

### ***Blue Row Visitors Comments (up to September 2009)***

- We've had a wonderful time here. The cottage was perfect! The couches and the beds were very comfortable. We loved the dining room. We sat there a lot eating, drinking and talking, and going through all the leaflets finding nice things to do. We have been to Tewkesbury, a lovely town to shop and the drive to get there was beautiful. Right through Cotswold Hills. We've also seen Oxford, beautiful, but very crowded. We also went to Great Tew, the Rollright Stones, and Hook Norton, a beautiful place, where we visited the Brewery. A week was really too short. We loved the landscape and the beautiful views. We'll be back! (Netherlands, 28<sup>th</sup> August 2009).
- A wonderful cottage. Beautiful surroundings. All you need is at hand. The weather could not have been better. We were very happy here! Thank you so much. (Nederland, 22 August 2009)
- We hadden een leuke week, in een leuk en gezellig huisje. Heerlijk!! Om 's avonds in dat knusse huisje bij elkaar te zitten of 's ochtends gezellig te ontbijten!! Thanks! (De tart was heerlijk en de bloemen erg mooi!!) (We liked the cake very much and enjoyed the flowers, what a warm welcome.) (Heerde, Netherlands, 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009)
- To be or not to be, we have been in this lovely cottage, seen Oxford, Stratford, Swerford, and now it's time to get in our Citroen again. Thank you for the welcome and nice place to be. A place to be again. (Holland, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2009)
- Seems that we are the first Norwegians to find this little piece of heaven. ANBEFALES! (Recommended.) Thank you for making our holiday perfect, although there is far too much to do around here to find time to do "nothing"! (Norway 10<sup>th</sup> July 2009)
- We had a great week! The weather was lovely so we enjoyed the garden very much. And what a warm welcome with home-baked cake and tea. Thanks! (Netherlands, 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009)
- Our second and very enjoyable visit, sorry to hear there may not be a third. Heard lots of owls last night, many thanks (Luton, UK 25<sup>th</sup> May 2009)
- A lovely cottage, the gardens were beautiful. The surrounding countryside was just amazing. Thank you for a lovely stay. (Bredbo Australia and Flynn ACT Australia, 16<sup>th</sup> May 2009)
- We have had a lovely time in your cottage. Enjoyed the walk in Swerford's fields and all the lovely villages in the Cotswolds. Thank you for the warm welcome. We've had a really nice meal in the Black Boy inn in Milton. We've left their card in your information folder. (Rotterdam, Netherlands, 5<sup>th</sup> May 2009)

- We love the cottage and the lovely garden. Thanks for the lovely cake, nice touch. We have had a most enjoyable stay. We love seeing all the birds. Thank you. (Sydney, Australia, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2009)
- What a wonderful start to our UK holiday! A little bit of heaven! And thanks for the yummy cake. (Croydon, NSW, Australia 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009)
- Blue Row cottage was everything we had hoped for and more. Thank you so much for the most perfect week. We really don't want to leave! (Sydney, Australia. 27<sup>th</sup> Dec 2008)
- Lovely few days in great location. Cottage is beautiful, well-equipped, and homely. Thank you for the warm welcome and hope to visit again some day. (London, 25<sup>th</sup> Nov 2008)
- Thank you for letting us stay in your beautiful cottage. We had a lovely time and we hope to see you soon, but for now we wanted to tell you goodbye before we leave tomorrow. Hopefully we will meet you again for a summer visit in England and stay in Blue Row Cottage; This old soul finds it refreshing to hear nothing but the wind through the trees, myself breathe, and the church bells chime with every hour on time. Looking forward to coming back in the spring! ; We enjoyed every moment of our stay here in the rolling green hills of the Cotswolds. Coming home to blue Row at the end of each day's outing was a welcoming pleasure (South Carolina, USA 11th Nov 2008)
- We had a great time in your lovely cottage. We have visited many picturesque Cotswold villages and enjoyed our walks in the beautiful countryside. Especially our walk in Swerford was nice. It's beautiful here. Thank you for your warm welcome. (Great Cambourne, Cambs. 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2008)
- Lovely cosy cottage. Well-equipped and in a great location. Thanks for warm welcome, and thanks for a super week. (Renfrewshire, Scotland, 18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2008)
- What a fabulous find – deep in beautiful Cotswold countryside. And the bonus of Hook Norton beer in all the local pubs. Hugely enjoyed watching Shakespeare at Stratford – highly recommended. (Lyme Regis, 6<sup>th</sup> September 2008)
- The cottage is great, well-equipped and home from home. The garden is beautiful, the children really enjoyed it. Blue Row is excellently placed to explore the Cotswolds, we will definitely return, many thanks. (Manchester, August 2008)
- Lovely cottage in easy reach of many places, from picturesque villages to Blenheim, Oxford, and Stratford. Many thanks for the lovely cake. (Oxton, Wirral August 2008)

- Although it's been more than 30 years since my gran, E.T., and other family members lived in Blue Row, the three of us have felt very much at home here. We have explored the village and footpaths and visited the family grave in the churchyard each day, placed a pot on the grave in memory of a dear father. Swerford Nostalgia Day was followed by a week taking in the peace of this wonderful place, and introducing our grandson to some family history. (Ipswich, July 2008)
- A lovely peaceful holiday in this idyllic cottage. Perfect for us. Hope to be back next year. Ideal location for exploring the area. (Northumberland, June 2008)
- A perfect spot to use as a base for the Cotswolds, Blue Row was a comfortable and well equipped cottage and we thoroughly enjoyed our stay! Many thanks. (VA, USA, June 2008)
- Bit wet, but the lambs on the hillside were very friendly. A very lovely cottage and we enjoyed everything, especially the cake! Broughton Hall was a fascinating day out on a wet day, I enjoyed the walks over the hill, thank you!!! (Luton, May 2008)
- What a glorious week! The cottage was just perfect. The cake was delicious. The countryside, the nearby villages, the pubs, and especially the lovely cows who greeted us every morning - we make this one of the best vacations ever. Thank you - we will return!! (Washington DC, USA, May 2008)
- It was lovely to stay in the cottage where my grandmother M.F. was born 1878. How did they cope with so many children in the space? Lucky with sunshine for researching graves in the churchyard of the F, ancestors. Thank you for the welcome of tea and cakes, and for the help during our stay.(London, May 2008)
- A marvellous week! Weather was not good but was not a problem. We did not have much rain. The cottage is cosy, beautiful. We enjoy our visits to Oxford, Stratford, Warwick Castle (we advise it for children) and also the 'ghost alive' attraction in Warwick Castle (if you are not afraid!) magnificent Cotswolds, Great Tew, Stow-on-the-Wold, The Slaughters, Burford, - and Swerford. All these villages are more magnificent than the others. Thank you for the friendly welcome. 2nd time we come to Cotswolds, perhaps we will come a 3rd time (France, April 2008)
- Nice cottage, shame about the weather, it was a good base for our visits to family and the surrounding area. The kids loved the garden. (Prague, Czech Republic, April 2008)
- Two lovely weeks in this beautiful place. The cottage at Blue Row is wonderfully generous, lacking nothing that we needed. Thank you for your attention to detail - and for the cake! (Besides the local pubs, the Wykham Arms at Sibford Gower has excellent food! (Morningville, NSW, Australia, April 2008 )

- Our second stay! Lovely to return. Had a relaxing long weekend. Hope to return a third time. Thank you. Relaxing weekend in your lovely cottage. Made the most of the mole-hill ridden village playground!! (Swindon, London, Cardiff and Rickmansworth, February 2008)
- Thank you very much for our stay, we really enjoyed it (London, Feb 2008)
- Cottage was cosy and all we had hoped for. Thanks to Annabel and Richard for all the help in making us welcome - and for the lovely almond cake! Nathaniel loved the view of the cows from the utility room. Apart from striking out to see family and a friend's wedding, also got to the Falkland Arms, the Rollright Stones, Kenilworth Castle, Stratford, and Bourton on the Water with Birdland (Scarborough, Dec 2007)
- We have really enjoyed our week here in 3 Blue Row - a perfect cottage in an ideal location! We have enjoyed visiting Oxford (for shopping and panto!) Chipping Norton and Woodstock. It has been so nice spending Christmas here, away from the hustle and bustle. We hope to return some day. Thanks for the mince pies, we really enjoyed them - and so did Santa! (London, Christmas 2008)
- Beautiful experience for winter holiday. Cottage is beautiful and fully equipped. Children love it. Thank you for letting us in a day in advance as planned. Hope this cottage will last for hundreds more years. The weather is quite cold for us but the people are warm. Thank you for the cake and beautiful flowers. (Kuala Lumpur, Dec 2007)
- Charming cottage and well equipped with everything we needed to laze about successfully and cook some lovely meals. The cake was lovely, such a thoughtful touch. We had high expectations and they were all met with aplomb. We will be spreading the word about Blue Row cottage and we do hope to be back! (London, November 2007)
- Oh, our glorious historic and scenic England, our heritage enhanced to its optimum by perfect autumn weather. The first holiday with our daughter and family since they relocated from Australia after 13 years! A perfect area to re-acquaint (for all of us). Blue Row Cottage peaceful, private, atmospheric, clean and comfortable. Thanks to Annabel and Richard. (North Norfolk and Hertfordshire, November 2007)
- An excellent stay in a very quaint cottage. The kids loved exploring the house and double staircase. The weather was fantastic, albeit chilly, but made the colours of the Cotswolds even more beautiful. Warwick Castle a must for kids and big kids alike. Bourton-on-the-water well worth a visit too. A week is not long enough to explore and will definitely be back some time in the future. Many thanks. (Dorset, October 2007)
- We have had a wonderful stay in your adorable cottage. We only wish we had more time to explore Swerford itself. Thank you for making us feel so warmly welcomed. We hope we will be able to come and stay with you again. God bless. (Aberdeen, Scotland & Houston, Texas, October 2007)

- A very comfortable stay. We have enjoyed exploring this area of the Cotswolds. Some wonderful scenery and very attractive villages as well as spectacular 'houses' e.g. Blenheim Palace. The Hook Norton Brewery was well worth a visit, Hidcote House gardens are amazing to name a few of the places we have visited. Must mention the Lido at Chipping Norton – what a great place to go swimming on a sunny day – pleasant surroundings and a total sun trap. The cottage is very comfortable adding to the relaxing atmosphere which marks a great holiday. (Co. Durham / Derbyshire, Aug 2007)
- A very welcoming and comfortable base for our holiday – despite the weather. Your cottage is what it says on the tin! Not always so these days. (*Owner's note: Thank you – that's what we aim for!*) Comfortable beds, clean, and lots of hot water were much appreciated. Thank you – we hope to be back. (Essex, July 2007)
- The cottage was a great experience at 200 years old, we enjoyed the garden, the Motte and Bailey and Church. Location is great with access to many National trust properties. A day at Blenheim went very quickly. Gardens, lanes, hedgerows all a joy. Thank you for the time we spent in your cottage. (Canberra, Australia, June 2007)
- Very clean cottage. Beautiful garden – shame about some of the weather. Blenheim Palace and Warwick Castle well worth a visit. Cotswold Animal Park good alternative. Bed is too short for a 6'2" male though! Newcastle upon Tyne, May 2007 (*Owner's note – the other bed is longer – but we do indicate the bed sizes.*)
- We've had a lovely stay as we celebrated our son's wedding at Aynho, it was like being at home. Hope we come back again and thanks for the cake and garden flowers. (Leicester, May 2007)
- Thank you for a very peaceful stay in your beautiful cottage. The children loved playing in the garden and climbing trees at the mound. (London, April 2007)
- Thanks for a very pleasant stay – a real home from home. (Co. Tipperary, Ireland, April 2007)
- A wonderful warm reception. After a long ride, the tea and cake, plus the flowers on the table, certainly welcomed us. The setting is so cosy and the outdoors with the flowers blooming, the birds singing and the church bells pealing helped us put out of our minds the 50cm of snow and -25° C temperatures at home. We couldn't ask for anything more. Many thanks! (Ontario, Canada, Feb/Mar 07)
- Lovely! Nice and quiet. Not too far from anywhere. Warm, dry, what more could you ask for! Oh yes – and CLEAN! Excellent – will recommend. (Stockport, Cheshire, Feb 2007)
- Great cottage and walks, squeaky rotisserie! (*Owner's note: oven since replaced.*) We had a wonderful time, thanks so much. Hoping to be back in Summer. (London, Jan 2007)

- Lovely cottage, beautiful surroundings, nice villages, great walks. Thank you Annabel and Richard for your great hospitality, we will come back.. (Netherlands, Dec 2006)
- Wonderful location, hope to be back soon. (Philadelphia, USA, Nov 2006)
- Had a wonderful fortnight at the cottage, one holiday we will remember for many years to come. A beautiful and well maintained home that was a pleasure to spend time in. (Adelaide, S. Australia, Oct 2006)
- A very warm and comfortable stay in your lovely cottage. Many thanks! (Sidmouth, Devon, Oct 2006)
- Restful weekend in your lovely cottage. Particularly enjoyed the 70s bathroom décor! We hope to come back. (Herts, London, Cardiff, and Swindon, Oct 2006)
- Had a very nice time on our honeymoon and plan to be back for our first anniversary. Loved the cottage and all of the nearby small towns, had a lot of fun. My favourite was probably Blenheim Palace, remarkable. A good place to eat, the Blue Boar, Chipping Norton (California, USA, Sept 2006)
- Thank you, we had a wonderful time here. Such a charming cottage in a beautiful location. Super place to have as a base to catch up with family and friends! (Amsterdam, Sept 2006)
- A very cosy cottage in a beautiful setting. Lots of great days out for all the family. Everything we needed. (Kent, Aug 2006)
- Wonderful cottage in an ideal location for touring the area. Blenheim was a highlight for me but we should have given it a whole day. A useful tip if visiting Oxford is to park at Kingham and catch the train. My wife enjoyed Stratford, and my daughter the Cotswold Wildlife Park. We will be back! (Cornwall, Aug 2006)
- We have really enjoyed our stay here; the cottage is lovely and the surrounding area beautiful. We have visited Twycross Zoo, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Upton House, Broughton Castle and Woburn Safari Park – all excellent. The children love the garden and certainly don't want to go home. Thank you. (Co. Durham, July 2006)
- Great footpaths for all the family. Good day in Oxford, and a quick visit to London. The countryside around Swerford seemed to us very cute, and so British! It was perfect for some French people/ We had awful weather – no rain at all during all 9 days and up to 35° C! Is that the global heating? Thank for a so comfortable and cute cottage! We enjoy our holidays here. It was too short! (Grenoble, France, July 2006)
- Thanks, very nice cottage, we like it very much (Holland, July 2006)

- Thank you for the care and love you have put into making this cottage as comfortable as it is charming. The scent from the mock orange, the sounds of birdsong and sheep baaing, and the sight of roses climbing up mellow Cotswold stone walls will all be memories to take back home to Canada to treasure. Thank you, too, Annabel and Richard for your warm and gracious welcome. This has been a truly lovely place for my father to research some family history in nearby Hook Norton and for us to have a special holiday together. (Canada, July 2006)
- Thank you. A wonderful and much needed break. (Kent, June 2006)
- A beautiful cottage, everything we needed, and wonderful garden, it really was a gift. (Preston, UK, June 2006)
- Wonderful charm and wonderful memories to take back to Canada with us of our family first and the English countryside. P.S thanks so much for the wonderful coffee cake for tea. (Ontario, Canada, June 2006)
- A perfect weekend. A lovely cottage filled with charm. Beautifully restored and appointed. Brilliant location. Appreciated the warm welcome from Annabel and Richard (not to mention the cake!) Idyllic weather for enjoying the wonderful garden. (Geelong, Australia / London, June 2006)
- Ce petit coin nous a beaucoup conquis pour nous. The Blue Row est le coin perdu pour un bon repos. Mille merci pour ce weekend prolongé! (Mauritius, May 2006)
- We've had such a relaxing break. The cottage is idyllic and the peace and quiet was wonderful. The Mason's Arms is highly recommended. We'll be back! (London, April 2006)