

Thirtover Place

Welcome to Thirtover Place, Residential and Activity Centre. Owned and operated by the Berkshire Guide Assn, the centre was purchased in 1990. It was officially opened in April 1991 by HRH Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, President of the Guide Association.



It has on site a fully equipped house for 30 guests, with plenty of room for outside activities. There is also on the 10 acres 3 main campsites, Donnington Lodge a hard standing building on the Henwick site, and the Centenary Lodge which is a dry weather shelter for campers.

Thirtover Place is located in Cold Ash Thatcham.

The address is: Thirtover Place
 Ashmore Green Road
 Cold Ash
 RG18 9JD
 Berkshire

Google Maps: Thirtover Place

Ordnance Survey Map: Sheet 174, grid ref: SU507701

The centre is located on Ashmore Green Road and is easily identified by the BLUE signs on the entrance gates.



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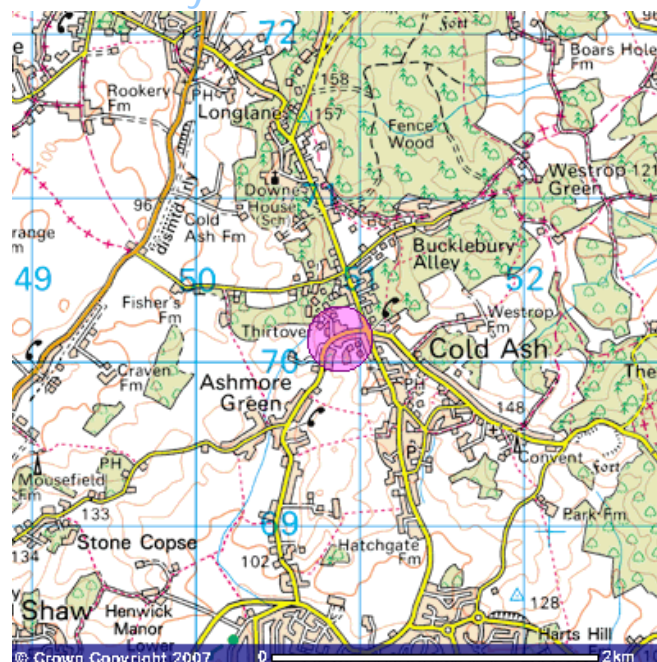


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House phone: 01635 873484

Email: warden@thirtoverplace.org
Website: www.thirtoverplace.org

Emergency Information

The nearest Doctor:

Thatcham Health Centre
Bath Road
Thatcham
RG18 3HD
Phone: 01635 867171

The nearest Accident and Emergency Department:

Royal Berkshire Hospital
London Road
Reading
(Entrance to A & E in Craven Road)

Phone: 0118 3227020

West Berkshire Community Hospital
Minor Injuries unit operates 9am - 10pm
Benham Hill
Thatcham
West Berkshire

Phone: 01635 273508 or 01635 273 300

Other useful information

Churches: Church of England - ST Marks, Cold Ash
Roman Catholic - Thatcham
Methodist - Thatcham
URC - Thatcham

House Phone number: 01635 873484

Internet: There is a wireless connection available in the house for £2.day. The key is available from the Warden

House Accommodation

Ground Floor

Porch Glass enclosed area with sliding door to outside. Door to entrance hall and activity room.

Entrance Hall Large entrance hall, stairs to first floor.
Doors leading to: First Aid Room, Kitchen, Dining room, Lounge, Washroom (2 toilets)

Lounge Carpeted with easy chairs, Notice boards on walls, Patio doors to lawn. Door to Dining room. Portable tape/radio/CD player. T.V. set for DVD or Video only

Dining Room Gopak type tables and benches (seats 30 people) Extra chairs under the stairs.
Hatchway to kitchen, doors to hall, and lounge. Door to lawn. Notice board on wall. No Blue tack or Sellotape to be used on the walls.

Kitchen Large Gas stove and small Electric stove. 2 sinks and draining boards. Doors to hall and utility room. Fully equipped for 30 people. Has Baine Marie and hot cupboard. Fully equipped with crockery, utensils, pots pans and other kitchen requirements

Utility Room 1 Fridge, 1 Freezer. Microwave oven. Notice Board. Automatic dishwasher. Double sink and draining board. Doors to kitchen and cloakroom. Washing Machine

First Aid Room / Small Bedroom Suitable for First Aid purposes or a person with a disability.

Single bed. Door to hall.

Cloak Room / Boiler Room Gas fired boiler with controls. Area for coats, boots etc. Doors to utility room, activity room and outside.

Activity Room Gopak type tables and chairs. Door to porch. Door to cloakroom / boiler room. Notice board on wall. No Blue tack or Sellotape to be used on the walls.

First Floor

5 Bedrooms As listed below. All bedrooms are carpeted.

Wedgewood (Sleeps 3) 3 single beds, wash basin, bedside cabinet and lamp

Coalport (Sleeps 5) 2 bunk beds, 1 single bed, bedside cabinet and lamp.

Doulton (Sleeps 10) 5 bunk beds, washbasin, and wardrobe with shelves.

Denby (Sleeps 6) 3 bunk beds, wardrobe with shelves.

Minton (Sleeps 6)	3 bunk beds, wardrobe with shelves.
Bathroom 1	4 basins, toilet and 2 showers suitable for children.
Bathroom 2	2 basins, toilet and larger shower suitable for adults.

The house has central heating which is preset as is the hot water. If this needs to be altered then the Warden is happy to assist

Grounds Information

The house stands in it's own grounds with a hard surface area at the front with 4 picnic benches. To the side is a large lawn suitable for games and fenced off from the campsites. The lawn is accessible from the front of the house or from the lounge and dining room. Wheelchair users, are able to access much of the grounds surrounding the house.

Pond	There is a large pond with a staging suitable for pond dipping. The area is under development. It is suitable for pond dipping (nets not supplied). There must always be adults supervising anywhere in the vicinity of the pond.
Quiet Area	Secluded area for quiet moments, Promise ceremonies and prayers
Camp Fire	Campfire circle for amphitheatre seating for 100 people
Teddy Bears Picnic Area	Hidden away under the weeping willow, that special place to go with your bear

Adventure Playground



This is a free activity for all. It must however only be used under DIRECT ADULT supervision

Activities

There are a large number of activities available of site. They include:

- Archery
- Climbing Tower
- Low Rope Course
- Grass Sledging
- Mountain Boarding
- Activity boxes



All activities are arranged through the Warden. The site also arranges all the instructors as appropriate. Contact the office for the booking form.

Arrival and departure times

Arrival time at either the house or the camping sites is normally after 2pm. Any variation on these times is subject to prior agreement with the Warden.

Departure time at the weekend for either the house or the camping ground by **5 pm**. Holiday period departure times are **12 noon**, and check in from **2pm** or by arrangement with the Warden.

Prior to arrival.

The Residential Event Notification form which is downloadable from the Girlguiding UK website must be forwarded to the Warden Office at Thirtover Place 2 weeks prior to the unit arriving. It is preferred that form is sent electronically

Booking forms for activities are sent well in advance to allow for instructors to be arranged. Remember that all bookings are subject to availability and weather.

On arrival.

The guider in charge must report to the Wardens Office prior to moving into the house or onto the camp sites. They will be briefed on the current situation on the site, any activities discussed and shown the facilities.

Fire Drills

In accordance with Berkshire Guide Assn Fire Safety Policy, you are required before going to bed to conduct a fire drill

This is particularly important. Any concerns regarding fire drills, evacuations or conducting roll calls must be directed to the Warden who can provide advice.

Access

Thirtover Place has security gates to restrict access onto the property. The gates open automatically at preset times, and can be left open at times by arrangement. Access can be gained by calling the Warden on the intercom on the right prior to the gate. Climbing over the gate or pushing past to gain access is viewed very dimly. Engineer callouts are very expensive and you maybe given an account for any damage caused by such actions.

To exit, a button is located on a post on the right. The gate only opens for a short period to allow one vehicle to leave. Proceed with caution.

Parking

Thirtover Place has 2 car parks. The main car park is used all year for units using the house. During the summer, the Summer Car Park is available. It is reached by proceeding ahead through the wooden gates at the entrance and parking is to the right It is used by all campers and Activity users for drop off, pickup and parking, it allows for the free flow of vehicles on and off the site. Vehicle access to the fields is only with the permission of the Warden, and vehicles may not be left on the field sites or parked in the stable area

Payment

Bookings maybe pencilled in, but are only held for 21days. The pencilled booking may be cancelled after that without warning during heavy booking periods. A pencilled booking is confirmed by a return email

Bookings are confirmed by receipt of the booking form and the deposit. The deposit is £100 for the house and £50 for the camp site. Payment must be made prior to departure for both residential, campers and activity users. Current rates are available from the office

Receipts are issued for all transactions. If a receipt is required, a SAE is required.

Resident Warden

Berkshire Guide Association employs a resident Warden. The Warden is available to assist you in all aspects of your visit to Thirtover Place.

If you have any queries or questions then please contact the office.

Office Hours

Closed Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Thursday - Monday 9am - 4pm (or by arrangements)