

Gwenoldy was sensitively converted in 2004 and has been improved as appropriate since then. The stone and slate building was originally the stable and forge of the former farmhouse nearby in which we live. The conversion re-used original timbers and slate slabs but introduced twenty-first century levels of insulation and double-glazed windows and doors in keeping with our determination that our paying guests would experience every comfort whatever the season.

It is the only self-catering holiday cottage for miles around and is in a wonderful location with outstanding countryside views. Our commitment to the ideal of sustainable tourism means that our visitors can have a great holiday here with minimal impact on the environment.

We buy most of our materials and food locally and we encourage our guests to use local shops, for some of which we are able to provide discount vouchers. We supply you with re-usable bags for your shopping as plastic bags now cost 5p each in all Welsh shops to discourage their use.

Our guests enjoy:

Electricity from a supplier using 100% renewable methods of generation;

Energy-efficient appliances and low-energy (but bright!) lighting;

A wood-burning stove fuelled with logs sourced locally (and provided free);

Central heating (with thermostatically controlled radiators) and hot water from a condensing boiler;

The choice of baths or showers – our mains water is specially pumped to the cottage and we ask you to use it carefully – but you are on holiday!

Decoration with eco-friendly finishes;

Easy recycling of paper, glass, plastic bottles, tins and vegetable waste (our compost bins contribute to a style of gardening which avoids inorganic treatments as much as possible);

Use of our large, enclosed gardens for leisure and, if cooking, culinary purposes. We're happy to share the fresh herbs from our kitchen garden and our fruit and vegetables in season;

The chance for children to enjoy visiting our hens and collecting eggs (except in winter when we let the birds rest from laying);

Parking for one or two vehicles – some days you may well want to walk from the door as a range of splendid routes including the Offa's Dyke Trail are within easy reach;

Secure storage for bikes;

Local bus services – they pass half-a-mile from the cottage (but the hill is steep).