 01335 324275 (20 mins drive) <a href="https://www.duncombearms.co.uk/">https://www.duncombearms.co.uk/</a>	<b>Ellastone DE6 2GZ</b>	Through Ilam over bridge, at top of hill take 1 <sup>st</sup> left then 1 <sup>st</sup> right across Okeover Park. Turn left at T junction then right. Continue into Ellastone, pub on left.	Excellent gastropub with lovely food. Need to book. <b>Opening Times</b> Mon-Sat 12 noon-11 Sun- 12 noon – 10 Food served lunch and dinner.

## Local Restaurants

Name	Location	Directions	Description
<b>The Greenman</b> 01335 346040 <a href="https://www.thegreenman.co.uk/">https://www.thegreenman.co.uk/</a>	<b>10 St John Street Ashbourne DE6 1GH</b>	In Ashbourne, through the Market Place cross road & down the alleyway beside Young Ideas. Or, park in Shawcroft car park & walk up opposite M&Co.	Recently tastefully refurbished. Lovely thoughtful food beautifully presented. Great for a treat! Drinks available 12-11 all week. <b>Open for food:</b> Weds – Sat 12–2 & 6–8:30 Sun – 12-3:30. Need to book.
<b>The Machine Inn</b> 01335 682380 <a href="https://www.machineinn.com/">https://www.machineinn.com/</a>	<b>1 Church Street Ashbourne DE6 1GH</b>	In Ashbourne on the T junction of Dig street and Church Street, in the old Nat West Bank.	Excellent food and service with a modern twist to classic dishes. A lovely experience in an interesting building. Wed- Sun (and bank holiday Mondays) 12-10pm Mon and Tues Closed
<b>The Cottage Kitchen</b> 01538 308505	<b>Leek Road Winkhill ST13 7PN</b>	Go south through Ilam over bridge, right at top of hill, right at Calton crossroads towards Leek. Just after village of Winkhill, on left.	Restaurant/Café by makers of Cottage Delight products. Lovely generous homemade food, good for families. May need to book as is popular. Small playground outside for young children.
<b>Bowling Green</b> 01335 342511 A	<b>Ashbourne DE6 1EZ</b>	At Crossroads at top of hill out of Ashbourne on A515	Steakhouse pub, need to book.
<b>Thai Basement Restaurant</b> 01335 300305	<b>Middle Cale, St John's St Ashbourne DE6 1GP</b>	At the corner of Buxton Hill and St Johns St. Down some stairs.	Beautifully served and exquisitely tasty Thai food. Need to book
<b>The Market Place Fish &amp; Chips</b> 01335 344780	<b>Ashbourne DE6 1EU</b>	In Ashbourne, to the left in the market square.	Friendly traditional fish & chip cafe serving the usual selection. Best fish in town. Has fascinating old views of Ashbourne as wallpaper. Open from 12 noon.
<b>The Lighthouse</b> 01335 330658 <a href="https://www.the-lighthouse-restaurant.co.uk/">https://www.the-lighthouse-restaurant.co.uk/</a>	<b>Behind the Rose &amp; Crown, Boylestone DE6 5AA</b>	Out of Ashbourne on A515 South towards Lichfield. Turn left at signs for Boylestone onto New Road. Pub is on left.	Highly rated, high-end seasonal restaurant for a treat. Taster menus available. Need to book. Only open Thurs, Fri, Sat from 7pm and Sun lunch from midday.

<b>Thornbury Hall Rasoï</b> 01538 750831 <a href="https://www.thornburyhall.co.uk/">https://www.thornburyhall.co.uk/</a>	<b>Lockwood Road, Staffordshire Moorlands ST10 2DH</b>	Drive into Ilam, go straight across the bridge, at the top of the hill turn right, at the cross roads go straight over- follow Sat nav	Unusual Indian restaurant in a country house setting. Excellent food and service. Thursday to Sunday 5-9pm Mon- Wed closed
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*Other Restaurants in Ashbourne*

**The Bridge Wine Bar and Bistro** - Dig Street

**The Horns Tapas** – George’s Square

**Segreto Italian Bistro** – St Johns Street

*Eating out further afield*

**The Fish and Chip Shop**, Longnor: wonderful tiny fish and chip shop, you can eat in- the freshest and hottest delicious food.

**The Bulls Head**, Monyash: good pub food and restaurant, specialising in sourcing as locally as possible, all day Sunday buffets.

**The Old Hall**, Buxton, opposite the Opera House: Restaurant, wine bar, tea-room, specialising in before and after opera and theatre meals

**Jervis Arms**, Onecote: Great pub with a frequently changed menu.

*Take Away Meals Ashbourne*

Golden Hill Chinese Takeaway

Panda Express Indian

Market Place Fish & Chips

Benny’s Pizza House

Ashbourne Fish & Chips

Thai Basement

## Tea-rooms

Name	Location and awards	Directions	Description
<b>Manifold Tea Room National Trust Ilam Park</b>	<b>Ilam Hall DE6 2AZ</b>	In the village of Ilam, follow signs to Ilam Hall, tearoom is behind the main hall.	Lovely National Trust tearoom, especially the amazing view from the gardens. <b>Open</b> 10-4pm
<b>Herberts Tea Rooms</b>	<b>Tissington DE6 1RA</b>	In centre of Tissington village to left of hall.	Morning coffee, lunch and teas in a lovely old coach house. <b>Open</b> Friday to Sunday in Winter, Daily in Summer
<b>The Flower Cafe</b>	<b>Market Place Ashbourne DE6 1EU</b>	In the centre of Ashbourne on the lower corner of the Market Place	Very popular coffee and cakes & legendary all day breakfasts! Excellent Gluten Free menu. <b>Open Every Day</b> 9am to 5pm Tues 10am to 5pm
<b>The Little Shed</b>	<b>1 King Edward Street Ashbourne DE6 1BW</b>	In the old Town Council Building opposite Ashbourne library.	Beautifully restored building with stylish touches. Delicious food! <b>Open</b> Tues – Sat 9:30-4pm
<b>The Tea Junction</b>	<b>Hulme End SK17 0EX</b>	In the old station and railway sheds at Hulme End at the end of the Manifold Valley Cycle track	<b>Open</b> six days a week 10-5pm Tuesday to Sunday from April to September and weekends in other months 10-4pm (closed December and January), the perfect spot to eat out whether walking or cycling
<b>No 6</b>	<b>6 The Square, Buxton SK17 6AZ</b>	Near the Opera House opposite the Pavilion Gardens.	Delightful atmosphere, lovely food <b>Open Every Day</b> Mon - Fri 10am to 4.30pm Sat - 10am to 5pm Sun- 10.30am to 5pm
<b>Denstone Hall Farm Shop and Cafe</b>	<b>Denstone ST14 5HF</b>	Denstone, near Rocester, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire (near JCB)	Wonderful award-winning farm shop and cafe. Awarded Best Tea Room in Staffordshire 2010
<b>Roaches Tea Room 01538 300345</b>	<b>Upper Hulme Leek ST13 8TY</b>	3 ½ miles north of Leek at one of the most iconic Peak District sights - The Roaches - an outcrop of rocks with amazing views.	Award winning tearooms. Good food and great puddings! <b>Opening Times</b> Mar to Oct - 9.00am to 5.00pm Nov to Feb - 9.00am to 4.00pm.

## *Just for a drink.....*

### **The Yew Tree**, Cauldon Low ST10 3EJ:

A particularly special and unusual pub packed with curiosities, pianolas, Victorian musical machines and much, much, more. Recommended for atmosphere and beer rather than food (although the crisps are probably fine!)

### **The Barley Mow**, Kirk Ireton DE6 3JP:

Worth a visit. A completely untouched and unspoilt pub, no soft seats but a lovely draught cider and unusual beers, no food.

### **The Bank**, 2 Dig Street, Ashbourne DE6 1GS:

Superb cocktail bar. Interesting and inventive cocktails, brunch and pizzas too. A fantastic party place – be sure to book!

### **The Tap House**, St Georges Street, Buxton

Buxton Brewery tap house has 5 continuously changing Buxton cask lines, 8 continuously changing Buxton keg lines, plus guest beers from other brilliant UK craft breweries. They have a rotating draft cider line and more than 80 different bottled beers from all around the World.

### **The Watts Russell**, Hopedale DE6 2GD

Our closest pub, an eccentric place that feels a bit like someone's front room.

#### *KEY*

**W = Wheelchair accessible**

**A = Wheelchair accessible for meals but not necessarily toilets**

# Beechenhill Price List

*Items to order before your stay or buy from the farmhouse:*

Mugs £6 each or £20 for 4

Beechenhill Bags £6

Homemade Bread £2.50

Local Sausages (6) £3.00

Local Bacon (6) £3.60

Organic Butter £3.80

Our free range or local Eggs (6) £2.50

## *The Cottage by the Pond Directory*

**We hope that the details in this directory will help to make your stay as pleasant and trouble-free as possible – Please let us know if there is anything that you need. The most important thing is, enjoy your holiday!**

### **Ambulance**

In the event of an emergency, there is a phone in the **Farmhouse**. There are payphones in Ilam and Alstonefield. The nearest **Defibrillator** is on the side of the school in Ilam Village. When contacting the emergency services, quote Ashbourne as the nearest town. The cottage's What/3/Words location is *blazed.shield.juggled*

Our OS reference is **SK 1294 5252**

### **Ash**

Please empty the ashes from the fire. The ashes can be emptied into the ash box. When they are cold, they can be tipped into the big general waste bin.

### **Bulbs**

We use low energy bulbs. There are spare bulbs in the storage cupboard beside the fireplace. Just let us know if you can't find what you need.

### **Banks**

*Ashbourne:* Post Office in the Co-op.

Banking Hub opposite the Co-op: Mon- HSBC, Wed- Nat West, Thurs- Barclays

*Leek:* Post Office Lloyds, Co-operative, NatWest, TSB

Barclays Tues-Thurs 9.30am-1.00pm in Moorlands House (District Council),

*Bakewell:* Banking Hub in Agricultural Business Centre: Mon- Barclays, Tues- HSBC, Wed- Lloyds, Thurs- Nat West, Fri- Halifax

*Buxton:* Post Office, Halifax, TSB, Nationwide

### **Breakages**

We all have accidents so don't worry. We would appreciate it if small items could be replaced. If anything big gets broken or damaged, please let us know.

### **Briquettes**

Briquettes (lower carbon coal substitute) can be found in the small shed just behind the bush in the main farmyard near the garden gate. Scissors are available on the door if you need to open a new bag.

### **Buses**

Staffordshire Moorlands Dial-a-Bus-Service covers the rural area north of Leek between Buxton and Ashbourne and into Derbyshire for journeys to Hartington. Call the day before and book a journey on 01335 342951. The office is open Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm. You can also contact them at:

[bookings@moorlandsconnect.co.uk](mailto:bookings@moorlandsconnect.co.uk) with details of your journey.

Service runs Mon-Fri 7am – 6pm and Saturday 8am – 6pm (in term time buses are used for school runs 8-9am and 3-4pm). Cost starts at singles £2 adult £1.20 child per journey and returns £3.80 adult. If you would like a bike or wheelchair space, please let them know. <https://twitter.com/mlandsconnect?lang=en>

### **Check-out time**

To enable the cottage to be serviced **please check out by 9.30am on your day of departure**, unless previously arranged.

### **Cheese**

Cheeses can be bought from The Old Cheese Shop in Hartington, The Cheddar Gorge in Dig Street Ashbourne.

**Chemist:**

The nearest chemists are Boots near the Shaw Croft car park and Lloyds beside the new hospital in Ashbourne.

**Churches**

*Church of England:* Ilam, Alstonefield, Wetton, Blore

*Catholic:* Ashbourne

*Methodist:* Ashbourne

**Cleaning Materials**

Eco friendly cleaning materials are stored in the cupboard beside the fireplace, and under the sink. Please don't use abrasives to clean the bath.

**Compost**

We compost uncooked vegetable waste- peelings, cores etc. If you wish to, please place compostable material in the green compost bins in the vegetable garden beside the farmyard. Please don't put teabags in the compost as they contain plastic. All cooked food can be put into the brown bin.

**Cycle hire**

Peak Cycle Hire Centres:

Ashbourne 01335 343156

Derwent 01433 651261

Hayfield 01663 746222

Middleton Top 01629 823204

Parsley Hay 01298 84493

Waterhouses 01538 308609

Brown End Farm – Manifold Track Cycle Hire 01538 308313

Carsington Cycle Hire 01629 540478

Hassop Station – Monsal Trail 01629 810588

**Cycle Tracks**

Tissington Trail, Manifold Valley Cycle Trail, High Peak Trail, Carsington Water Cycle Trail, Monsal Trail, Upper Derwent Trail, Sett Valley Trail. Many of these are accessible by wheelchair too.

Try the new trails triangle, joining up the Tissington Trail and the High Peak Trail via Carsington Water.

**Dentist**

Ashbourne 01335 342509 or 01335 348694

Leek 01538 371003

**Doctors**

Ashbourne 01335 300588 or 01335 230085

Hartington 01298 84315

Out of hours surgeries can be accessed at Ashbourne St Oswalds and Leek Moorlands Hospital where there is also a Minor Injuries clinic.

**Dustbins and Recycling Bins**

The bins are in the vegetable garden near the greenhouse at the bottom of the yard. We recycle glass, newspapers and magazines, cans and plastic, bulbs and batteries. Compostable, uncooked vegetable waste can be placed in the compost bin in the vegetable garden. Cooked food can be placed in the brown bin. Bins go to the end of our drive on Wednesday evenings, rubbish is collected on Thursday at 8.00am.

**Electricity**

The electric trip switches are in the hall cupboard. There is a grey fuse box with six switches. All the switches should be up. If any are down, try pushing the switch up. If it fails to reset, it usually indicates that there may be a faulty appliance or lightning. Please unplug any appliances and try again. Please let us know if you have further problems.

**E-mail and wi-fi**

There is free Internet in all the accommodation.

**Emergencies**

In the event of an emergency, there is a phone in the **farmhouse**. The nearest pay-phones are in Ilam (opposite the memorial monument) and in Alstonefield. When contacting the emergency services, quote Ashbourne as the nearest town.

If you need emergency help and no-one is in at the farm call: 07549 132160

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There is also a **defibrillator** on the bus shed in **Ilam** with instructions on how to use it.

### **Excursions**

There is a super walking tour of Leek, The William Morris Trail, leaflet obtained from Leek Tourist Information Centre. There are Ghost Walks in Ashbourne, Bakewell and Derby, information from the Tourist Information Centres. See also 'Guided Walks'

### **Fire**

Do not touch the fire or chimney when alight.

Briquettes are in the small shed in the yard beside the garden gate, sticks are in the metal barrel near the log store in the yard (please ask if they are not apparent). Logs are stacked in the log store in the corner of the yard between the Farmhouse and the Haybarn. Please wash your hands after handling the sticks as mice live in the sheds where the wood is kept. Please empty ash daily, when cold put in large waste bin near greenhouse. **To light fire:** Use 2 or 3 sticks stacked up on 1 or 2 eco blaze firelighters, when sticks are alight and hot air has warmed chimney, add a couple of briquettes.

Twisting the fire's lower door handle regulates draft. **Please ensure there is enough ventilation in the room when using the fire.**

### **Fans**

There are electric fans available for those hot, summer days and nights.

### **Farmers' Markets- see also Markets – subject to change**

Ashbourne Artisan Market 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month

Belper 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month

Buxton 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month

Glossop 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

Bakewell Last Saturday of the month

Leek Various, see <https://www.visitleek.co.uk/shopping-in-leek/leek-markets/> for details.

## **Fishing Guide**

John Tyzack fishing guide: [jtflyfishing@aol.com](mailto:jtflyfishing@aol.com) 07971 917265

"John guided me to a great day's fly fishing and in the scheme of things was very good value- he is a great custodian of the River Dove".

## **Fishing**

*Carsington Water*, fishing from April to October, 7am until one hour after sunset: 01629 540478

*Combes Reservoir, Chaple-en-le-Frith*, coarse fishing only. Rod licence is necessary, fees collected on the bank.

*Ladybower Reservoir*, trout fishing only – March to October, one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. Season permits and advance day tickets available by post and day tickets from the Fishery Warden's Office (near Ladybower Viaduct) on day- 01433 651254. Boats and disabled persons fishing platform available.

*Lightwood Reservoir*, fly fishing club, day tickets available during season from Carousel Hardware, Buxton Road, Whaley Bridge- 01663 732636

*Rudyard Lake*, coarse fishing for bream, perch, roach and pike. National rod licence required. Buy ticket from machine at information centre- 01538 306280

*Stanely Moor Reservoir, Axe Edge, near Buxton*, fly fishing only. Season June to October.

*Tittesworth Reservoir*, fly fishing for rainbow and brown trout. National rod licence required. Buy fishing ticket from Fishing Lodge. Closed season November to March. Five miles of bank fishing and fishing boat hire- 01538 300389

## **Food**

There are some wonderful foods and drinks produced in the Peak District. We have locally produced sausages and bacon, organic or local eggs and organic butter available to order in the farmhouse and we can make you some bread too.

## **Garage**

Dovedale Garage at Thorpe is our nearest garage Tel: 01335 350258

Shentons in Ashbourne are very reliable Tel: 01335 300734

## **Golf**

Ashbourne Golf Club (9 holes) 01335 342078

Bakewell Golf Club 01629 812307

Brailsford Golf Course 01335 360096

Buxton & High Peak Golf Club 01298 23453

Cavendish Golf Club, Buxton 01298 25052

Leek Golf Club 01538 384767

Westwood Golf Club, Leek 01538 398385

Matlock Golf Club 01629 582191

Uttoxeter Golf Club 01889 566552

## **Guided Walks**

Peak Walking Adventures [www.peakwalking.com](http://www.peakwalking.com)

During the summer, Blue Badge Guides lead walks in Buxton, Castleton, Matlock Bath, Ashbourne, Bakewell, Cromford and Wirksworth. Contact the Tourist Information Centres for details. In addition there are walks accompanied by a National Park Ranger, contact Ranger Service 01629 816200. For guided walks in the Staffordshire Moorlands contact 01538 483578

## **Heating and Hot water**

The heating is from the big wood-pellet biomass boiler (in the cowshed!) The thermostat and controls with instructions are opposite the front door. You can adjust it to suit your needs.

## **Hospital**

The nearest Accident and Emergency Unit is in at Derby Royal Infirmary. There is a small cottage hospital in Buxton and a minor injuries unit at Leek Moorlands Hospital.

## **Hair and Beauty**

KH Hairdressing, Ashbourne. Kirsty and the other stylists are delightful. Tel: 01335 300694

Georgia's, Georgina has a salon in Ashbourne and can come to Beechenhill Farm to pamper you. Tel: 01335 346 664

Sally Montague Spa, Ashbourne. Hair, beauty and spa treatments in the town centre. 01335 343893  
Brackendale Spa, Knockerdown Farm, Carsington, DE6 1NQ, offers a full range of Spa treatments. Tel: 01629 540727

### **Keys**

We have a master key and extra keys if they are required.

### **Laundry**

Our cotton bed linen is laundered by Porters Laundry in Leek. We chose them carefully after interviewing several contenders. We chose them because they were the best at looking after their environment and community.

You have a washer/dryer and environmentally friendly washing products in the kitchen. There is also The Laundry Room; laundry and dry cleaner in Ashbourne.

### **Maps**

We have some maps available to borrow.

### **Maintenance Problems**

Please let us know if there are any maintenance problems and we will try to put things right.

## **Markets**

*Town Market days Early Closing*

Ashbourne	Thursday and Saturday Wednesday
Bakewell	Monday Thursday
Leek	Wednesday and Saturday Thursday
Uttoxeter	Wednesday and Saturday (monthly Farmers' market) Thursday
Buxton	Tuesday and Saturday Wednesday
Chesterfield	Monday, Friday and Saturday Wednesday
Derby	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday Wednesday
Matlock	Tuesday and Friday Thursday
Wirksworth	Tuesday Wednesday

## **Mountain Activities**

Rock climbing for beginners and improvers. Single and multi-pitch, mountain scrambles, navigation and hill-walking skills. David Bishop 01270 814379

Buxton Underground Group- David Mycroft 01298 71707

Peak Activities Ltd- Iain & Caroline Jennings- 01433 650345 [www.peak.co.uk](http://www.peak.co.uk)

## **Newspapers**

Newspapers can be bought from GT Newsagents in the Market Square, Ashbourne, the Newsagent at Mayfield, supermarkets and other places in Ashbourne.

## **Organics and Trees**

Beechenhill became a fully organic farm in June 2000. An organic system uses no chemical fertiliser or spray. It relies on the natural system of clover taking nitrogen from the atmosphere and making it available to grass, as well as spreading composted manure. Animals are not routinely treated with antibiotics and are fed at least 95% organic foods, and no genetically modified organisms. An organic system aims to maintain the diversity of the wildlife and environment. Beechenhill became one of a network of demonstration farms for the Soil Association, holding farm walks for those interested in organic farming.

In 2022 Terry retired from milking. Some land was sold and the remaining land is let to a neighbouring farmer. The land to the north and west has been planted with 4,835 native trees to form an open canopy mixed woodland.

## **Principles of Organic Farming and growing**

*To work as much as possible within a closed system*

*To maintain the long-term fertility of the soil*

*To avoid all forms of pollution*

*To produce foodstuffs of high nutritional quality and sufficient quantity*

*To reduce the use of fossil energy*

*To give livestock conditions of life that conform to their physiological needs and humanitarian principles*

*For agricultural producers to earn a living*

*To use appropriate technology and to develop decentralised systems.*

## **Post Offices**

Ashbourne has a main Post Office in the Co-op and a sub-post office at the Duke of York Filling Station at Mayfield. Hartington has a sub-post office.

## **Police**

Because we are in Staffordshire the police at Leek deal with incidents in our area.

Call: 101 for non-emergency issues. Call: 999 for emergencies.

## **Pubs and Restaurants**

There is a comprehensive list in this directory.

## **Recycling**

We recycle glass, cans, cartons, newspaper, magazines, plastic, bulbs, batteries. The bins are by the greenhouse. Compostable, uncooked vegetable waste can be placed in the compost bin in the vegetable garden. For more information please see the recycling information in this directory.



## **Riding**

BHS Approved Trekking Centre- Northfield Farm, Flash: 01298 22543

Tissington Trekking Centre: 01335 350276

## **Swimming Pools and Leisure Centres**

Ashbourne Leisure Centre	01335 343712
Matlock Arc Leisure & Swimming	01629 581322
Uttoxeter Leisure Centre	01889 562844
Bakewell Pool	01629 580580 ext.2832
Buxton Leisure Centre	01298 766142
Buxton Spa Swimming Pool	01298 26548
Leek, Brough Park Swimming Pool	01538 373603
Wirksworth Swimming Pool	01629 824717

## **Supermarkets**

Ashbourne: Sainsburys, Aldi, Co-op, Marks and Spencers

Leek: Sainsburys, Morrisons, Somerfield, Co-op, Asda, Lidl

Buxton: Waitrose, Aldi, Morrisons

Uttoxeter: Waitrose, Tesco, Somerfield, Lidl

Matlock: Somerfield, Sainsburys

## **Short breaks**

During our winter season, from November to Easter, short breaks and long lets are available in the cottages at Beechenhill, see our website [www.beechenhill.co.uk](http://www.beechenhill.co.uk)

## **Sticks**

Sticks to help light the fire are usually available in the metal barrel near the log store in the yard. Please wash your hands after handling the sticks- they might have been in contact with rodents. Please ask at the farmhouse if there are no sticks.

## **Sports Facilities**

See 'Swimming Pools and Leisure Centres'

## **Taxis**

Village Taxis – 01335 418080 [villagetaxisofashbourne@hotmail.com](mailto:villagetaxisofashbourne@hotmail.com)

Peak Cars – 07890 811292

Jennings – 01335 370 914

ACT Taxis – 01335 343928 or 07798 738845 or 07831 788845

If you can't get a taxi let us know, we may be able to help.

## **Television**

The television is digital with freeview channels, please turn it off standby when it is not being used.

## **Theft**

Please do not leave valuables in cars parked in isolated car parks. Opportunist thieves have been known to break into cars while the owners are out walking.

## **Transport**

There are main line railway stations at Derby (18 miles) and Stoke-on -Trent (20 miles).

There are airports at East Midlands (35 miles), Birmingham (35 miles) and Manchester (35 miles)

## **Telephone**

The nearest pay-phones are in Ilam (opposite the memorial monument) and in Alstonefield. In the event of an emergency, there is a phone in the **farmhouse**.

**Towels**

Towels are kept in the tall cupboard on the left of the fireplace in the sitting room.

**Tourist Information Centres**

Ashbourne	01335 343666
Bakewell	01629 813227
Buxton	01298 25106
Leek	01538 483742
Matlock	01629 55082
Hanley	01782 236000

**Water**

The water at Beechenhill Farm is from the mains. You can get free Buxton Water at St Ann's Well in the Crescent, Buxton.

**Walking**

There are walks, both strenuous and easy from the cottage. See maps and guide books.

# Environmental Statement

## The Green Stuff- Our Philosophy

We are here once on this planet, we don't get a second chance; we have to do it right this time. We have no right to wreck our environment. Our forebears brought us to this point, we need to enable our children and their children to have good lives and revel in the beauty and majesty of this miraculous planet.

We live here in a beautiful place in the Peak District National Park, an area recognised by the nation as an exceptionally valuable landscape. We have the opportunity to try and live in this beautiful place in a way that improves our environment, uses our resources efficiently and creates as little waste as possible. We are certainly not perfect but are on a journey towards improving what we do and how we do it.

By farming organically we want to work in sympathy with nature- we don't want to fight or try and bend nature to our needs. Nature provides everything we humans need.

It is very important to us that we share our place with you. We are proud of Beechenhill, and we delight in sharing it with you.

## So what do we do?

### Recycling:

We have somewhere for you to recycle

- Glass
- Cans
- Paper
- Plastic
- Cooked food waste
- Cardboard
- Tetra packs
- Food packaging
- Batteries
- Light bulbs

### Our business recycles

- All the above
- Printer cartridges (the ones we don't re-fill)
- Crisp packets and soft plastics
- Contact Lenses!
- Furniture and furnishings go to the local community or Freecycle

### Composting

- We compost all uncooked food waste in our vegetable garden
- Cooked food is collected, composted and recycled

- We purchase local food
- We use local suppliers and contractors (Porters our wonderful laundry in Leek)
- We use eco-friendly cleaning products and washing powder
- We use rainwater for toilet flushing
- We have dual flushes on some WCs
- We have a biomass heating system using wood pellets
- We generate electricity with solar panels on the cowshed roofs
- We have optimum insulation - some of it, local sheep wool
- We buy in bulk
- We only use recycled paper
- We can arrange to pick you up from Ashbourne bus station and from the pub in our electric car.

## Where we can:

## We supply you with:

- Local foods and local ready-meals from local environmentally friendly farming- you can walk across the fields - then eat the food produced there!
- Recycled kitchen rolls and toilet rolls
- Luxury eco constructed to have 80% of weight in the pile so dry extra well and energy efficient in laundry.
- Double glazed windows and insulating window shutters or heavy lined curtains where possible
- All low energy and LED light bulbs
- Where possible, we have used low rated appliances to reduce energy consumption
- Eco friendly washing powder, cleaning products and washing up liquid
  - Safe storage for your bikes
  - Electric Vehicle charging points
- Lots of information about local walks, public transport and where to buy local products

- Appreciate our environment
- Book our Elemental Experience in the hot tub or sauna, enjoy the natural environment outside at night too!
- Be careful with our resources- eg: don't leave the lights and heating on when you go out
- Enjoy the Peak District by walking, cycling and riding
- Hire our electric bikes and get to enjoy our local lanes and pubs!
- Obey the 'Country Code'
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle!
- Be careful with our septic tank- please don't use chemicals that may kill our friendly bacteria
- Buy local products
- Reuse bags and please don't leave us with tons of rubbish!

## How do we monitor what we do?

- We are proud to have achieved [The Peak District Environmental Quality Mark](#), they monitor our progress every year
- We are delighted to have achieved a **GOLD** Award for the [Green Tourism Business Scheme](#), they monitor our progress every two years. We try to improve our practises to improve our awards
- We achieved Gold in the Environmental and Sustainability category in the [Enjoy Staffordshire Awards](#) and Silver in 2019. We must prove our credentials and what we are doing to improve, in order to get awards.

## What can you do?

*Beechenhill Farm Self Catering Cottages*  
*Fire Procedure & Equipment*

**If you discover a fire**

- Raise the alarm by operating the nearest fire alarm call point or alerting us in Cowmans Cottage, ring the doorbell or knock on the door.
- Call the fire service by dialling 999 and asking for the Fire Brigade.
- The cottage's What/3/Words location is *scrolled.melts.degree*.
- Our OS reference is **SK 1294 5252**

Tell the operator that there is a fire at:

**Beechenhill Farm**  
**Ilam**  
**Ashbourne**  
**Derbyshire**  
**DE6 2BD**  
**01335 310274**

- Ensure everyone leaves the premises by the nearest safe exit.
- Ensure that people do not re-enter the premises.
- If safe to do so, remove any compressed gas cylinders from the area of the fire.
- Report to the assembly point: **Front farmyard**

**If you hear the fire alarm**

- Leave the building by the nearest exit.
- Do not stop to collect personal belongings
- Report to the assembly point: **Front farmyard**
- Do Not re-enter the premises unless authorised to do so.

**Fire-fighting equipment**

- Dry Powder extinguisher in Kitchen
- Fire Blanket in Kitchen

**Means of escape routes**

- Via entrance door (BC, CBP, WH)
- Via sitting room door (CBP)
- Via escape ladder (located in box below window, CBP first floor bedroom)
- Via kitchen door (WH)

**Assembly Point**

- Front farmyard