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Welcome to Caberfeidh, our home away from home on the Isle of Harris in the Outer Hebrides. Caberfeidh is a large, luxurious, detached house surrounded by stunning beaches and breathtaking countryside. It sleeps up to six people.

Caberfeidh (pronounced cab-er-fay) is the Gaelic for ‘deer antler’ and, according to my Grandfather, was the war cry of the Clan Mackenzie. I spent many happy holidays as a young lad in my Grandparents’ house on the West Highland coast. It was called Caberfeidh and, when we got our house in Harris, it seemed fitting to give it the same name – in fact, the nameplate on the front door is the one that came from their cottage.

The house is situated 8 miles south of Tarbert in the community of Seilebost (pronounced ‘shee-la-bost’). There’s a hill called the Carran in front and a 2½-mile beach called Traigh Luskentyre to the rear. It is an ideal base from which to explore the delights of Harris. The beaches at Seilebost, Luskentyre, Horgabost, Borve and Scarista are within a short distance. Donald John Mackay’s famous loom is just across the sand – he’s the man that put Harris Tweed on Nike trainers. Scarista House, one of the best restaurants in the Outer Hebrides, is a 15-minute drive down the coast past some of the most extraordinary coastal scenery in the world. McLeod’s Stone, a Neolithic standing stone, is ten minutes away. And there is a challenging 9-hole golf course a little further down the coast.

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Caberfeidh is excellent for walking, whether you want to scale a mountain or go for an after-dinner stroll – just open the front door and off you go. The West Harris Way is just 100 metres from the house. Caberfeidh is also great for cycling, beachcombing, picnics, photography, fishing, and just being lazy. And for those of a less energetic persuasion, there is an extensive collection of videos, DVD's, books and games – and a full Sky TV package, television, VHS player, DVD player and stereo.

With over 2000 light and airy square feet at your disposal, there is room for everyone to have their own space. The house has real style inside and has been fitted out to a very high standard. Slate and laminate flooring cover the ground floor for practicality. And there are luxurious carpets on the first floor. Downstairs, Caberfeidh comprises: a large entrance hall; a storeroom – we defy you to fill it; a loo; a large lounge-dining room; and a family kitchen. The first floor comprises: one king-size bedroom with an ensuite shower room; one further king-size bedroom; a double bedroom with ensuite shower room; a single bedroom; a small den; and the family bathroom – all these rooms open onto a spacious upstairs hall.

We have tried to provide everything you could conceivably need for your holiday: linen; towels, including beach towels; local Ordnance Survey maps; picnic gear; and binoculars – to name a few. There is a range of art on the walls – some of which is available to purchase at the Seallam! Visitor Centre in Northton.

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We would be delighted to hear from you about anything else we could provide to make your stay more comfortable and enjoyable.

There is an enormous variety of wildlife, literally on the doorstep. A corncrake is a regular visitor behind the house, and golden eagles and buzzards are frequently seen soaring above the front of the house. All manner of water birds, waders and geese can be seen on the beach behind the house, which is an Area of Special Scientific Interest.

We could go on – but you’ve probably got the drift by now! Whether you’re a couple looking for a luxury break, a family in search of a memorable holiday, or a group looking for the ideal place to get together, we are confident that ‘Caberfeidh’ will exceed your expectations. Once you’ve been hooked, you will want to return year after year. We hope you enjoy your stay.

Lesley & Alisdair Wiseman.

Lounge Dining Room



The lounge-dining room is light and airy in summer and yet cosy and warm in winter, with a wood-burning stove to add real warmth and a focal point to the room. There are two comfortable sofas, an armchair and plenty of tables for books, coffee, or a glass of wine. There is a TV (with a full Sky package), video and DVD player, and a large selection of DVD's and videos – so you won't be short of something to watch at the end of a long day walking or playing on the beach. And there is a stereo with a selection of CD's if you would prefer to just sit and listen to music.

The dining area comfortably seats six people. It has dimmer-switched lighting directly above the table to create just the right atmosphere for an intimate dinner; equally, you can turn it all the way up to do a jigsaw or look at a map to plan your next adventure. There are two bookcases with a wide range of fiction and reference books about the islands, wildlife and flowers. Size: 9.46m x 5.16m (31' 0" x 16' 11").

Downstairs Hall



The downstairs hall is a welcoming and spacious area with a practical slate floor and seating where you can remove your outdoor shoes.

Games and jigsaws are stored in the seating. There is a large storeroom leading off the hall for coats and boots, with enough shelving space to store all the paraphernalia that we bring on holiday, and then some more to spare.

The downstairs loo is situated at the end of the hall.

Kitchen



The kitchen is a large, well-equipped family room, with great views over the sand to Ben Luskentyre. It'll be a race to see who washes the dishes. Equipment includes: a fridge; a dishwasher; and a gas hob and an electric oven. There is pretty well all the equipment you would find in your own kitchen and plenty of cupboard space as well. The Utility Room goes off the kitchen. In it, you will find a washing machine, tumble drier, large fridge freezer, and microwave. There are also pegs for hanging any outdoor clothing that gets wet. Size: 4.35m x 3.43m (14' 3" x 11' 3").

Aqua Room



The Aqua Room is a large, king-size bedroom with breathtaking views over the Seilebost Sands to Ben Luskentyre and on to Taransay and North Harris. There is a big walk-in wardrobe with enough storage space for a six-month stay, let alone a holiday.

The main window is directly opposite the bed. So you can open the curtains in the morning and enjoy the views as you take your first cup of tea. A Velux window adds extra light to what is already a wonderfully bright room. Size: 5.10m x 4.90m (16' 8" x 16' 1").

Lilac Room



The Lilac Room is a very large king-size bedroom with a strong romantic feel to it and great views over the front garden to the Carran beyond. There is plenty of storage space and a two-seater settee if you want to find your own space to read a book or get some quiet time.

A large mirror above the dressing table bounces the light around the room. An ensuite shower room, with more cupboard space, leads off the bedroom. Size: 5.16m x 4.42m (16' 11" x 14' 6").

Blue Room



The Blue Room is a light and airy double bedroom with a really cozy feel to it. A small dormer window looks out over the front garden and to the hills beyond. There is a solid oak double wardrobe and chest of drawers to store your clothes. A mirror above the dressing table brings additional light into the room.

There is a large storage cupboard for suitcases and the laundry basket. An ensuite shower room leads off the bedroom. Size: 3.43m x 3.95m (11' 3" x 13' 0").

Red Room



The Red Room spacious single bedroom with a strong sense of style, equally ideal for a child, a teenager or an adult. There is a large pine chest of drawers and plenty of hanging space to accommodate all your clothes. There is also a storage cupboard for suitcases.

A large Velux window floods the room with northern light – you can lie back on the bed and look at the clouds by day and the stars by night. The Velux is fitted with a blackout blind. Size: 3.30m x 3.11m (10' 10" x 10' 2").

Bathroom



The Family Bathroom is a bright, functional room that echoes the sea colours that are in evidence elsewhere in the house. A Velux window brings in all the light you will need during the day; and there are numerous downlighters to keep it well lit at night.

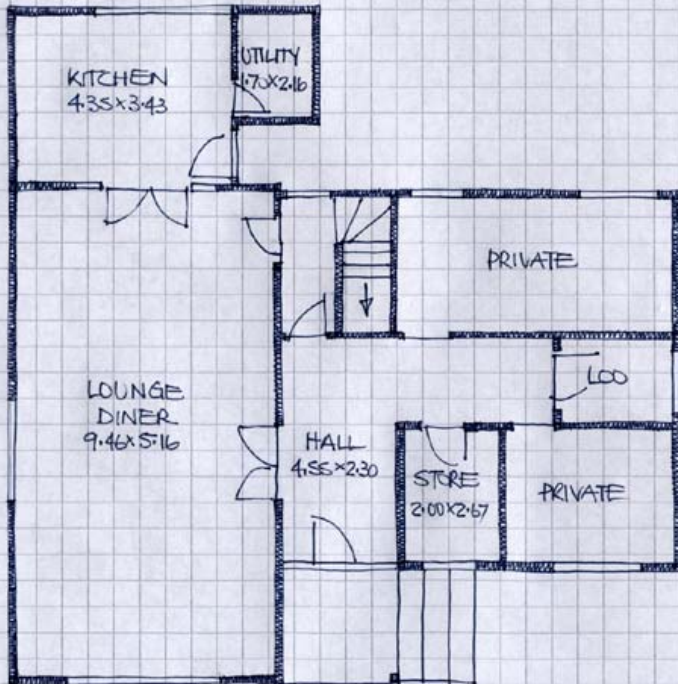
There is a separate bath and over-sized shower. It has a large heated towel rail, connected to the central heating system. The floor is tiled. There is ample storage for towels and surfaces to keep toiletries. Size: 2.75m x 2.20m (9' 0" x 7' 2").

Upstairs Hall



The Upstairs Hall is an airy, comfortable space that connects all the upstairs rooms. There is a bookcase with a whole variety of picture books, just in case you would prefer a quiet day in – many of the books look at different aspects of Scotland. A small den (2.25m x 1.94m or 7' 4" x 6' 4") leads off the Upstairs Hall. There is a combined TV-video in the Den where anyone can watch a quiet movie or the kids (and the adults) can play video games – you will need to bring your own console though. Equally, you might just want to curl up on the settee and read a book.

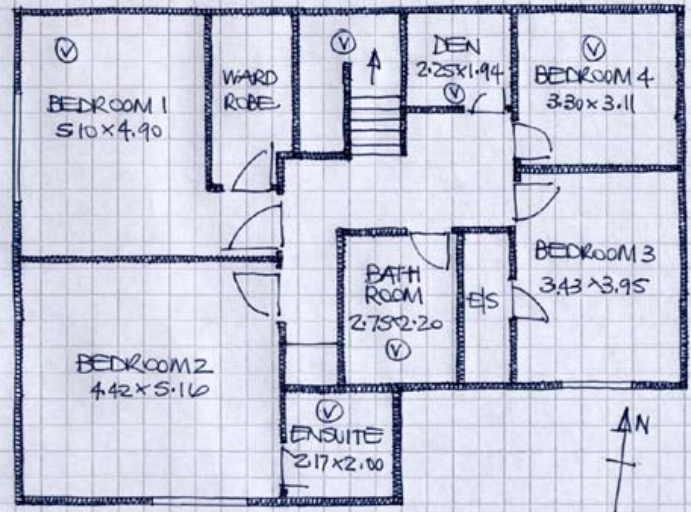
Floorplan



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All sizes in meters ⊕ = Velux window



Garden



There is an unique rock garden to the front and parking for up to three cars. And there is an area that echoes a stony beach to the rear. You know how you never seem to have a home for the stuff you find on a beach – well, that’s what this area is for!

There is an area of decking, and outdoor furniture, where you can sit and enjoy a meal or watch the sunset over Taransay. A small barbeque is provided – you will need to bring your own charcoal. And there is space to leave your bikes - you won’t need to lock them away!

General information

- The house telephone number is 01 859 550 338.
- The house telephone runs on an honesty box basis.
- Cleaning materials are provided.
- Washing up liquid, dishwasher tablets, soap powder and bin liners are provided to get you started.
- All towels are provided, including beach towels and tea towels.
- All linen is provided – it will get changed once a week if you are staying longer.
- All the beds have down duvets but we can supply hypoallergenic, man-made duvets if requested.
- There are hairdryers, mirrors and hangers in all the bedrooms.
- Binoculars and local maps are provided for your use during your stay.
- Smoking and pets are not permitted in Caberfeidh.
- We request that you do not use outdoor footwear upstairs.
- Vodafone is the only mobile phone network that works pretty well throughout the island – some of the other operators are starting to catch up though.
- You should know that strong religious beliefs are one of the features that make life in the Hebrides so different from mainland Britain – in some areas, shops, petrol stations, visitor attractions and restaurants are closed on Sunday and there are no scheduled bus services.
- You can find a host of additional information about history, walking, wildlife, outdoor pursuits, golfing, cycling, culture and fishing at www.visithebrides.com.

Travel

Caberfeidh is situated 8 miles south of Tarbert on the A859, signposted to Leverburgh and Rodel.

By air: The nearest airport is just outside Stornoway, approximately 75 minutes drive from Caberfeidh. Several airlines offer routes from the Scottish mainland to Stornoway Airport:

- Highland Airways fly between Stornoway and Inverness – www.highlandairways.co.uk or tel: +44 (0) 84 54 50 22 45
- British Airways fly between Stornoway and Glasgow, Inverness and Edinburgh – www.britishairways.com or tel: +44 (0) 87 08 50 98 50
- British Midland fly between Stornoway and Edinburgh – www.flybmi.com or tel: +44 (0) 87 02 64 22 29

All these mainland airports offer a wide range of flights all over the United Kingdom and beyond.

By ferry: Caledonian MacBrayne run a number of ferry routes both between the Western Isles and to the Scottish mainland. You can choose to travel to Ullapool and take the ferry to Stornoway or go over the Skye Bridge to Uig and take the ferry to Tarbert – www.calmac.co.uk +44 (0) 87 05 65 00 00

By bus: Regular bus services connect with ferry arrival and departures times. The main operators from Central Scotland are Scottish Citylink



Coaches, for all connections call +44 (0) 99 05 05 05 05 or check times online at www.citylink.co.uk. Skyeways Express Coaches operate from Glasgow and Inverness to Uig in Skye, telephone +44 (0) 15 99 53 43 28. For timetables and information on getting around the islands by bus phone Stornoway Bus Station on +44 (0)1851 704327. Ask for the big white house after the causeway at Seilebost and the bus will stop right outside the house.

Car Hire: Arnol Car Hire (telephone +44 (0) 18 51 71 05 48) is based just outside Stornoway and can deliver cars to the airport or to the ferry terminal in Stornoway.

Pricing 2008 & 2009



Prices are quoted on a per-week basis, where the week runs from 4.00 p.m. Saturday to 10.00 a.m. the following Saturday.

High season: May to September + Easter, Christmas & New Year.....	£995 per week in 2008 (£1095 per week in 2009)
Mid season: April & October.....	£850 per week in 2008 (£950 per week in 2009)
Low Season: Rest of the year.....	£695 per week in 2008 (£795 per week in 2009)

Paying for your stay: once you have contacted us, we will let you know about the availability of Caberfeidh and we make a provisional booking which we will hold for seven days. We will ask you to complete the booking form and return it to us with your deposit of 25% of the total rental. On receipt of your deposit, we will send you a confirmation of your booking and any information that will help you make the most of your stay.

The balance of your rental should be paid eight weeks prior to arrival. Payment may be made by cheque – please make cheques payable to Mrs Lesley Wiseman. Please get in touch if you would prefer to pay using telephone banking. Holidays booked within eight weeks of arrival should be paid in full at the time of booking. See the Terms and Conditions attached regarding cancellations.

Terms & Conditions

1. The price includes: electricity; oil; linen; towels; fuel starter pack for the multi-fuel stove; welcome pack; use of the full Sky TV package.
2. Caberfeidh is let on condition that it is returned at the end of the period of occupation in the same condition that it was found on arrival. We reserve the right to make a charge for extra cleaning if this proves necessary.
3. The number of people occupying Caberfeidh should not exceed six.
4. Pets are not permitted in or on the property.
5. Caberfeidh is a non-smoking environment.
6. An inventory of key items is supplied and you should check this at the start of your stay. Any discrepancies should be reported at this stage. The person(s) renting Caberfeidh is responsible for the contents of the house and will be liable to replace any items missing or damaged.
7. You should let us know in advance your estimated time of arrival. If you find that you are late or lost, please telephone and we will do what we can to assist.
8. Bookings normally run on a Saturday-to-Saturday basis. Caberfeidh will be ready for occupation by 4.00 pm on the first day of your stay. You should vacate Caberfeidh by 10.00 am on the final day of your stay.
9. Bookings are made in good faith with the belief that the house will be available to you on the date stated on the booking form. If, for any reason, due to circumstances outside our control, the house is not available, we are unable to guarantee provision of alternative accommodation. In the event of this happening, the deposit and the balance will be refunded in full and you will have no further claim against the proprietor.
10. The basic weekly rental prices are as specified in the brochure. A non-refundable deposit of 25% of the applicable weekly rental is payable at the time of booking and the balance must be paid eight weeks before the first day of your stay.
11. If you are required to cancel a reservation for any reason, we must be notified immediately by telephone or e-mail and the cancellation must be confirmed in writing within 5 days. In the event of a cancellation, we will make every effort to re-let the property. If we are successful, you will be reimbursed 75% of the total rental. If we are unsuccessful, cancellation costs will be made as follows: more than 8 weeks prior to booking commencing – your deposit will be forfeited; less than 8 weeks prior to booking commencing – you are liable to the full rental. We strongly recommend that you take out Holiday Insurance to cover this eventuality.
12. We also recommend that you ensure that your Holiday Insurance covers loss or damage to your personal property which you leave at your own risk.
13. The proprietors will not be responsible for any loss or damage or any injury to persons not caused through the fault of the proprietor.
14. All prices are quoted on a per-week basis where the week is Saturday 4.00 pm. to Saturday 10.00 am.
15. Please make cheques payable to Mrs Lesley Wiseman, Glen View, Jagger Green, West Yorkshire, HX4 9DE - +44 (0) 14 22 37 89 83.

Caberfeidh Booking Form



Full name.....
Address.....
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Home phone..... Mobile phone.....

E-mail..... Number in party: Adults..... Children.....

Please reserve Caberfeidh for me from (start date)..... to (end date).....

Caberfeidh is available from 4:00pm on the first day of your rental. Estimated time of arrival.....

Any special requirements.....

Do you need a cot? (We don't provide bedding for the travel cot).....

How did you hear about us?.....

I enclose a deposit of..... representing 25% of the total rental. I understand that the balance of the rental (75%) must be paid in full 8 weeks prior to arrival. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions attached. I will leave the property clean and tidy and I will report any breakages or losses prior to departure. I understand that Caberfeidh is a non-smoking house and that no pets are allowed.

Signature..... Date.....

Make cheques payable to Lesley Wiseman, Glen View, Jagger Green, West Yorkshire, HX4 9DE - +44 (0) 14 22 37 89 83.

Full terms and conditions attached. We hope you enjoy your stay at Caberfeidh. Lesley and Alisdair Wiseman.

Square Art



One of the things that makes Caberfeidh special is the range of art that you will see throughout the house – over 40 pictures in all. We have collected many of these pictures over the years – but if you look closely, you will see that some of them have been painted by us. We both draw our inspiration from the wild land and seascapes of Harris. Lesley works from a mix of memory and imagination to create both abstract and representational images. Unusually, she works on silk which has a life of its own and delivers a vibrancy of colour that other media cannot match. Alisdair paints what he sees, combining finely detailed pencil drawing with watercolour wash – everything is in focus!

If you would like to see more of our work, you can visit the Seallam! Visitor Centre at Northton in Harris or the Morven Gallery in Barvas on Lewis. Alternatively, you can check out the Square Art website (www.square-art.co.uk), pick something you like and have it delivered directly to your home address.

We hope you enjoy living in your own personal gallery!