



**About Keeper's Cottage**

The stone core of the cottage dates from the 1500s, and benefits from two extensions, a brick one following a fire in 1904, and a mid-20<sup>th</sup> century timber extension incorporating six meter wide picture windows, and providing a wonderful 'hide' to observe the plentiful wildlife of Soulton Wood.

The setting of Keeper's Cottage is especially magical in bluebell season (April and May); in the dramatic flush of autumn (fall) colour in September and early November. When it snows the woodland takes on, in the words of a recent guest, a 'Narnian' aspect!

**Keeper's Cottage: Location**

Keeper's Cottage is an enchanting cottage tucked away in the south facing corner of Soulton Wood, a private 50 acre oak woodland. The cottage looks across open fields and over to the Hawkstone Hill and Weston-Under-Redcastle (a grade one site of scenic beauty).

The image to the right (courtesy of Google Maps, at this [URL](#)<sup>1</sup>) illustrates the cottages unique location. The cottage is approached along half a mile of private stone lane.

The cottage has its own gardens, with two large lawns; these gardens merge into the woodland and fields in a natural manner (this allows the wildlife to come right up to the cottage), so please note that there are no fences: close by the cottage are two rivers and some ponds of which parents should be aware.



**Breaks and Holidays in Keeper's Cottage**

The cottage has been enjoyed as a blissful hideaway for couples, but also proves a great base for family holidays in in the country.

If you are attending an event in the area, and need a *pied-a-terre*, a weekend in the cottage may be a good alternative to serviced accommodation, as you can stay longer, need not eat out and it is often more economic.

We understand not everybody wants a cottage for a full week, and indeed not everybody wants to be fully self-catering while away.

So, we have flexible holiday periods: Friday-Friday (7 nights); Friday-Monday (three night weekend); and Monday- Friday (four nights during week). There are restaurant facilities at Soulton Hall, a short walk/drive away if you prefer not to cook.



<sup>1</sup> [http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&rls=co-m.microsoft:egb:I:earchBox&q=y4+5rs&wrapid=1t1f129768660164210&um=1&ie=UTF&hq=&hnear=Shrewsbury+SY4+5RS&gl=uk&ei=UCBZTbvpKouYhQfzNXcDA&sa=X&oi=geocode\\_result&ct=title&resnum=1&ved=0CBYQ8gEwAA](http://maps.google.co.uk/maps?hl=en&rls=co-m.microsoft:egb:I:earchBox&q=y4+5rs&wrapid=1t1f129768660164210&um=1&ie=UTF&hq=&hnear=Shrewsbury+SY4+5RS&gl=uk&ei=UCBZTbvpKouYhQfzNXcDA&sa=X&oi=geocode_result&ct=title&resnum=1&ved=0CBYQ8gEwAA)



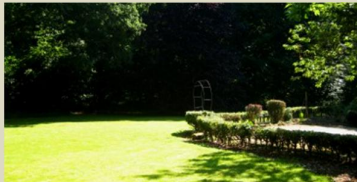
**The Accommodation**

Keeper's sleeps up to 6 guests, in three bedrooms (two double and one twin), pictured below:



There is a fitted kitchen, where you will hopefully find all the cooking utensils, crockery etc. to serve a Christmas Diner. Appliances include: electric oven, microwave, washing machine, tumble dryer, and dishwasher (importantly, as you are on holiday). Heating is by a night storage system.

The cottage has a bathroom, as well as a separate WC. There is also an airing cupboard, which can be useful after country walks.



There is a large sitting room with two sofas, and two arm chairs, and a dining table for 6. There is an open fire in the sitting room, as well as large French doors with side lights, allowing excellent views over the fields and glimpses of wildlife (foxes, badgers, many birds and, very occasionally, deer).



**Exploring**

Soulton Hall and Cottages are at the heart of a 500 acre farm, which you are encouraged to explore. Details of attractions in the area can be found on this page of our [website](#).

**Accessibility**

The cottage has previously accommodated the ambulant disabled, but is not considered appropriate for wheelchair users. More suitable accommodation may be available at Soulton Hall – please telephone to discuss your needs. Keeper's Cottage is accessed along a half mile stone track. There is a step up (5cm) via the French doors for access into the sitting room. Via the back door (entering the staircase hall) there is a similar sized step. Inside there is a ground floor bedroom, next to a bathroom and WC. Along the hallway is access to the sitting room/dining room, and the kitchen. It would not be necessary to go upstairs if using the ground floor bedroom.



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**Tariffs**

Tariffs for this cottage are displayed at this address:

<http://www.soultonhall.co.uk/cottages/tariffs.html>

We try to keep them to a minimum, but there are limited [terms and conditions](#) of use of the cottages.



**Pets**

Keeper's Cottage is not an appropriate location for pets. Pets are welcome in some rooms at Soulton Hall, as well as at our other cottages – please always let us know in advance.

Of course, guests while staying at Soulton Hall or in any of the cottages are welcome to explore the woodland and farm, which is otherwise strictly private.

*We look forward to  
welcoming  
you to Keeper's Cottage.*

