



## Testimonials

***'Thank you for a very warm welcome and sharing your local knowledge. We've enjoyed a lovely new year here with friends.'***

***The Dovecote, New Years 2011***

***'Lovely quiet location but within easy reach of everything you might need. Some nice muddy walks with a good old fashioned pub as the reward! The barn has been very tastefully furnished and is a real 'home from home'. The bread is very tasty and the fire is very comforting. The Smith family like what you have done!'***

***The Hay Barn, New Years 2011***

***'First stay at the Dovecote Barns. Was a recommendation from friends. I have to say that the Dovecote is first class! Brigita is lovely and the attention to detail is brilliant. Spotlessly clean accommodation, beautiful area, great welcome basket on arrival, made to feel really welcome here. A great place to spend Christmas with the family. The Christmas tree and other Christmassy touches were lovely. Don't want to leave! A new home from home. Will definitely be back. Thanks for making Christmas special for us all.'***

***The Dovecote, Christmas 2011***

***'As wonderful as ever; lovely walking and this is such a warm, cosy and beautiful place to be in. Hope for a third visit.'***

***The Hay Barn, Christmas 2011***

***'This was our second visit to 'The Irishman's', our first was in March 2009. We enjoyed ourselves second time round just as much! The barn is as perfect as we remember it. No doubt, see you soon.'***

***The Irishman's Cottage, December 2011***

***'Thank you for a lovely stay. The standards of the barn was amazing and a pleasure to visit, would certainly visit again.'***

***The Dovecote, December 2011***

***'Once again a fantastic long weekend away, enjoyed every moment! We all had a lovely time at York, and a relaxing time in the barn, see you again for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in Sept!'***

***The Hay Barn, November 2011***

***'First stayed here October 2009. Our trips to York start with booking one of the barns. We have stayed in all of them. They are all fantastic! Thanks to Brigita and all the gang for all their help. They do everything to make your visit perfect.'***

***The Irishman's Cottage, November 2011***

***'Another fantastic weekend, thank you again for making us feel so welcome and at home. I'm sure we will be back again for a 3<sup>rd</sup> visit in 2012!'***

***The Hay Barn, November 2011***

***'We've had a fab stay here at 'The Irishman's'! The barn is beautiful, we really couldn't have asked for more. Little Harry has thoroughly enjoyed the open plan layout having plenty of space to run around! Thank you very much for everything - especially all of your assistance with baby equipment etc. we hope to see you soon.'***

***The Irishman's Cottage, November 2011***

***'Thank you very much for making us feel so welcome. A beautiful barn converted very stylishly, making it a wonderful place to stay. We 'stayed in' lots while we stayed here and so having a fantastically equipped kitchen made life a lot easier with cooking for the family and friends. We had a wonderful time here and would highly recommend it to others.'***

***The Hay Barn, November 2011***

***'I don't usually consider short breaks in self catering accommodation to be a break. However, staying in Dovecote Barns is like staying in a 5 star hotel. The welcome basket just about provides your breakfast. Every need has been thought of - the decor, comfort, facilities - excellent.'***

*The Dovecote, November 2011*

**'We have had everything we could wish for for this lovely family weekend to celebrate a 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. Having stayed here once before, I knew the Hay Barn and Dovecote would be just perfect for us all. If you want a great meal without having to cook yourself, get Brigita to introduce you to Karen of Tastes Divine – Rainbow soup was a new experience for all of us! We all say a big 'thank you!''**

*The Hay Barn/Dovecote, November 2011*

**'Very enjoyable stay at an excellent place – will be returning again.'**

*The Dovecote, November 2011*

**'Thank you for such a lovely stay on what was our first family holiday. We had everything we could have asked for and more, including a baby bath for Nolan, this was a great help as we didn't have to cram another item into the car. The welcome basket was lovely. Thank you Brigita and Richard for making us feel so welcome. We will be back with the rest of the family soon.'**

*The Irishman's Cottage, November 2011*

**'Thank you to a couple who understand what good old 'customer service' means – a rare thing sadly. It starts with the friendly welcoming email when you book. We have had a great time.'**

*The Hay Barn, October 2011*

**'A very enjoyable weekend in a really beautiful house. Always a good sign when you come to a holiday home and immediately start thinking about when you can come back again. Lovely décor, very well equipped and comfy beds. Nothing has been forgotten about. Will certainly recommend to friends, thank you.'**

*The Dovecote, October 2011*

**'The Hay Barn and The Dovecote perfect for ten of us. Very well appointed and lovely surroundings. Huge table and candelabra particularly welcome for wine drinking and chin wagging. We'll be back! Thank you.'**

*The Hay Barn/Dovecote October 2011*

**'Thank you so much Brigita for a splendid week. The 'welcome hamper' was most welcome and a real treat. The beds here are so comfortable and we love the bathrooms and huge kitchen area... we have been so interested in the farming here and have walked the fields to the woods. Thank you again Brigita and Richard, you both work so hard. We wish you every success for the future in all you do. It's been such a pleasure.'**

*The Dovecote, October 2011*

**'We have had a wonderful holiday. The barn is absolutely fantastic, every detail thought of and very tasteful. We have had good weather and were in a great position to see everything we wanted to. Will come again!'**

*The Hay Barn, September 2011*

**'The first thing that hit us was the smell of freshly cooked bread in the kitchen. Next was the tasteful décor and the spotless cleanliness. The goodies in the basket and fridge were very welcome, very tasty and the fresh eggs made wonderful scrambled eggs. The bed has been wonderfully comfortable with crisp bedding and the bathrooms have been a joy to use. We especially liked the 'Bee Kind' gels. The stove has kept us cosy in the evenings and the whole place has been a peaceful retreat from York city....'**

*The Dovecote, September 2011*

**'Thanks for everything. From the moment we came up the drive it felt very special. The Irishman's Cottage and your welcome – all wonderful. We have loved this, our first visit to Yorkshire, York is now a firm favourite and we still haven't managed to do or see all that we wanted to. We wish you both every success and once again, thanks.'**

*The Irishman's Cottage, September 2011*

**'We have had the most amazing weekend staying here in the Hay Barn, beautiful weather and gorgeous surroundings! We couldn't have chosen a more perfect place to celebrate our wedding and Clare's 40<sup>th</sup>. We will without doubt be back. Thank you so much!'**

*The Hay Barn, August 2011*

**'We have had a lovely relaxing week in The Dovecote. A real home from home, nothing was too much trouble for Brigita. The welcome basket was a real treat, full of goodies. You cannot fault the accommodation, it was spotless, comfortable and quiet.... We will be back!'**

*The Dovecote, August 2011*

**'Thank you.. We've had the most fantastic time here. Home from home – actually better than home! Can we stay here @ we had everything we could have needed and more. Loved the shower, huge bed, welcoming committee, chilling in the garden with a book and starry starry skies. Thanks for looking after us so well.'**

*The Irishman's Cottage, August 2011*

**'Thank you for a wonderful stay – and for your kindness and hospitality. The barn and beautifully designed gardens have been a fantastic base for a very enjoyable holiday. We all enjoyed the delicious bread – delivered warm each morning. We can't thank you enough.'**

*The Hay Barn, July 2011*

**'A wonderful home from home with outstanding facilities in a beautiful location. We had a great time travelling all about the area.'**

*The Dovecote, July 2011*

**'We have enjoyed our stay here in this fantastic cottage. Beautiful accommodation in a superb location... one of the nicest self-catering we have stayed in – thank you.'**

*The Irishman's Cottage, July 2011*

**'A wonderful reunion with our Singapore family. What a comfortable environment! The beds are most comfortable, the kitchen so well equipped, the garden beautiful and the hosts most gracious and welcoming! The Dovecote Barns are fantastic – with our thanks..'**

*The Hay Barn, June 2011*

**'Many thanks for a wonderful week. The accommodation exceeded our expectations and shall ensure we return as well as recommending The Dovecote Barns to our friends and family. We both agreed we have never stayed anywhere as quiet as The Dovecote and shall return home completely chilled... look forward to seeing you again in the near future..'**

*The Dovecote, June 2011*

**'If you are seeking peace and quiet, this is the place to be. Birds singing and clocks ticking set the rhythm of a slow pace of holiday life. We took a couple of evening walks suggested by Brigita in to the countryside – wonderful.... Each day out we have looked forward to coming 'home' and sitting out on the patio with wine and dips. The kitchen has been a treat to cook in and the weather is so kind that we even had our breakfasts on the patio. The bed is so comfortable and with the wet room en-suite we feel we are in a five-star hotel accommodation. Thank you for creating such a wonderful holiday retreat.'**

*The Irishman's Cottage, June 2011*

**'We have had a first class stay here at The Dovecote. Yorkshire is a beautiful part of the country. Thank you very much Brigita. Keep up the good work – this is a real gem!'**

*The Dovecote, June 2011*

**'Many thanks for allowing us to share your beautiful home. Everything about our short break has been fantastic, even the weather! Thank you Brigita for making us feel so welcome and for the 'goodies' on arrival. It is something very special you have here and we wish you all the success for the future.'**

*The Irishman's Cottage, June 2011*

**'My beautiful daughter-in-law and son brought their mothers here to finish a ten day visit to London, Scotland and York. This marvelous place has been a joyful way to end with peace and quiet, beautiful surroundings, and time to reflect on our time together. Perfection!'**

*Idaho, USA, The Hay Barn, May 2011*

**'Exquisite accommodation for all the family. Having the disabled cottage next door as well, worked really well and nothing was too much trouble for our hosts. Normally when we go away we like to spend a lot of time out of the accommodation. Here, it is lovely to stay in and enjoy the surroundings of a truly well equipped cottage. Had a lovely relaxing weekend which the whole family could enjoy together. The lovely homely touches were very much appreciated and having on-line shopping delivery meant our time could be spent relaxing in a 'home from home' setting. We specifically looked for Gold award accommodation, for that extra special weekend of luxury, and we most certainly found it here. We will be back. Thank you.'**

*The Dovecote, May 2011*

**'Peaceful and tranquil. Enjoyed the welcome basket, especially the bread (and the table tennis!) Excellent centre for touring...'**

*The Irishman's Cottage, May 2011*

**'Many thanks to Brigita for helping us organise our long weekend away for celebrating a LOT of 30<sup>th</sup> birthdays! We all thought the barns were gorgeous – beautifully renovated and it seemed every detail had been thought of from the welcome baskets to the coasters on the bedside tables. Also in a great location to explore the countryside and York itself. We will definitely be recommending it and hope to come back again for our 31sts (with at least one new addition – seems child friendly too!)**

*The Hay Barn, May 2011*

**'The barns are absolutely beautiful, it took us over an hour to come to terms with the stunning decor and homely touches. The welcome basket was a very nice touch – the bread was delicious! We had a brilliant long weekend, thank you very much!**

*Hen Party, London, The Dovecote, May 2011*

**'An excellent place for our family reunion. We were able to eat together everyday here in The Hay Barn and the youngest member of the party, 11 months, enjoyed practising her new skill of walking, toddling up and down the long room. We wish we had brought bicycles. We used the buses and walked – the Solar Cycle Way from York to Riccall is good fun and very educational. It really demonstrates on a tiny scale the relative distances and sizes of the planets of the solar system in relation to the others. It was good to be on a working farm and to see farm activities as well as realise how difficult life can be at times, eg no rain at present. Very impressed by all the environmental concern. Many thanks and good luck.'**

*The Hay Barn, April 2011*

**'With two small children there's hardly a moment to ourselves, yet at The Dovecote Barns we were able to enjoy premium accommodation and safe surrounds. Brigita and Richard, the perfect hosts, it's been a pleasure to stay and to visit Yorkshire. You both greatly deserve the accolades you have been receiving in the industry. There was nothing else we could have asked for. You've thought of everything. Although from afar, we wouldn't hesitate in recommending The Dovecote for a perfect getaway.'**

*Sydney Australia, The Dovecote, April 2011*

**'We couldn't have asked for more – a lovely well equipped cottage in peaceful surroundings. The Irishman's Cottage just has to be the best holiday cottage we have ever stayed in. Thank you Brigita and Richard for the warm welcome and the basket of goodies. Can't wait to return.'**

*The Irishman's Cottage, March 2011*

**'Thank you for an amazing weekend. The barns were everything and more than we expected! Out of this world showers. The welcome basket was a lovely touch and we wanted for nothing. Everything was perfect throughout and we will definitely be coming back again!'**

*Hen Party, The Hay Barn, March 2011*

**'Fantastic accommodation and tranquil surroundings. The weather couldn't have been better and the location meant we could easily explore the many great things around here. We won't hesitate to recommend The Dovecote Barns to anyone who wants peace amongst the countryside.'**

*The Dovecote, April 2011*

**'Our fourth visit, we have stayed in all three barns. Each one is superb. Brigita always goes out of her way to make things special. If you find fault here, I have the number of a good shrink!'**

*The Hay Barn, February 2011*

**'Thank you for a perfect break. The barn is everything you said it would be. Fantastic surroundings and York is an amazing city to visit. Thank you.'**

*The Irishman's Cottage, Feb 2011*