

Welcome to Hawthorn Cottage

We hope you have a wonderful stay!

This booklet includes information, instructions and recommendations which you may require during your stay.

If you do have any questions or queries,
please do not hesitate to contact us by messaging or calling
07411 955 352.

Have fun!
Lydia & Christian x



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The cottage dates back to approx 1672 and was a traditional farmers cottage.

The cottage features in the Pevsner Buildings Guide to Cheshire.

“Tiny, perfect example of Cheshire vernacular, timber-framed and thatched. Only 14 by 20 ft overall. Baffle-entry, central stack. Stair to attic floor squeezed in behind the timber smoke-hood, into which a brick chimney was inserted. Benignly restored in 2001”

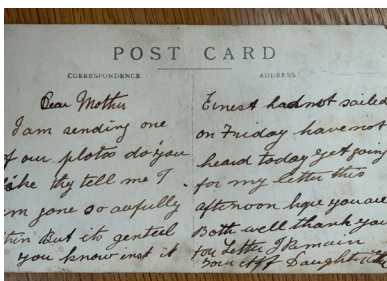
“Definition of a baffle-entry: entry to a lobby in front of an axial chimney-stack.”

The earliest occupant we can find at present is Martha Darlington who lived at Hawthorn Cottage circa 1839. Martha lived in the cottage with her child and rented the cottage and farming land off Lawrence Armitstead. The same year is recorded that John Brereton lived at Boundary Cottage which is the cottage across the road at the end of our drive. He owned part of the land leading up to Hawthorn Cottage called Brereton Croft. In later years the Brereton family occupied Hawthorn Cottage.

In 1841 John Brereton and his wife lived in Hawthorne Cottage along with their granddaughter aged 16. Their granddaughter's surname was Steele - her Mother had died some years earlier. The Steele family occupied Hawthorne Cottage too at some point.



Ellen & Isaac Brereton



Postcard from Ethel Brereton



Ernest & Ethel Brereton

Hawthorne Cottage is recorded as being on the current Twemlow Lane and on others on Hermitage Lane. Also, the roads are named differently, Hermitage Lane is called Goostrey Lane in one Census and plain Hermitage in another; Twemlow Lane is called Knutsford Road or Turnpike.

Ernest Brereton was Christened at Church Hulme in June 1886, the son of Isaac and Ellen Brereton. In the 1891 census Ernest is living with his mother Ellen at Goostrey Lane, Cranage aged 4 which would have been Hawthorn Cottage. There was no entry for his father but he was still living but must have been away overnight. Both Ernest and his mother were born in Cranage.

By 1901 the family of Ellen, Ernest (now aged 14) and his father Isaac who was an agricultural labourer, were still living at Hawthorn Cottage but the road name had changed to Twemlow Lane Cranage. The 1911 census shows the family to be at Hawthorn Cottage, Cranage. Ernest is now aged 24 and working as a farm labourer.

Ernest married Ethel Norbury in August 1913 and on the 4th October 1914 their daughter Alice was christened. In August 1916 he was reported in the Parish Magazine to have just enlisted into the Royal Field Artillery. On the 3rd February 1918 a second daughter, Ethel, was christened. The Absent Voters List of 1919 shows he was a Private Nr. 106296, and by then serving in the Mechanical Transport section of the Army Service Corps.

His death is recorded as 9th March 1938 and he is buried at Church Hulme aged 51.

A bungalow was built in the 1950's next to the cottage which became the main residence for the occupiers. The land and cottage was owned by United Turkeys who owns the adjacent turkey farm. From what we are told the cottage was left to the elements for many years and became derelict up until 2000 when it was first renovated after being sold to a builder for £1 to build the new house on the land.

Part of the planning requirement for the new building was for the renovation of the cottage.



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2004



2017



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2018



2020

From 2006 up until 2018 when we bought the house, the cottage was left unoccupied and again was left to the elements. Again another renovation and a lot of love, Hawthorn Cottage is once again a welcoming home.



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Guest Information

Access

Access to the cottage is through a pedestrian gate at the front of our property. For your convenience we ask our guests to park by the pedestrian gate as this is also our drive that leads to the cottage and allows you to come and go as you please. We do ask that you please shut and lock the pedestrian gate when arriving or leaving.

Safety

Our guests safety is our most important consideration. There are 2 smoke and carbon monoxide alarms in the cottage, along with powder and foam fire extinguishers. Your main exit is the front door to the cottage. In the event of a fire and the main exit not being available the upstairs windows in the bedroom and bathroom do open fully to allow as an emergency exit. Please also be aware that because the cottage is thatched insurance restrictions will not allow naked flames including smoking, candles or an open fire inside the cottage.

Comfort

The heating inside the cottage is set at a comfortable temperature. If you do require further heating there is a fire in the lounge which is operated by the remote control and an electric radiator in the bedroom and bathroom, or you can contact us and we can adjust the heating remotely.

The cottage is heated by underfloor heating which takes a long time to heat up or down. We do ask that you do not tamper with the heating system as it can take up to a day for the cottage to get back to temperature for the next arriving guests.

There is a smart TV in the lounge and bedroom where you can access your Spotify or Netflix account along with an Xbox 360 with games inside the coffee table chest. A bluetooth speaker is also available in the kitchen for your convenience which can be connected by phone to **WM2992MINI**.

A hairdryer is available in the upstairs bedroom in the chest of drawers. There is a dishwasher in the kitchen with dishwashing tablets underneath the sink along with cleaning materials and a steam iron. An ironing board can be found behind the kitchen door. If you do need anymore provisions, again please don't hesitate to ask.

In the kitchen there is an induction hob. To use the hob correctly you will need to make sure that the pan is bigger than the hob ring. If the hob displays **Lo** it means that it is locked and you will need to press and hold the lock button for approx 3 seconds to unlock it. On the wall above the hob is an extractor, the silver switch is to the right of it. Due to the small size of the cottage we kindly ask that to minimise cooking smells that this is used during cooking.

Outside to the front of the cottage is a gas BBQ for your use. We do ask that under no circumstances this is moved from its position to be closer to the cottage (thatch) or used as a garden heater due to fire safety. You are welcome to move any of the outdoor furniture though to where you feel comfortable. BBQ utensils can be found in the pan cupboard in the kitchen.

House Rules

Check-in is after 3pm - Check-out is 10am on the day of departure.

Strictly No smoking, vaping or e-cigarettes inside the cottage. No children, extra guests, parties or pets without pre-approval. Under no circumstances are guests to tamper with the heating controls and system. If you do need the temperature adjusting inside the cottage, please let us know as this can be done remotely.

Considerations

As Hawthorn Cottage is a listed historic building, please do understand that whilst every effort has been made to allow all the modern requirements, there will be some limitations to the building and its facilities. With this in mind we respectfully request that guests adhere to the house rules and be gentle and understanding with the building and fixtures.

The cottage and its garden is next to our property which is occupied by our family who will be your only neighbours apart from the birds and squirrels that roam. We do have three small dogs that do bark occasionally but are not a nuisance. We are a laid back family and will respect your space, time and custom at the cottage, however, if there is a problem or you require any advice there is mostly someone on hand to help. Please also understand that we are surrounded by working farmers fields and there may be a small amount of disruption that is out of our control from time to time.



Hot Tub

Before using the hot tub we ask that you read and familiarise yourself with the hot tub rules and instructions. We understand and apologise that this is quite long winded but unfortunately this is an insurance requirement to allow our guests use of the hot tub.

Before your arrival you should have received a link to a web page with our hot tub terms and conditions with a declaration that should have been completed. If you have not completed the declaration, please could you complete this ASAP by scanning the QR code below or following the link as unfortunately you will be unable to use the hot tub during your stay at the cottage without this.

For your convenience we provide the use of clean robes and disposable slippers that can be found hung up in the bedroom. Please use the outside towels which can be found in the chest in the lounge instead of the bathroom towels. We kindly ask that the robes remain at the cottage when you leave.

For your safety there is to be absolutely no glass taken into the hot tub area. You will find plastic glasses in the kitchen for your use.

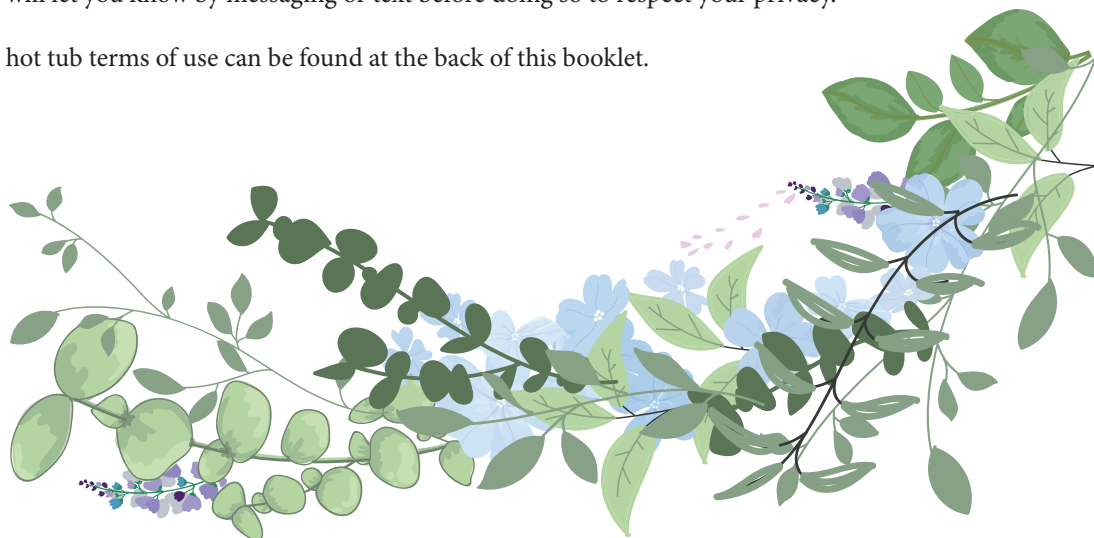
Please use the hot tub cover lifter to remove and close the cover. Once opened the cover lifter also has hooks to hang your towel and robe. When the hot tub is not in use we ask that you turn the hot tub jets off and replace the cover, making sure that it is fitted correctly to maintain the temperature of the water. For your information the hot tub automatically turns off itself and goes through a cleaning cycle every few hours. Please do not remove the lid from its opener and place on the grass or floor and please do not remove the water filter at front of the hot tub.

We ask that no fake tan or sun cream is worn in the hot tub as this can imbalance the hot tub chemicals.



During your stay we may visit up to twice a day (dependent on usage) to check the water balance and quality. Water balance/chemicals will be adjusted as necessary and results recorded. This procedure is a safety requirement and ensures that the chemical balance of the water remains continuously safe for your enjoyment throughout your stay. We will let you know by messaging or text before doing so to respect your privacy.

The full hot tub terms of use can be found at the back of this booklet.



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Bidlea Dairy

We are extremely lucky to live next door to this brilliant place!

The Dairy is owned and run by the Brown family who are the most loveliest of people and really look after their dairy herd, even allowing them to choose if they would like to sleep outside or inside! The Bidlea herd are a special breed of cows called Holstein-Friesian which has seen them win both National and European awards, and most recently first in the 'Herd Competition 2021'.

In your welcome pack you will receive Bidlea butter and Bidlea milk in a reusable bottle. You can re-fill your milk bottle at the dairy using the contactless payment vending machines.

To walk to the dairy, turn right from the cottage gate and right again to walk across the field from the back of our house (heading towards Twemlow Green). Follow the footpath and you will find a wooden barn (like the picture below). On the other side of the barn you will find the cafe and vending machines.

The cafe sells fresh milk, butter, eggs, the best homemade ice cream, the best homemade soup and cakes, tea, coffee and hot chocolate. You can either eat inside, outside or takeaway. Currently they don't sell sandwiches or breakfast.





Afternoon Tea

We have sourced and partnered with a few local businesses that offer the best service, ingredients and value for money.

Afternoon Tea is available to order direct from Rosie at Flourish Pantry which includes a selection of all homemade, sandwiches, cakes and savouries that will be delivered to the cottage for you for just £15.50 per person including delivery.

The savoury box contains:

A selection of sandwiches, mini quiches, sausage rolls.

The Sweet box contains:

Meringues filled with fresh cream and berries, fruit scone with clotted cream and jam, Chocolate Brownies topped with fresh cream and strawberries

All produce is homemade and can be changed to suit your requirements upon request.

A cake stand, teapot, cups and saucers etc can be found in the cottage kitchen.

To order your afternoon tea please allow a minimum of 24 hours for delivery. Freshly made meals are also available to pre-order too that can be re-heated as and when you need them.

Please call Rosie 07715 696 114
www.flourishpantry.com
facebook.com/OfficialFlourishPantry/

Food Deliveries

The Pink Garlic - Indian

31 London Rd, Holmes Chapel, Crewe CW4 8AA
01477 535 555

No delivery charge <https://www.thepinkgarlic.co.uk>

Jalfrezi - Indian

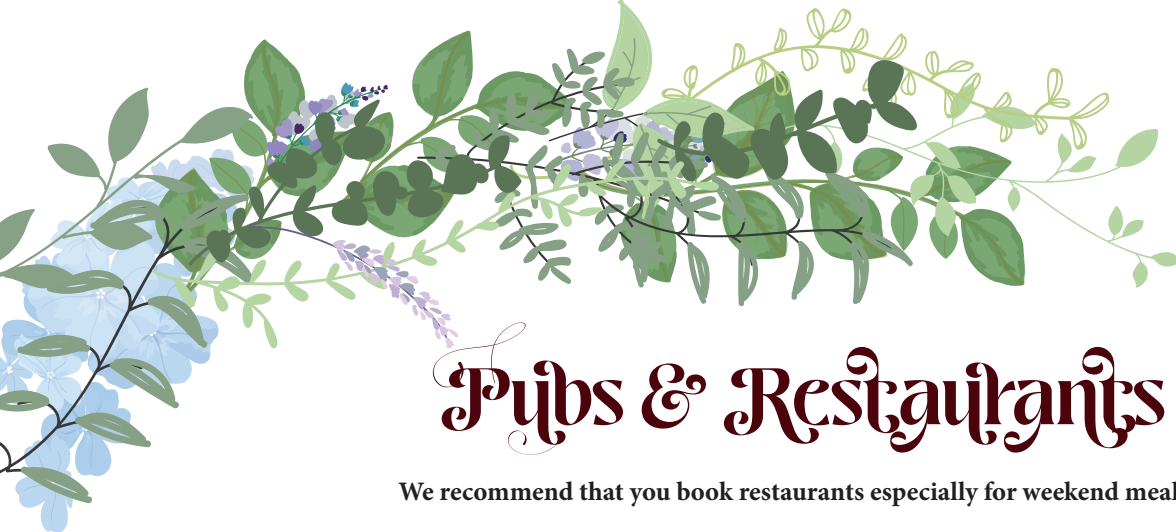
32 London Rd, Holmes Chapel, Crewe CW4 7AJ
01477 668 434

No delivery charge. <https://jalfrezitakeaway.com>



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Pubs & Restaurants

We recommend that you book restaurants especially for weekend meals

The Space Invader Pub, Goostrey £££

Recommend for a pub and amazingly good food!

Be sure to book for Sunday lunch with live music and the biggest Yorkshire puddings!

3 Station Rd, Goostrey, Crewe CW4 8PJ

01477 613 115

thespaceinvaderpub.co.uk

walk-able

approx 25mins

The Crown, Goostrey ££

Recommend for a pub and easy going food.

11 Main Rd, Goostrey, Crewe CW4 8PE

01477 532 128

thecrownpubgoostrey.co.uk

walk-able approx 25mins

The Vicarage Bar & Restaurant £££

Dog Friendly and brilliant food

Knutsford Rd, Cheshire, Crewe CW4 8EF

01477 533 393

walk-able approx 30-35 mins depending on which route you choose

Don Alberto £££

Recommend for food. - Award winning Italian restaurant, great steaks - also do takeaways

Macclesfield Road, Holmes Chapel

01477 537 084

walk-able approx 30-35 mins

The Bells of Peover £££

Gorgeous looking place, food is fab! - Dog friendly outside

The Cobbles, Knutsford WA16 9PZ

01565 722 269

thebellsfpeover.com

Drive: 10 mins by car. This is a beautiful old building great food and drinks steeped in history.

It is walk-able in 1-1.5 hours and maybe a taxi back.

The Swettenham Arms £££

Lovely pub and fab food - Dog friendly outside

Swettenham Lane, Swettenham Village, Cheshire, CW12 2LF

01477 571 284

Gorgeous outdoor garden overlooking lavender fields and countryside. Loads of walks around here too.

<http://www.swettenhamarms.co.uk>

<https://www.facebook.com/swettenhamarms>

4 miles walk. Drive: 12mins by car.

Pubs & Restaurants Continued...

The Yellow Broom ££££

(restricted opening Hours)

Recommend for food - also do takeaways

Forty Acre Lane, Twemlow Green, Cheshire, Crewe CW4 8BL

01477 534 048

High end restaurant for romantic meals.

walk-able approx 25mins however walk is mostly on a small country road, we would suggest going by car

Fortune City Chinese Restaurant £££

Harry Styles favourite Holmes Chapel restaurant!

96 London Rd, Holmes Chapel, Crewe CW4 7BD

01477 532 861

<https://m.facebook.com/FortuneCityHC/>

walk-able approx 30-35 mins

Take Aways

The Trading Post £

Great for breakfast, lunch and cakes!

Boothbed Lane, Booth Bed Lane, Goostrey, Crewe CW4 8LP

01477 532354

This gem is our local shop in Goostrey. It's also a small convenience store selling food, drink and alcohol. They have a small bakery and make breakfast baps and trays, homemade sandwiches, pies, paninis and cakes etc. Depending on which day you go they also make homemade lasagnes, pizzas, stews etc to take home and re-heat

<http://the-trading-post-crewe.edan.io>

12 mins walk. Drive: 3 mins by car.

London Road Fish Bar £

33 London Rd, Holmes Chapel, Crewe CW4 7AP

01477 535 880

Probably the best fish and chip shop around here! They also do kebabs etc.

<https://londonroadfishbar.co.uk>

El Forno £

35 London Road, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, CW4 7AP

01477 535 151

Great pizzas!

<https://elforno.com>

Sun Kong ££

36 London Road, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire, CW4 7AP

01477 532203

Delivery available. Orders must be over £10 and a charge of £1.50 will be added to your order

Free delivery on orders over £20

<https://www.sunkongchinese.co.uk>



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Taxis & Travel

As the cottage is in a semi-rural position in a small village, we recommend that all taxi's be booked in advance before your stay to avoid disappointment.

Victoria Cars

Based in Holmes Chapel
Tel: 01477 544631

Ishmael Mercedes Driver

A lovely guy!

Mention that you are staying at Lydia and Christians Cottage so he knows where to find you!

Not the cheapest of taxis but nice as a special occasion.

Tel: 07540 442 778

Goostrey Private Hire

Tel: 01477 535060

Passenger Cars

Like a Cheshire Uber

<https://www.pcgcars.co.uk>

Train Stations & Car Hire

Goostrey Train Station

Crewe to Manchester Line

A 20 - 25 minute walk across the field towards Goostrey and turn right.

Holmes Chapel Train Station

Crewe to Manchester Line

A 20 - 25 minute walk down our drive, turn right and cross the road down the byway opposite Hermitage Lane.

This will take you into Holmes Chapel

Plumley Train station

Chester to Manchester Line

A 10 minute drive from the cottage. There is parking available.

Enterprise Rent a Car

Probably the cheapest and most reliable
closest branch is in Northwich.

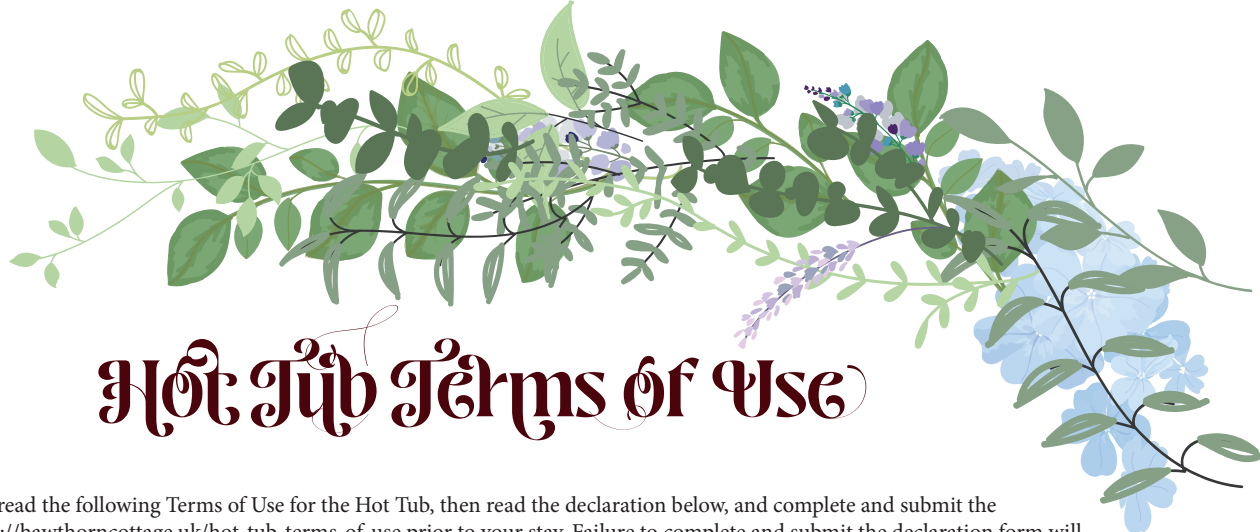
211-215 Manchester Rd, Northwich CW9 7NB

Tel: 01606 3511 001

<https://www.enterprise.co.uk>



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Hot Tub Terms of Use

Please read the following Terms of Use for the Hot Tub, then read the declaration below, and complete and submit the online form <http://hawthorncottage.uk/hot-tub-terms-of-use> prior to your stay. Failure to complete and submit the declaration form will result in the Hot Tub being unavailable for your stay.

TERMS OF USE

Please note that we may visit up to twice a day (dependent on usage) to check the water balance and quality. Making sure water balance/chemicals are adjusted as necessary and results recorded. This procedure is a safety requirement and ensures that the chemical balance of the water remains continuously safe for your enjoyment throughout your stay. It is vital that the hot tub is kept clean for your own safety. Failure to do so results in the water balance changing which seriously diminishes the effectiveness of the sanitising chemicals (including Chlorine). This in turn can lead to nasty microbiological bacteria multiplying rapidly causing a number of serious hazards to user's health. Failure to comply with the disclaimer to maintain a clean hot tub may result in the need to drain down, sanitise, and re-fill the hot tub. Please be aware that this could result in a deduction from your security deposit to pay for the drain down and cleaning of the hot tub.

Approximately 24 hours plus will then be required to return the tub to a comfortable temperature.

- No children under 16 years old are permitted in the hot tub.
- Maximum of 4 persons in the hot tub at any time. Please do not exceed the maximum number permitted.
- The use of drugs, alcohol or medication before or during hot tub use may lead to a danger of drowning. Persons using medication should consult their doctor before using the hot tub. Some medications may cause drowsiness, do not use the hot tub if your medication induces drowsiness, affects your heart rate, blood pressure or circulation.
- Pregnant women, persons suffering from obesity, heart disease, low or high blood pressure, circulatory problems, or diabetes should consult a doctor before using the hot tub. People with infectious diseases must not use the hot tub; this includes fungal infections.
- Always shower or bathe before use, as perfumes, hair products and fake tan can contaminate the water, you may be charged for this.
- Fake tan can result in an imbalance in the hot tub chemicals, therefore please ensure you are FAKE TAN FREE before entering the hot tub.
- Do not drag the vinyl cover using the cover straps, always use the handles and cover lift assist.
- Test the water with your hand before entering the hot tub to make sure it is comfortable.
- Do not use the hot tub immediately after strenuous exercise.
- Do not run, jump or dive into the hot tub.
- Do not use detergent, soaps or oils of any kind in the hot tub.
- Do not use the hot tub alone.
- It is very important that the hot tub is NEVER switched off at the mains switch unless in emergency. Do not tamper with the hot tub electrics or cabling.
- Under no circumstances remove the operating panel on the hot tub or attempt to open the electrical box or filter cover.
- Do not remove suction fittings (filter standpipes) located in the filter compartment.
- Do not use any electrical items inside the hot tub or within 7 metres.
- No pushing shoving, or dunking in the hot tub.
- Do not eat or drink whilst in the hot tub.
- Smoking is not permitted while in the hot tub, this includes e-cigarettes.
- Keep all loose articles of clothing or hanging jewellery away from jets, filters and other moving components. Keep long hair tied up.
- Glassware must not be used in or around the hot tub. If glassware is broken this will result in the hot tub being drained, cleaned and re-filled, for which there will be a charge.
- Do not allow any pets in the hot tub.
- Do not allow anyone to sleep in the hot tub.
- Please take care when leaving the hot tub and ensure you close the hot tub cover using the cover lifter provided.
- You MUST replace the cover when the Hot Tub is not in use. Failure to do so will result in the temperature falling, rendering the Hot Tub unsuitable for use.
- The hot tub cover must remain closed at all times when not in use.
- Risk to Children – Extreme caution must be exercised to prevent unauthorised access by children.
- Do not sit or stand on the hot tub cover.
- Please bathe or shower after use to remove chlorine from skin.
- Please report any illnesses following hot tub usage to the owners immediately. This is extremely important if pneumonia-like symptoms are experienced.
- Any damage to the cover or hot tub will be charged for.
- Prolonged immersion in hot water can result in hyperthermia – a dangerous condition that occurs when the internal body temperature exceeds 37 degrees centigrade. Symptoms include, unawareness of impending hazards, failure to perceive heat, failure to recognise the need to exit the hot tub, unconsciousness resulting in a danger of drowning. Limit your use to 15 minutes.