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A warm welcome...

...to the first issue of our new seasonal guide, which I am excited to share with you. Having launched Sowerbys Holiday Cottages almost 20 years ago in Burnham Market, now is a fantastic moment to share with you a selection of our superb properties, with some seasonal ideas to enjoy during your time in Norfolk.

Although our hand-picked portfolio has grown over the years, our core values have not changed – we remain an independent, local, family-run company. Our knowledge and experience mean you can be assured of an enjoyable and relaxing break when you stay at one of our quality properties.

We are passionate about Norfolk and our guide now gives us the opportunity to share with you some of the wonderful things to see and do on this trip, with inspiration for where to stay on your next visit.

Andrea Sainsby

On our map...



From the royal village of Sandringham to picturesque Stiffkey, our carefully selected properties offer wonderful places to stay across north Norfolk's stunning coast and country.

Justin

New to Sowerbys Holiday Cottages, check out these recent additions for your next Norfolk getaway



WASHINGTON BEACH HOUSE, HEACHAM BEACH

With an amazing setting overlooking The Wash, this property sleeps six with luxurious bedroom suites and a first floor living space with stunning sea views. **£925 – £1,950 per week**



BAY TREE COTTAGE, LITTLE WALSINGHAM

Steeped in history, Walsingham is a fantastic destination for a spring break with its pretty snowdrop display. A short walk from Little Walsingham, set in two acres of woodland, this cottage is part of a Grade II listed former vicarage and offers a stylish place to stay. With three spacious bedrooms, two bathrooms, plus parking for two cars, it's time to book a country escape. **£555 – £1,105 per week**



3 LAVENDER COTTAGE, BURNHAM MARKET

Recently renovated and with off-road parking for two cars, 3 Lavender Cottage has room for four guests and a dog to enjoy a stay. **£395 – £690 per week**



MILL VIEW, HARPLEY

A refurbished country cottage with plenty of space for four guests and a well-behaved dog, ideally situated just a short walk from the award winning Rose & Crown pub. **£370 – £755 per week**



STRANRAER, BRANCASTER STAITHE

With room for ten over two floors and a short walk from the harbour, Stranraer has a hot outdoor shower – blissful after an open water swim! **£1,150 – £2,300 per week**



Book a winter getaway

Think beyond summer and enjoy a winter escape to Norfolk, where wide-open skies and landscapes offer panoramic drama, wild adventure and the perfect retreat from everyday life all year-round

THE OLD FARMHOUSE, SNETTISHAM

Enjoy an expansive getaway at The Old Farmhouse, a stunning Georgian property, set back on a quiet lane and surrounded by green space. With an adjoining cottage, there's space for up to twelve guests, or eight if you book the farmhouse alone. Moments from the award winning Rose & Crown pub and historic Snettisham Church, this is an opportunity to enjoy an idyll of country life.
£1,385 – £2,655 per week

Bring a **crowd**



3 MARSHLAND BARN, TITCHWELL

Wrap yourself in lavish luxury with a stay at this recent addition to Sowerbys Holiday Cottages' portfolio. A contemporary barn conversion with four en-suite bedrooms for eight guests over two floors, there are plenty of living areas and a walled garden.
£1,150 – £2,345 per week



THE GABLES, THORNHAM

Plenty of creature comforts including underfloor heating make this a wonderfully luxurious home to unwind and catch-up with family and friends. With four reception rooms and four large en-suite bedrooms for eight guests, you can even rent the owner's beach hut at Old Hunstanton.
£1,180 – £3,220 per week

Friends and *family*



1 MANOR FARM BARN, BRANCASTER

Set in one of the coast's best spots, this is an amazing conversion with plenty of 'wow' in a peaceful, rural setting. With four bedrooms and four bathrooms there's plenty of room for all the family and you are moments from a refreshing walk on the beach, a winter game of golf or a warming drink at the Ship Inn.

£1,250 – £2,445 per week



HOLLAND HOUSE, DOCKING

Bring the clan to this Grade II listed property set over three storeys. With flexible accommodation for ten in the main house, there's also a studio for two in a single-storey converted barn. **£995 – £2,445 per week**



CHERRY HOUSE, THORNHAM

Within walking distance of the sea, children's play area and tennis courts there's something for everyone at this spacious coastal property which comfortably sleeps eight. **£1,125 – £2,300 per week**

Sit by the *fire...*



1 KING WILLIAM COTTAGE, DOCKING

Near to royal Sandringham, this lovely contemporary cottage sleeps six, has plenty of living space and a newly landscaped garden with summerhouse, that's perfect for catching some winter sun.

£455 – £900 per week



ALLPOINTS, BURNHAM MARKET

Owned by the same family for 50 years, this pretty cottage combines character features with a contemporary style and wood burner to make a comfortable spot for four in Burnham Market.

£510 – £960 per week



BEECH HOUSE, DOCKING

A stunning 'barn-style' house with impressive country views offering a 'home from home' experience. There is plenty of space for eight guests and one lucky dog to relax and cosy up by the wood burner.

£680 – £1,825 per week

Sneak a *short break*

BLISS COTTAGE, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

Bliss Cottage is exactly that, thanks to a chic, contemporary makeover which makes a stay for four guests in its two luxurious en-suite bedrooms a wonderfully relaxing experience.

£525 – £1,025 per week



4 PAULS MALTINGS, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

Change your outlook with a stay at part of the original maltings on the picturesque quay. With room for four, this second floor apartment is a great place to take in the stunning harbour views.

£450 – £870 per week



CHURCHSIDE, THORNHAM

A traditional cottage from the outside, this lovely cottage boasts a boutique style interior with room for four guests. With fantastic pubs and a deli within walking distance, this hotspot is not to be missed.

£645 – £1,080 per week



4 LINKS COURT, BRANCASTER

A true home from home, this contemporary, spacious property is perfectly positioned in the heart of Brancaster and comfortably sleeps six.

£765 – £1,465 per week



BYRE BARN, WEST BARSHAM

With its vaulted ceilings and white-washed beams, this property offers an accessible, stylish single storey barn conversion for four in the rural village of West Barsham, just 15 minutes from Burnham Market.

£515 – £975 per week



MONTEAGLE GARDEN FLAT, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

Part of a Grade II listed home, this luxurious ground floor apartment for six has private garden and is just steps from popular local pubs, The Crown and The Globe.

£535 – £1,065 per week

Made for *two*



HOPE COTTAGE, HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA

A stunning 16th century brick and flint cottage which has been extended with a fabulous garden room. Overlooking marshes, the cottage is the perfect spot to enjoy winter bird-watching and walks, and is arguably one of the best cottages for two on the north Norfolk coast.

£600 – £1,255 per week



STAR COTTAGE, DOCKING

If you need space for three, this is a gorgeous cottage with a chic coastal interior incorporating plenty of original features including wooden floorboards, exposed brickwork and a wood burner.

£320 – £610 per week



THE LOFT, HUNSTANTON

Set at the top of a Victorian period townhouse, this is a wonderful, self-contained apartment with space for three. With stunning sea views and a beautiful contemporary interior, enjoy a restful break.

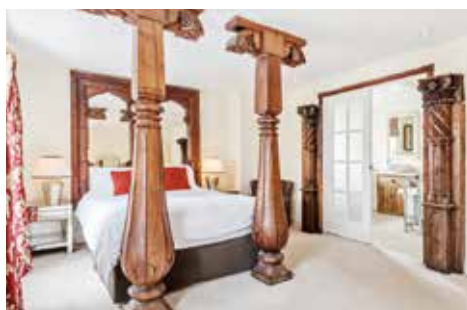
£465 – £685 per week



AVIARIES BARN, BURNHAM MARKET

Relax and unwind at this stunning, one-bedroom flint and brick barn conversion which boasts plenty of style and comfort in a bijoux setting – the perfect romantic spot for two to cosy up this winter.

£605 – £860 per week



BURNHAM LOFT, BURNHAM MARKET

Impress your partner with a stay at this luxurious loft, which has been designed with a Moroccan influence. Luxuriate in a wooden pillared bed or enjoy a spot of winter sun on the roof terrace.

£500 – £815 per week



FOX COTTAGE, STIFFKEY

History has been given a modern makeover at this luxurious 18th century Grade II listed brick and flint cottage with beamed ceilings, an inglenook fireplace and stripped floorboards. With first floor views over the valley and steps away from the salt marshes and coastal path, treat yourself to a coastal gem.

£505 – £805 per week





WHERE THE **wildlife** GOES...

Norfolk is renowned for its stunning landscapes and opportunities to get close up with wildlife. These properties are near to the action and perfect for sharing the natural habitat...

It might seem counter-intuitive, but winter is a superb time of year to see wildlife on the north Norfolk coast. Pretty finches and blue tits fill the air so keep an eye out in green spaces. With low ground cover, you might also spot hares loping across the fields too. There are plenty of hides to stop at with

a flask to enjoy aerial displays by starlings, pink-footed geese, barn owls and even catch a marsh harrier in action. It's breeding season for grey seals, with pups arriving throughout December and January. With so much to see, you'll need a place to stay, so turn the page and find the perfect spot to spot...

SAIL AWAY, BRANCASTER STAITHE HARBOUR

One of Norfolk's most beloved nature stops, enjoy a stay at this stunning property which sleeps four. Overlooking the harbour, watch the tide and its natural residents come and go from the balcony and roof terrace of this impressive boathouse conversion. **£680 – £1,330 per week**



BEECH COTTAGE, BURNHAM NORTON

Set in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, within walking distance of the coastal path, this property is made for two and even has its own 'dog stop' for cleaning muddy paws up before you nestle by the wood burner. **£425 – £690 per week**

NORTON COTTAGE, BURNHAM NORTON

For a little more room but with an equally pretty setting, this traditional brick and flint property with both ground floor and first floor bedrooms will comfortably sleep six. **£540 – £1,040 per week**



THE CART SHED, NORTH CREAKE

With stunning views from the oak-beamed master bedroom, enjoy a stay in this beautiful barn conversion set in an idyllic countryside setting. This restful property sleeps seven guests. **£605 – £1,385 per week**



SALT MARSH, THORNHAM

An upstairs living area with uninterrupted views over fields, Thornham's mud flats and the sea beyond make this a glorious spot to stay. With space for eight, this is undoubtedly one of the best places to watch nature. **£1,310 – £2,750 per week**



PANGUR'S PIECE, BURNHAM OVERY STAITHE

Built in 1853, the curiously named Pangur's Piece sleeps six and has plenty of traditional character. With a relaxed setting and a pretty, cottage garden, this is a lovely place to unwind and catch some birdsong. **£680 – £1,698 per week**



SANDPIPER COTTAGE, TITCHWELL

Whether you watch wildlife from the unimpeded views over salt marshes or wander to the nearby reserve, nature is on your doorstep at this fabulous three-storey house, new to Sowerbys Holiday Cottages, which sleeps eight. **£1,115 – £2,170 per week**



THE SALTINGS, THORNHAM

Move things up a step with a stay for twelve at this amazing coastal property which boasts three storeys and stunning sea views. Once you are done adventuring, enjoy every aspect of this luxurious home. **£1,365 – £2,960 per week**



FLAGSTAFF COTTAGE, BURNHAM OVERY STAITHE

Set in the grounds of Flagstaff House, once home to Captain Woodget of the Cutty Sark, and with sea views, this property sleeps six, or take The Boathouse next door to sleep twelve. **£870 – £2,085 per week**



My Norfolk season

Winter is one of the most magical times to enjoy Norfolk. Sowerbys Holiday Cottages' owner Andrea Sowerby shares her perfect seasonal moments

There's no doubt that summer brings the crowds to our beautiful coastline, but for me cooler, crisp days are made for exploring the great outdoors.

We are blessed with award-winning beaches with views as far as the eye can see, but in particular I love **Brancaster Beach** for a walk with the dogs. It's joyous to spend time relaxing with the seals keeping a watchful eye as they bob along the water's edge.

Having worked up an appetite, after a walk there's the lure of a steaming bowl of Brancaster mussels served as moules marinière with frites and a glass of good wine at a local pub. There are so many great spots to choose from, but **The Crown at Wells** or the **Duck Inn at Stanhoe** are both favourite places to eat.

This season is nicely punctuated with high days and holidays, and as a family we enjoy two events which have become annual traditions. **Fakenham Racecourse** has several race meetings

over the winter and we enjoy a day at the races with a flutter or two on the horses – I'm no expert on form, so I usually opt for the ones with the best names, but as long as I break even I'm happy to enjoy the experience.

I am also lucky enough to live close to Europe's biggest Christmas show, the **Thursford Christmas Spectacular**. As the name suggests, it really is an extravaganza of non-stop singing, dancing, music, humour and variety, designed to get everyone in the Christmas spirit. The spectacular runs throughout November and December and is always a sell-out so jump on a ticket if you can.

For more contemplative downtime, I have been enjoying the stylish new arts centre at **Wells Maltings**. With a varied programme of films, theatre, exhibitions and music it's a fantastic venue with entertainment that's ideal for shorter days. With so much happening, the step into spring already feels just around the corner.

A lovely village

A resident of Burnham Market for almost 20 years, Sowerbys Holiday Cottages is proud to be part of 'Norfolk's loveliest village'

Its reputation is unrivalled as Norfolk's most well-loved village, with its pretty green, independent shops and chocolate box properties. Whether you are whiling away a few hours or looking for a place to stay, there's always something to draw you back and is well worth a visit...

IT'S A DATE!

- **MARCH/APRIL** Burnham Market International Horse Trials, Sussex Farm
- **JUNE – SEPTEMBER** Auctions on the Green
- **JULY** Burnham Market Flower Show and Carnival
- **AUGUST** Burnham Market Craft Fair
- **NOVEMBER** Burnham Market Christmas Market and Lights Switch-on



COBBLESTONES, BURNHAM MARKET

Every luxury has been afforded at this imposing property, a short walk from the village. Sleeping eight, this spacious home sits at the end of a gravelled front drive, with a stunning rear garden overlooking the pretty village church. **£1,100 – £3,100 per week**



BRENT BURN, BURNHAM MARKET

Just minutes from the village green, enjoy a stay in a traditional brick and flint cottage which oozes with style – an idyllic spot for four guests plus a privileged pooch to enjoy a short break. **£420 – £840 per week**



ARTHUR'S, BURNHAM MARKET

With a loft conversion set to add two extra bedrooms in 2020, Arthur's will comfortably house nine guests and a well-behaved dog in this stylishly renovated house which is close to the village green. **£715 – £1,925 per week**



MALLARDS, BURNHAM MARKET

Truly luxurious, moments from the heart of the village but on the quiet, restful setting of Herrings Lane, this property offers plenty of space to spread out with room for eight guests plus one lucky dog. **£695 – £2,250 per week**



THE BAKEHOUSE, BURNHAM MARKET

Styled just like a boutique hotel, but with your own private space to unwind, The Bakehouse is a chic conversion of the village's old bakery. This luxurious property offers a deluxe place to stay for four guests, in the centre of the village. **£575 – £1,100 per week**



ROSE COTTAGE, BURNHAM MARKET

Elegant and stylish, enjoy a stay at this spacious end of terrace with room for four and a well-behaved dog. Enjoy the AGA-equipped kitchen or head into the village to dine at one of its award-winning eateries. **£460 – £870 per week**

Top dog

From great walks to eating out, Norfolk is the paw-fect dog-friendly destination – take our lead and enjoy these top picks to enjoy some quality time with your furry pal

STRETCH YOUR LEGS

Norfolk is renowned for its beaches and dogs can enjoy the open space off-lead at Snettisham, Heacham, Old Hunstanton, Holme, Thornham, Brancaster, Brancaster Staithe, Holkham (past the dunes) and Burnham Deepdale (marshes). From the end of October until 30 April, dogs can walk freely at Hunstanton too.

EAT, DRINK AND BE MERRY

When you're all walked out, a warm welcome and doggy treats await at many eateries. Try The Orange Tree (theorangetreethornham.co.uk) at Thornham which features pigs' ears and gravy for its four-legged guests.

BAG IT!

Our puppy love is so great, we have some fabulous canine treats to take home – order a box of pigs' ears from Pooch's (poochs.co.uk), head to Holt's Woofers & Barkers (woofersandbarkers.co.uk) dog boutique or give your pet a freshen up at Swaffham's The Norfolk Groomshed (thenorfolkgroomshed.com).



2 SCHOOL ROW, THORNHAM

Dating back to 1860, this is a luxurious dog-friendly cottage which sleeps five. Set back from the coast road in Thornham, there's easy access to the coastal path, nearby creeks and sandy beach.

£540 – £1,025 per week



3 POND END ROW, DOCKING

There's plenty of space for happy dogs and their owners here, with three bedrooms and two bathrooms, plus plenty of light, an open plan living space and enclosed garden.

£470 – £920 per week



BRINCLIFFE, HEACHAM BEACH

For a taste of beach life, book a stay at this incredible property which has an enclosed garden leading to sand dunes, the perfect spot for four guests and their four-legged friends.

£415 – £855 per week



BADGETS, DOCKING

Style abounds at Badgets, a five-bedroom, three-bathroom contemporary house. Enjoy its lovely sitting room and wood burner which is a cosy spot to chill with your pooch.

£835 – £1,810 per week



HARE COTTAGE, DOCKING

A doggy welcome pack awaits your lucky pooch in this wonderful 17th century character property that sleeps four. There are beamed ceilings and a log burner plus a pretty garden to relax in.

£375 – £710 per week



GARDEN COTTAGE, RINGSTEAD

A pretty cottage sleeping four, set within the grounds of Westgate House. Ideally located for walkers, close to the Peddars Way and Ringstead Downs, only two miles to the coast at Holme and minutes from the fabulous Gin Trap Inn.

£380 – £840 per week

Push the *boat out*



Beacon Hill Barn, Burnham Market

For the ultimate place to stay, our cover star, **Beacon Hill Barn**, is a wonderful conversion set remotely in an acre of grounds, yet within minutes of **Burnham Market**. With room for fourteen guests, there are plenty of comfy spots to relax and a games room to keep all ages entertained. A first floor suite boasts sea views, a super king-size bed and en-suite with free-standing copper bath and walk-in shower. Outside a natural wooden hot tub, pizza oven, trampoline and table tennis make the most of outdoor living. **£8,000 per week**

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