

## **The Old House Cottage, Bampton**

These are the detailed directions for reaching here.

Make for Junction 27 (Tiverton) of the M5 from wherever you start. At Junction 27 you take the exit to Tiverton which puts you on a dual carriageway (North Devon Link Road). After about 7 miles there is a roundabout where you take the right turn to Bampton. Follow this road for about another 7 miles, passing through Bolham and Cove.

At the mini roundabout by the Exeter Inn, take the right fork to Bampton. The village is 1-2 miles further on. Just after the village sign the road does a 90° left bend into the main street. Go to the T-junction at the end opposite the petrol pumps (not currently functional).

Turn right then immediately left into a narrow lane. This is Frog Street - you can't see the actual road name at this point (the sign you can see says "unsuitable for long vehicles"). Frog Street is very narrow so drive slowly and be ready to give way to pedestrians and any oncoming traffic.

Follow the lane along, initially passing cottages on both sides, then round a sharp steepish left hand bend, after which there is a BT exchange building in a field on the left and a few cottages on the right. At this point you'll see a huge yew tree ahead and high garden wall on the left followed by the chimney stack of a white building sticking out into the road. This is the Old House. Turn left down the driveway alongside the house and park in the open space on the left between two stone buildings (don't cross the bridge over the stream). This all takes a lot less time to drive than it does to explain!

We usually manage to notice people arriving and come out to meet them but if no-one appears, walk through the gap in the garden wall facing where you have parked and turn left, straight up the path through the vegetable garden, and the gable end of the cottage will be facing you slightly to the right. Go right and then left through the first (left hand) gate into a little patio. This is the cottage and the key will normally be in the door. You will find a green ring binder inside with information about how to work things in the cottage and the local facilities.

If no-one has come out to meet you and you want to make contact go back round the cottage into the little paved area facing the top of the garden path and ring the bell on the black and white door on the left.