

## Foelortho Bunkhouse



Warm & cozy bunkhouse in the mountains. Great drying room, 2 comfy bunk beds and 2 single beds downstairs and 8 mattresses to sleep on upstairs. DVD, music player & well equipped modern kitchen, 2 big showers, 2 loos, sleeps 8 (max 12).

After washing the mud off your boots.....come into the Bunkhouse. It was built probably in the 17th century as an outhouse to Foelortho farm and has been used for the last forty years as a log and timber store and overflow dormitory for visitors who were prepared to rough it.

Now reinforced with stronger walls and a slate roof it's been magically transformed into self contained, self catering Bunkhouse accommodation ideal for groups of walkers, cyclists, canoeists, bird watchers, scouts, guides, photographers, painters, musicians.....

The magic expands – what appeared from the outside to be a small stone box becomes a ‘Tardis’ when you enter. Everything is in place for welcoming home an intrepid group of hungry adventurers, wet and exhausted from some demanding outdoor pursuit. There’s a place for rucksacks, a cosy drying room (equipped with a radiator, de-humidifier, and extractor fan) for sopping wet cagouls and footwear plus dry and lockable accommodation for bikes and whatever.

Step through into a warm, smartly tiled lobby and decide on a wash or a shower. The wet room’s warm and snug with two showers, two washbasins, a dividing curtain and an extractor fan. The toilet is separate and equipped with its own corner wash basin, radiator and extractor. The super-efficient Combi boiler gives you all the hot water you could possibly want, and also

**powers five radiators. Even with snow and ice outside, this little home in the hills is as warm as toast – truly a ‘bunkhouse heaven’.**

**Now slip into your indoor shoes and, helping yourself to a magazine (or a newspaper or a map) from the shelving on the Mezzanine floor, climb another five steps for a complete surprise. Mouths drop open at the sight of the modern equipment in this tastefully designed kitchen area. Facilities like the integrated fridge, microwave/oven, gas hob, sink unit, electric kettle, toaster and all the crockery and cutlery make it a pleasure to prepare and serve a tasty meal for ten, while three sets of dimmable halogen lights can transform the whole space into a sophisticated lounge.**

**The dining table’s a great place for friendly, relaxed conversation, serving also as a place for poring over maps while planning tomorrow’s adventure, as a card table or merely as a prop for your elbows while you have a laugh and a chat. In this relaxed atmosphere and with such comfy mattresses laid out on the carpet, you won’t be talking too far into the night. Please ensure to bring your favourite pillow and sleeping bag or sheet & duvet for the best night’s sleep possible! We provide the mattress protector.**

## **Outside the Bunkhouse**

**Stunning fifteen mile panorama from the doorstep, bike or walk in the quiet mountains with buzzards high above. Or pop down to the friendly village shop & pub.**

**There’s much to see when you step out of the Bunkhouse. Firstly the stunning views all round – the twin Berwyn mountain peaks of Mynydd Mawr and Gyrn Moelfre framed between the rolling sides of the Nant y Brithyll valley, and behind you, Foel Knoll, down from whose summit, some 500 years ago, the granite and stone would have been sledged down to build the Farmhouse and Bunkhouse.**

**Leading from the Bunkhouse a concealed, winding staircase entices you up to The Follies, the much filmed, photographed and adored fantasy world of colour, shape and sound created over the last forty years by jazz trumpeter**

**Eddie Matthews – surely the ultimate escape from all known stresses and strains.**

**What better place to ease the mind and body after a day of intrepid team building on some remote mountain top or of hurtling down precipitous forest tracks or scanning the wilderness all day in pursuit of that elusive Red Kite.**

**You may well get a wave from any car that passes you and maybe an offer of a lift. Happily, city ways have not yet reached these parts. The same friendliness is to be found in The Railway Inn where, over a pint of local ale or a local steak you soon lose any sense of time, urgency or stress.**

**Take a five minute drive west to Llangynog, noting on your right the ‘hanging valley’ left perched above the retreating mass of a glacier during the last Ice Age.**

**Dwarfed by towering masses of granite and slate this village was, in the 18th and 19th centuries, Europe’s largest lead mining area. The extension to Llangynog of the Tanat Valley Railway (2) in 1904 was unable to arrest its gradual decline.**

**High above the disused quarries there still remain many traces of Craig Rhiwarth, the large Celtic Hill Fort from which, until his eventual defeat by Scapula, Caratacus (Caradoc) King of the Ordovices launched successful resistance to Roman occupation.**

**A few miles to the west of Llangynog, hidden away at the head of a valley stands the Shrine Church of St. Melangell (3), a tranquil, spiritual place to which anyone seeking peace of mind should pay a visit, as pilgrims have done for many hundreds of years.**

## PHOTOS INSIDE THE BUNKHOUSE see website for many more...



Hallway & Stairs



Downstairs Bunks and beds



Shower Room



Kitchen Area



Kitchen and Living Area