

April Cottage

Responsible Visitor Charter

Here in the beautiful Peak District, we are fortunate to live in one of the most stunning and remarkable areas of England. This is our privilege and we do our best to look after this precious gift.

Here are some ideas on what you can do to help during your stay :

1. **Conserve Energy** – reduce energy use by switching off lights and closing doors and windows if the heating is on. Please only turn the heating up if necessary (but do make sure it's warm enough !)

2. **Give the car a rest** – Leave the car behind, if only for a day...

Walk– there are suggestions for walks in the literature, OS maps and the village Post Office has a supply of local walks books to purchase

Cycle– there is a cycle hire centre on the High Peak Trail at Parsley Hay – on the opposite side of the A515 after passing Arbor Low stone circle

Use public transport– Bakewell market day is a Monday using the local bus avoids the traffic congestion and limited parking. The bus also stops at Haddon Hall in both directions.

3. **Shop Local** – This supports the local community, gives you a flavour of the area that you have come to visit and reduces food miles. We are fortunate to have some fantastic producers of food, drink and arts and crafts. The village has three pubs serving excellent food, a butcher/delicatessen supplying local meat and haggis and a village post office with shop.

4. **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** – Use the big blue recycling bag for your clean recycling and we will sort it to save you time. Please support us in our efforts to recycle !

5. **Be Water Wise** – Even though you might see a lot of it falling out of the sky, please consider how you use water. Take a shower instead of a bath, and remember to turn off the tap when brushing your teeth. Youlgrave is blessed with last remaining independent water company supplying the village from a local spring year round (except in exceptional droughts) - please help us to keep the supply flowing.

6. **Respect nature** – Help us to look after the landscape and wildlife by following the Countryside Code: Dispose of your litter appropriately, guard against fire and use footpaths and cycle-ways responsibly.

7. **Support Green businesses.** There are many businesses in the region trying to reduce their environmental impact. We are proud members of the Peak District Environmental Quality Mark – look out for other businesses that display the award !