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Bryntail Cottage – The Video

The quote and screen shot above is taken from the new Bryntail Cottage video. We are extremely grateful to Matt Capon for the hard work that has gone into making the video. Matt is Senior Video Journalist at The Daily Mirror and created this as a volunteer. Thanks also to a former 'Bryntailer', Ron Ball, for the drone footage that he took during a family gathering with his grandchildren at the cottage. This is an indication of the generational impact the cottage has had over the last century. You can see the video here:

<https://youtu.be/tRmo5d8CrDQ>



Our friendly farmers!

Alwyn Davies (right) and Gareth Jerman (left) have grown up with children from Birmingham visiting the Bryntail Cottage. Alwyn, from Bryntail Farm, lives in the farm house next door and Gareth farms the fields surrounding the cottages.

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Grant Funding Update

The charity has received three generous grants in February totally £7250. We are very grateful to the support given by the following trusts and foundations:

The Rowlands Trust
The Nineva Charitable Trust
The Alpkit Foundation

We have also had another generous personal donation via CAF Direct.



Electricity grid reconnected!

A key requirement of the new lease was to renew the network cable connection to the cottage with a safe and secure anchor. This was achieved in mid-February. Our grant from the Alpkit Foundation was specifically for this upgrade.

From the archive

Cooking, good and bad, has always been a key part of a visit to Bryntail Cottage. Involving young people in the preparation and production of meals is also an essential element of the Bryntail experience.

18. Catering. Successful catering is the key to a successful stay at the centre. Most young people will need at least a 25 per cent increase of their normal intake of food, so make sure an ample amount is cooked. To avoid unpleasant stomach upsets, give careful consideration to hygiene, ensuring that everything is perfectly clean.

Suggested Menus:

Porridge or Corn Flakes.

- (a) Bacon, Egg, Fried Bread.
- (b) Boiled Egg, Toast.
- (c) Bacon, Beans, Fried Bread.
- (d) Fried Egg, Fried Bread, Toast.
- (e) Spam, Tomatoes, Fried Bread.
- (f) Sausages, Tomatoes.
- (g) Kippers.
- (h) Scrambled Egg, Toast.
- (i) Bacon, Tomatoes, Fried Bread.
- (j) Bacon, Sausage, Beans.
- (k) Bacon, Sausage, Fried Bread.

Quantities:

Sausages: 16 thin, 8 thick to 1 lb.
(1 with other items, 3 if alone)
Bacon: 2 rashers, with egg.
Beans: 110 Catering size per 20.
Spaghetti: - do -
Bread: 22 thin slices per loaf.
16 thick " " "
Jam: 1 lb. per 20.
Butter: $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. per 60 slices.
Tea: 8 dessertspoons per gallon pot.
Coffee: 2 heaped tablespoons per gallon.
Milk: 1 pint per 10.



The redevelopment programme

The charity's plans for the cottage fall into two phases:

1. Refurbishment. This will repair the fabric of the buildings compliant with their grade two listed status.
2. Redevelopment of the buildings and grounds to make them fit for purpose in the 21st century. This will create two twin ensuite rooms for staff and two upgraded dormitories. The current ablution block will be replaced and the kitchen modernised. The grounds will be landscaped to allow limited camping. The hedges will be replanted and the garden fenced.

All improvements will be phased and meet the highest sustainability standards.

The total cost is in the region of £200k. So far we have raised £41355.

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