

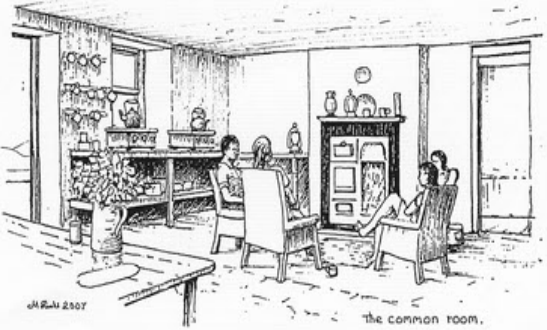


Skiddaw House
www.skiddawhouse.co.uk

YHA Skiddaw House

Once a pair of shepherds' cottages, Skiddaw House stands remotely placed on the northern slopes of Skiddaw, at 1550' the highest hostel in the British Isles. There is no habitation in sight; only the winding Caldew below and the peace of the fells around - Skiddaw, Blencathra and the quiet hills "back o' Skiddaw".....





Skiddaw House was refurbished and first opened as a Youth Hostel in 1987. With full-time warden Martin Webster in residence from 1992 to 2000, many hostellers enjoyed the welcome and comfort of Skiddaw House. Sadly Skiddaw House closed as a Youth Hostel at the end of 2002. The good news was that after four years Skiddaw House reopened on 6 April 2007, with the same good-old Martin Webster firmly back in his beloved House, now partnered by Marie-Pierre Gaudiez. They can be contacted on 0774 717 4293, by post at Skiddaw House, Bassenthwaite, CA12 4QX, or via the website at www.skiddawhouse.co.uk.

Firmly under the wing of YHA as an Enterprise Bunkhouse, an increasing stream of discerning visitors have been enjoying the miracle of Skiddaw House's rebirth. The former Friends of Skiddaw House, dedicated to its success, have created "Skiddaw House Foundation", a charitable company No. 6070847 (now registered for Gift Aid) committed "*to supporting the charitable objects of YHA, particularly by the provision of simple accommodation at Skiddaw House.... and to restore, maintain, improve and extend the use of Skiddaw House primarily in an environmentally sympathetic way.*" Most of the Trustees have long associations with Skiddaw House and all bring wide experience and enthusiasm to an inspiring challenge.

The setback of major storm damage to the roof has been rectified and a new propane-fired generator installed to keep the low-voltage lighting system powered up, as well as driving the washing machine when required. The old gas water-heaters have been repaired to serve until we can fund and install a more sustainable system. Maintenance and improvement, inside and out, engages our volunteer helpers, led by John Martin.

But much work remains to be done - to stabilise the buildings/structure, improve the level of comfort, meet the ever increasing statutory requirements and move towards a long-term "greener" operation.

We are applying for funding wherever we can for projects such as sheepswool insulation, water-sterilising equipment and solar panels on the roof to charge our batteries and heat water. The challenge for the Foundation is covering our part of the cost ('match funding'), and financing other essential improvements.

This is why we are seeking your help now.

YHA Skiddaw House now has a long life ahead and we want stays there to be comfortable as well as memorable. Martin, Marie-Pierre and the Foundation are passionate about this and know what will be needed in hard work, improvements and cost. All our funding will be spent to good effect, guided by good advice. You can help us first by staying there, but also by spreading the word and becoming:

- A "**Friend**" of Skiddaw House - annual membership £10, (increased to £12.80 by Gift Aid).
- A "**Conserver**" of Skiddaw House - if you are keen, active, preferably skilled, and can give time, alone or with work parties, at and around the House.
- A "**Patron**" of Skiddaw House (really committed - as we know some of you are) for £500, boosted to £640 by Gift Aid, with your name on a plaque at the House if you wish, to really jump-start our plans.

Skiddaw House thanks you all for past and future help,

For the Skiddaw House Foundation,

Bill Sellers - Chairman

If you would like information about Skiddaw House, please feel free to phone Bill on 01524 781432.

Please help by returning the form below to :

Bill Sellers
Skiddaw House Foundation
Curwen Edge
Burton
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LA6 1NW

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YHA Skiddaw House - Please enrol me as a...

- Friend of Skiddaw House
 Conserver of Skiddaw House
 Patron of Skiddaw House.

I enclose a Cheque, payable to "Skiddaw House Foundation",
for:

- £10 (Friend)
 £.....(Donation)
 £500 (Patron - or phone Bill Sellers to discuss)

Full Name:

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Using Gift Aid means that for every £1 of your donation or contribution we can claim an extra 28p from the Inland Revenue thereby helping your money go further at no cost to you. For example, if you subscribe £10 it is worth £12.80 to us. All you need to do is to sign below after adding your details – we do the rest and it costs you nothing.

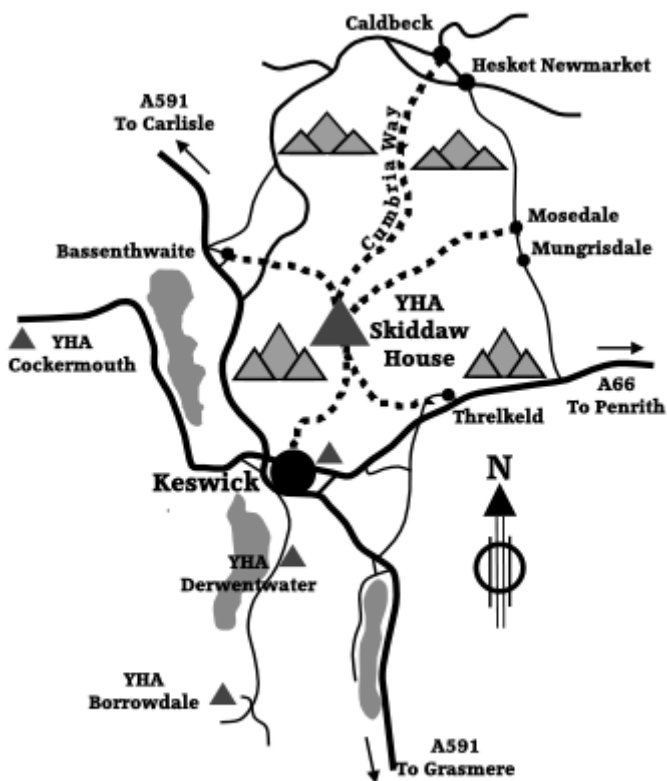
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