

THE QUANTOCK HILLS & SOMERSET COAST



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Weston-super-Mare



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The Quantock Hills and Somerset Coast: the Quantocks are the beautiful hills – high against the farming vales to either side – stretching over 40 square miles from **Taunton**, Somerset's capital, to the Bristol Channel sea, separated from Exmoor by a plain of cornfield farmland. Wooded, heather-topped, 'of outstanding natural beauty', like **Exmoor** they are home to the red deer and were to Wordsworth and Coleridge. Superb walks/rides, tremendous views (to Exmoor, Sedgemoor, the sea), deep romantic valleys, pretty old villages. Near Taunton are the Lutyens designed **Hestercombe Gardens**. Several visitable **vineyards** around. Along the Quantocks' western foot chugs the **steam railway** from Bishop's Lydeard to **Minehead**.



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Sampford Brett: peaceful little village (Norman church, main street with fine 18th cent. cottages and pretty stream meandering through) between the Quantock hills and glorious Exmoor (see page 200). Pub/shops at **Williton**, ¼ mile along country lanes. Coast, 2 miles. **Dunster** (see page 209), 6 miles; **Minehead**, 8 miles. Lovely walks from the village.

... in **Sampford Brett**, a handsome detached house, built from local stone, described in 1704 as 'No.1 Gentleman's Residence'. This is a lovely country house, with homely, comfortable charm and grace. In front, a neat fenced garden and, at the back, a courtyard (table/chairs, barbecue) filled with flower tubs, leading to a lawned garden, and beyond that, a pony paddock for romping.



Inside, hall; two front-facing living rooms, one with **woodburner**, one with **open fire** and CD player, both with lovely big sash windows, books and board games; farmhouse-style kitchen (cherry red **Rayburn** plus electric oven and hob, **dishwasher**, **microwave**) with dining table and chairs in the middle and a big dresser; large utility room with **tumble drier**, **washing machine**, **freezer** and shower cubicle. Downstairs twin bedroom (5'6" doorway) and loo (washbasin) next to it.

Stairs from the hall up to four more bedrooms – a double plus single with washbasin, a double (TV), a zip-linkable twin with TV and en suite bathroom (suite plus bath-shower), and a twin (low doorway) with washbasin. Smart new bathroom (suite plus bath-shower). A few more stairs up to the attic and a sixth bedroom with 5' double bed, washbasin, Velux window and exposed ancient roof timbers. Friendly lady owner lives in cottage across the courtyard. **Payphone**. **No smoking**. **Cautionary Deposit £100**. **Suitable for partially disabled**. **Much recommended family house**. **Brilliant for walkers**. Golf nearby.

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Bedrooms: 6		Bath/shower: 3											



Trebles Holford: hamlet in beautiful wooded farmland a mile from **West Bagborough** (small village with pub on Quantock's flank). **Bishop's Lydeard** (attractive village, start of private steam railway to **Minehead**), 3 miles. Many footpaths from the property; riding and coarse fishing locally.

... tucked away peacefully on the edge of **Trebles Holford**, a good, warm, single-storey, detached, red-stone cottage made from a farm-building by the owners (he a master-joiner) close to their fine house and another cottage. Small lawn with seats in front and barbecue. Two tortoises, aged 100 and 65, live in the garden. Granny-sitting available!

Inside, hall; good-sized living/dining room (**woodburner**, CD player) with beams to the apex; well-fitted kitchen (**microwave**, oak units, ceramic hob, spin drier); **two bedrooms**: double with glazed door to small lawn-garden (picnic table), and twin; bathroom (suite plus bath-shower). **Washing machine** in separate building, and use of owners' **tumble drier**. **No smoking**. **Suitable for partially disabled**. **A much appreciated place**.

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Bedrooms: 2		Bath/shower: 1											



Crowcombe: little village (pub, PO/shop, medieval church, very fine church house) at the western foot of the Quantocks. Steep road from the village leads through magnificent beech and oak woods quickly to their moorland tops (**superb walks, views**). Station on private **steam**

railway (Bishop's Lydeard to Minehead) nearby. **Taunton**, 10 miles, the sea at **Watchet**, 7, or **Minehead** (sandy beach), 13. Nearest shops: **Bishop's Lydeard**, 4½ miles.

... in lanes about a mile west of **Crowcombe**, a single-storey cottage converted from stone barns, looking to fields and woods and set in the owners' 3 acres of fields (screened from their former farmhouse by a hedge). Lots of space around and a good-sized decked terrace to the front (table/chairs) for outdoor meals or just relaxing. Inside, smart and very well done with a lofty ceiling and exposed beams in the 40' long living/dining/kitchen (**dishwasher**, **microwave**, **fridge-freezer**) with large glazed doors to terrace; utility room with **washing machine** and **tumble drier**. **Two pretty bedrooms** - a double (5' zip-linked bed plus child's z-bed), and a twin; bathroom (suite plus separate shower). **Payphone**. **Sleeps maximum of 5, including babies**.

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Bedrooms: 2		Bath/shower: 1											