

# ABOUT LAURIESTON HALL

**L**aurieston Hall Community is a housing co-operative where 27 adults and 6 children live, either in the main house or in cottages and caravans in the grounds. From April to September we welcome visitors who come on (mainly) weekly events.

## FACILITIES

We're in an area of rolling countryside of forest and farmland, dotted with lochs. There are high hills a few miles to the north, and to the south is the sea. For those who seek solitude or wildness, it can be found a few yards from the house and continues for miles in all directions. Our land measures 135 acres, a large part of it forest and grazing for cows, pigs, hens and bees. There's also a large Victorian walled kitchen garden.

Sleeping accommodation is mostly in shared rooms for 5 to 8 people. You are welcome to bring a camper or a tent to sleep in if you want more privacy (if you do, there's a reduction of between £16 and £43 depending on the rate you pay). Or you can book one of our tents, which comfortably (good mattresses provided!) sleep two adults. There are

some smaller rooms for people with special needs. (Please be sure to book early if you need a small room). There's a ground floor bedroom for disabled people, wheelchair access to all the main rooms on the ground floor, and a ground floor shower and toilet with wheelchair access.

All meals are provided, and are vegetarian. **You must contact us immediately if you have any kind of special dietary need, food intolerance, or food allergy.** Hot and cold drinks and snacks are available at all hours.

There's a table tennis table, a snooker table, a table football table, an outdoor volley ball court, pianos, fancy dress, a wood-fired sauna by the pond near the house, and the loch with our own beach to swim from. Laurieston village has a pub but no shop, the nearest being a very small one 4 miles away at Mossdale. The nearest town, Castle Douglas, is 7 miles from here.

## WHAT TO BRING

When the weather is good, workshops and meetings are often held on the lawn, but please come prepared for wet weather, with waterproofs and wellingtons if possible. We provide a duvet, blanket, pillow and pillowcase;

but **please bring two sheets and a towel**. A hot water bottle is a good idea in spring and autumn. Other good ideas are: a torch, midge repellent and sun screen and your preferred ground coffee (if you like it!)

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

*We don't want you to come with infectious illness. This includes sickness and diarrhoea. On these events we live closely and communally. We share bedrooms and bathrooms and mealtimes. It is easy for a tummy bug, for example, to spread. Cancelling will spoil your holiday, but you could spoil a lot more holidays by coming, and passing bugs around, and it puts a terrific strain on the week. German measles (Rubella) may be making your child feel just under the weather, but could have serious implications for a woman in the early stages of pregnancy. Also, some children have not been vaccinated.*

Do contact us if you're not sure what to do. We will refund your deposit if you have to cancel at the last minute because of illness.

*We especially request that you don't bring dogs or any other pets.*

## TELEPHONE

Give **01644 450 263** to anyone who may want to phone you while you're here. This number is 'in-season' only.