

## **STOKERS' COTTAGE, BALNAGOWAN LISMORE, BY OBAN, ARGYLL**



Stokers cottage is about two thirds up the island from the south end, on the east side. It lies in a sheltered position about 100 yards down a steep and rough tractor track, from the end of the nearest road, facing south-east across the Loch towards Benderloch. It is perched on rock about 10 yards from the sea, beside a small shingle beach.

The cottage has a sitting room with a double bed, a kitchen, a bathroom and a bedroom with two single beds. The cottage is heated with a multi-fuel burning stove in the sitting room and combined off-peak storage and convector heaters. It is furnished very simply. There is a toaster and a microwave, but we do not have internet, TV, washing machine or dishwasher. Duvets (one double and two singles) are provided, but we ask guests to bring their own linen (including sheets, bath towels, tea towels, bath mat).

Families with children usually love the cottage and its environment but those with toddlers and very young children should be aware that, being so close to the rocky shore, there are precipitous drops all around and that young ones will need to be closely supervised.

For further information about Lismore and details of ferry times, etc., look up the excellent community website [www.isleoflismore.com](http://www.isleoflismore.com)

### ***CONDITIONS OF BOOKING THE COTTAGE***

Arrival time is 2.00pm and departure time is 10.00am. Lets run from Saturday to Saturday.

Electricity and fuel (coal) is included in the cost of renting the cottage.

Rent is £270 / £300 / £330 per week in low / mid / high season. We ask £50 per week on confirming your booking and the balance one month before your stay.



## **PROJECTS**

We are, of course, delighted if people feel like doing jobs around the cottage. Suggestions include up-keep of protection for trees, clipping grass, pruning the roses, carrying pebbles from the beach to put on the path at the front of the cottage, checking the level of the grass around the back of the cottage to keep it out of the foundations. Major projects such as snowceming the outside, or decorating the inside can earn rent-free weeks – please get in touch if you are interested.

Getting to Lismore and living there is a lot less complicated than it sounds. When you are there you will enjoy almost complete isolation – if you want – and lots of places to walk to, including three castles, bays on the west coast covered with fresh mussels and winkles, and views to Mull in one direction and Glencoe and Ben Nevis in another. Swans sleep on the beach by the cottage, and seals are often seen. There are dozens of varieties of birds and wild flowers. Otters are regularly seen from the cottage. Much of the island is used for sheep and cattle farming. The island has its own entertainments: ceilidhs, whist drives, and, in summer, a concert and sale of work.

We ask you not to bring dogs or any other animals to the cottage – and strictly no smoking, please.

Please email [stokerscottagelets@gmail.com](mailto:stokerscottagelets@gmail.com) for availability and booking.