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A warm welcome...

...to you and your family. Norfolk is such a fabulous place to be this season as nature treats us to its finest hours. Reward yourself with a stay and enjoy the county's many nature reserves and country parks. Follow our cover shot and enjoy a stroll along the coast or across the countryside.

We are delighted to have some of the best properties on the coast to stay at the end of a day exploring the great outdoors – enjoy this issue and then visit sowerbysholidaycottages.co.uk to book your home from home.

From grand estates to bijoux boltholes, plus plenty of family friendly homes, this issue features a selection of our fabulous self-catering properties. If you need any help in finding the best spot to suit you and your guests, give our team a call on 01328 730880 – we will be delighted to help.

Andrea Savinby

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

Newly landed at Sowerbys Holiday Cottages, check out these hot spots for your next Norfolk stay



SANDPIPER COTTAGE, TITCHWELL

Within walking distance of the coastal path, beach and marshes, this light, spacious property is set over three floors and sleeps eight guests. Sea views from the lawned garden make this a very special spot to enjoy the coast.



DOGGER INN WITH ATTIC, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

A Grade II listed Georgian property, as the name suggests, Dogger Inn was a public house dating back to 1650 but is now a charming beamed cottage with garden. Just a short distance from the harbour, it sleeps eight guests, plus a dog by prior arrangement.



CHERRY TREE COTTAGE, STANHOE

New to Sowerbys Holiday Cottages, 300-year-old Cherry Tree Cottage has masses of chic style and sleeps six for a fabulous holiday.



FLINT COTTAGE, BURNHAM MARKET

Chic coastal style and spacious accommodation for four guests await at this flint cottage on Beacon Hill, just ten minutes from the village centre and pretty green.



SEVEN EDGES, BRANCASTER

Just a few minutes from the beach, Seven Edges is a stylish, single-level property which has been recently refurbished and makes for a romantic getaway for two.



Coastal chic and a bird's eye view at Peewits Penthouse



**PEEWITS PENTHOUSE,
WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA**

As elegant as its name, a luxurious quayside apartment with views from the balcony over Wells Harbour – there's even underfloor heating and air conditioning to keep things temperate, whatever the weather. With space for four guests, king and super-king beds offer plenty of creature comforts after a hard day on the coast.





ALLERDALE HOUSE, BRANCASTER STAITHE

Brand new and oozing with luxury, Allerdale House provides the most comfortable stay for four guests. Underfloor heating makes the ground floor cozy year-round while upstairs two en-suite bedrooms offer plenty of space to relax.



2 THE BARN, DOCKING

Striking and spacious, 2 The Barns offers a luxurious, reclusive spot for six guests yet is within walking distance of the local pub and shop. A chic coastal style runs throughout the property with an easy, open plan ground floor and three generous first floor bedrooms.



THE COTTAGE, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

Enjoy an idyllic stay for two at The Cottage, Wells-next-the-Sea, a one-bedroom fisherman's cottage in the heart of the town. Walk or take the miniature railway to the beach and then cozy up by the fire before a good night's sleep in the comfortable, pretty bedroom.



DOLPHIN COTTAGE, BRANCASTER STAITHE

A contemporary coastal style makes this traditional pebble-fronted cottage a delightful escape for six guests. Dolphin Cottage is just minutes from the waterfront and comes with a 'hut' to sit and watch the marshes and sea beyond.



EDEN HOUSE, BURNHAM MARKET

Stay in the heart of the village at Eden House, a newly-built detached house. Ideal for three couples or two families, four first-floor bedrooms, two en-suite, make for flexible accommodation, while downstairs there is a large kitchen diner, separate sitting and living rooms.



ROSE COTTAGE, BRANCASTER STAITHE

Perfect for a multi-generational break, Rose Cottage is a spacious, single-storey coastal home which sleeps eight guests. With a luxurious open plan living space, there is a beautiful private garden with summer house which doubles as a games room to keep all ages entertained.

Stiffkey and **Warham**

BEST foot forward

Step out and immerse yourself in the beauty of Norfolk's coast and country with a stay at these properties located between Warham and Stiffkey

APPLE TREE COTTAGE, WARHAM

As charming as its name, Apple Tree Cottage dates back to 1860 and offers a traditional brick and flint property which has been recently refurbished. Overlooking Warham's medieval church and opposite the village's Three Horseshoes pub, a walk to the marshes and coast at Wells-next-the-Sea is a must.



The bridge across the River Stiffkey leads to salt marshes



FOX COTTAGE, STIFFKEY

Within walking distance of Stiffkey's salt marshes and the coastal path, traditional brick and flint Fox Cottage offers a luxurious stay for two. Traditional beams, an inglenook fire and stripped floorboards add to the character, while upstairs a roll-top bath offers valley views.

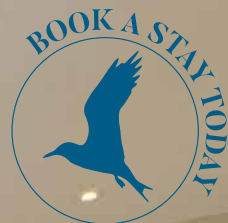


TUCWEL, WARHAM

Walks across Warham's marshes are just one of the many delights which await seven guests and a canine pal at Tucwel, a traditional Norfolk home with plenty of relaxed living space and pretty bedrooms.

Ringstead to **Holme**

Follow part of the historic **Peddars Way** between the charming villages of Ringstead to Holme



GREYSTONES, HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA

Located in a quiet lane backing onto marshes, just moments from the coastal path, beach and nature reserve, Greystones is set over three floors. This luxurious period home has plenty of space, stunning views and room for ten guests and their dogs to enjoy a coastal break.



An Acorn National Trail, join the Peddars Way at Holme



OLD BARN, HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA

Surrounded by walled gardens, the Old Barn is a 350-year-old brick and flint cottage just moments from the coast. A contemporary interior makes this a relaxing place for up to eight guests, plus dogs by arrangement.



HARE COTTAGE, RINGSTEAD

A love of Norfolk inspired the owners of Hare Cottage to create the perfect holiday home for eight guests. A traditional property with a hi-spec interior, two families or three couples would enjoy this charming cottage.



LIME COTTAGE, RINGSTEAD

Located in the heart of the village, just a short distance from pretty Ringstead Downs and Peddars Way leading to sandy beaches, this period property is beautifully refurbished and provides a comfortable spot for six guests.



THE MEADOWS, HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA

A fantastic single-storey property just a short walk from the beach and reserve, The Meadows has a chic coastal style and easy, open plan living space which is perfect for six guests to relax by the sea.

MICHAELMAS, STANHOE

A chic coastal interior awaits six guests at this single-storey luxurious property which cleverly combines an open plan living area with three stylish bedrooms. Outside, a rear courtyard overlooks paddock views and there is ample parking for three cars, so bring the clan and enjoy an easy break in the country.



Unique & boutique

Looking for something out of the ordinary?
Our pick of imaginative and unusual properties
are made for creating special holiday memories



OLD SMITHY, HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA

While the name gives a clue to the history of this former blacksmiths, this luxurious cottage for two has an interior worthy of a boutique hotel with plenty of special touches – upstairs a glass floor enhances the light, stylish bedroom.



FOUNDRY STABLES, BURNHAM MARKET

A gated period property off North Street, close to the village green, Foundry Stables is a luxurious property which sleeps six. With comfortable bedrooms and living areas, plus a courtyard garden it's a super place to stay.



SPRING COTTAGE, BURNHAM MARKET

Perfect for a seasonal break, with private parking and two spacious bedrooms sleeping four – the master with a Juliet balcony and a twin room on the ground floor – Spring Cottage oozes luxury throughout.



OYSTERCATCHERS, BURNHAM MARKET

Set in Burnham Market's Foundry Field development, this contemporary home offers a relaxing holiday cottage for four. With a south-facing garden and just a short walk to the village green, enjoy a week or two in this premium spot.



BUTTS CORNER, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

New to Sowerbys Holiday Cottages, Butts Corner is set over three storeys in the centre of the town. With four en-suite bedrooms sleeping eight, the property is stylishly decorated in a contemporary coastal style.



MILL HOUSE LODGE, STANHOE

Super stylish and sociable, The Lodge is a luxurious, newly-built single-storey home which sleeps four in two en-suite bedrooms. Open plan living leads to a private dog-friendly garden with a pretty summer house.

Autumn's finest display

A woodland adorned with fall's display is one of the season's finest sights and Norfolk has plenty of spots to enjoy the pretty scene

Pensthorpe Natural Park, NR21 0LN

An incredible 700-acre nature reserve and woodland conservation park, a day at Pensthorpe offers something for all ages. Enjoy a woodland walk and spot the wildlife and many migratory birds. With indoor and outdoor play areas, there's plenty to entertain little ones too.

Thursford Wood, NR21 0BB

Home to some of Norfolk's oldest oak trees, Thursford Wood puts on a fine display of colour this season. Spot the interesting shapes of autumnal fungi, but don't be tempted to forage unless you know your mushrooms!

Walsingham Abbey, NR22 6BP

Famous for its spring snowdrop walks, the grounds of Walsingham

Abbey which has been a place of pilgrimage since the 11th century, encompasses 20 acres of woodland. Immerse yourself in nature and follow the trail along the swift-flowing River Stiffkey.

Sheringham Park, NR26 8TL

Designed by Humphry Repton in 1812 and a family home for over a century, this National Trust park is a short distance from Cromer and boasts mature woodlands with stunning coastal views.

Blickling Hall, NR11 6NF

Planted in the 1930s, formal gardens boast thousands of spring bulbs, while the ancient Medieval Great Wood is a fantastic spot for dog-friendly walks. See if you can spot a barn owl, hunting for food across the parkland.



EGMERE COTTAGE, EGMERE

Previously part of the Holkham Estate, this traditional cottage faces open fields and is an idyllic rural spot for six guests. Refurbished with a contemporary style, Wells-next-the-Sea is just a five-minute drive away.



PINKLETON, EGMERE

Once a traditional farm cottage on the Holkham Estate, today Pinkleton enjoys a chic interior with three bedrooms sleeping six. Set in a rural hamlet, just a mile from Walsingham, there are plenty of country walks to enjoy.



BAY TREE COTTAGE, WALSINGHAM

Part of a Grade II listed converted vicarage, Bay Tree Cottage sleeps six with open views over grazing pastures from the sun terrace. With access to two acres of communal woodland, it's just a short walk to Little Walsingham.



SAMPHIRE BARN, BINHAM

Walk to Abbey Farm Dairy, visit the village's Binham Priory or take a short drive to Holkham or Wells-next-the-Sea from this stylish barn conversion for four, which has plenty of space to relax after a hard day's exploring.

Sandringham House

Home from home

Norfolk's stately homes offer an insight into aristocratic life – book a stay nearby to enjoy a slice of the good life

The private home of four generations of British monarchs since 1862, Sandringham is the country retreat of Her Majesty The Queen and was once described as 'the most comfortable house in England'. With a new visitor centre and country park unveiled in 2020, don't miss a tour of Sandringham House plus a visit to the gardens and transport museum with its fine display of classic cars.



THE COACH HOUSE, SANDRINGHAM ESTATE

Formerly part of a vicarage, The Coach House is a luxurious property for four with first floor views over open countryside and the village church. With plenty of period property features, this is a fine place to stay.



FIELD COTTAGE, FRING

A short drive from the estate, Field Cottage is located in three acres of meadowland and has views across open countryside, creating an idyllic, restful setting. Sleeping six, this comfortable property is a gem of a rural hideaway.



MILL VIEW, HARPLEY

New to Sowerbys Holiday Cottages, this end-terrace cottage has bags of character feature and has been comfortably refurbished to create a cosy bolthole for four, plus a well-behaved dog.

Houghton Hall



Built in the 1720s for Great Britain's first Prime Minister, Sir Robert Walpole, Houghton Hall is a superb Palladian house, which was once home to one of Britain's greatest collections of European art.

In recent years, the hall has exhibited a wide range of installations from some of the art world's biggest names, including work by Henry Moore, Damien Hirst and Anish Kapoor. Don't miss the Contemporary and Country Exhibition in The Stables, showing work by artists and makers from across East Anglia.

Houghton is also home to The Soldier Museum, the world's largest private collection of model soldiers which the 6th Marquess of Cholmondeley started as a small boy – the display even includes a reconstruction of the Battle of Waterloo.



POND FARM HOUSE, BIRCHAM

A traditional three-storey brick and flint farmhouse, this stunning property sleeps 13 and includes a self-contained annexe with flexible accommodation so bring the whole gang!



3 POND END ROW, DOCKING

There's plenty of wow factor at this brick and flint cottage which has a light, spacious open plan living area with wood burner, well-equipped kitchen and three large bedrooms sleeping six guests and a family dog.



FIELD COTTAGE, DOCKING

Deceptively spacious and in the heart of the village, Field Cottage sleeps four and benefits from two single rooms, perfect for teenagers, plus a master bedroom.

Holkham Hall



An incredible Palladian house at the heart of a 25,000-acre estate, 18th century Holkham Hall is the seat of the Earls of Leicester.

Holkham Hall is guaranteed to impress thanks to its Marble Hall, state rooms and many artworks by Rubens, Van Dyck and Gainsborough. New for 2020, Holkham Stories replaces the Field to Fork exhibition and offers a fantastic interactive display for all ages, which shows the many aspects of the estate.

Take a tour of The Walled Garden – mapping six acres it houses a vineyard and greenhouses which are undergoing a major renovation. Follow the trail and discover how exotic fruits once grew in the greenhouses and vinery to provide fresh produce for the household.



HARBOUR COTTAGE, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

Set over three storeys, behind Wells' Granary building, there's a nautical theme at this property which sleeps seven with views over the harbour.



CRAB COTTAGE, WELLS-NEXT-THE-SEA

A traditional brick and flint property within walking distance of the town's pretty quay, this cottage sleeps four and has a private rear garden.



FLAGSTAFF GARDEN HOUSE, BURNHAM OVERY STAITHE

A spectacular spot for two, this refurbished 'log cabin' offers easy, single-level accommodation and a fantastic place to enjoy life by the sea.



My Norfolk season

Cooler months are some of the best to experience Norfolk's coast and country, writes Sowerbys Holiday Cottages' owner Andrea Sowerby

For many, Norfolk is associated with endless hot summer days, but as the mercury dips there is still plenty to experience and enjoy along the coastline. Harvest time brings a wealth of freshly picked produce and a trip to a farmers' market is top of the list for my weekend plans.

Alongside those early tastes of the season, including freshly-picked orchard fruits from **Drove Orchards at Thornham**, there are some wonderful artisan producers around the county to discover. From incredible cheeses made on local farms and award winning, tasty chutneys to artisan gins distilled on the Queen's estate, treat yourself to a visit.

Creake Abbey, which takes place on the first Saturday of the month, is a firm favourite, but don't miss smaller markets such as **King's Lynn**

Farmers' Market, held on the second Saturday of the month, and even the micro-market held at **Docking Village Hall** on a Wednesday morning where freshly made allotment produce and handmade cakes are on offer.

As the saying goes, if there's an 'r' in the month, it's oyster season, and if you are lucky enough to visit when they are, I highly recommend ordering a batch from **The Thornham Oyster Co.** which fishes the coast sustainably.



Once you have filled the pantry with delicious Norfolk food and drink, enjoy a walk to catch the season's displays of colour. With so much to enjoy across coast and country, this is arguably one of the best moments to enjoy a break, so take full advantage of all that Norfolk has to offer – I hope to see you on your travels!



LIGHT FANTASTIC

This year, the Sandringham Estate is set to be all lit up with a spectacular, illuminated one-mile trail, complete with music. Illuminate Sandringham runs from 20 November – 20 December. Visit luminare.live/sandringham-estate

Norfolk celebration

Make this year's festive period extra special with a family break or a long weekend with friends – there's plenty to keep everyone entertained



ALL ABOARD

The Poppy Line is a wonderful experience at any time of year, and this Christmas is no exception as The Norfolk Lights Express steams into town. With mulled wine, hot chocolate and chestnuts served on-board, coloured lights bedeck the locomotive as it rolls from Sheringham to Holt. Book tickets at nnrailway.co.uk



ENCHANTED JOURNEY

Billed as a one of a kind show, Thursford has replaced its Christmas Spectacular for 2020 with the Enchanted Journey of Light, an after-dark wonderland trail with a maze of engines, fairytale characters and a four-acre Lantern Light Extravaganza. For details visit thursford.com



SEASON'S FEASTINGS

The festive period is made for indulging in fine food and drink, and Norfolk has plenty of artisan producers and independent retailers from which to choose your holiday cottage's pantry supplies.

Godwick Turkeys (godwickturkeys.com) near Fakenham is award winning and the farm's birds reportedly grace the Queen's Christmas table. Traditionally dry-plucked and hung, enjoy a Norfolk Bronze or Black of your own from fourth-generation butcher E. H. Prior & Sons (ehpriorandsons.co.uk) in Dersingham, next to the Royal Sandringham Estate.

After the main event, treat yourself to some of Norfolk's finest cheeses. Along with the legendary Mrs Temple's cheeses available at Walsingham Farms Shop (walsingham.co), seek out Fielding Cottage's (fieldingcottage.co.uk) award-winning, brie-style Wensum White and Norfolk Mardler goat cheeses for something different on your plate.

Stock the drinks trolley with some Norfolk tipples. Independent merchant Satchells (satchellswin.com) in Burnham Market has an excellent selection of bottles including warming mulled wine. If spirits are more your thing, try Norfolk gin maker WhataHoot (whatahoot.co.uk) which opened a brand-new distillery in King's Lynn's Hanseatic district earlier this year – treat the gin-aficionado in your clan to a gin-making experience to make their own bottle. Finally, for a twist try Norfolk Saffron's (norfolksaffron.co.uk) 'King Harry' Orange & Saffron Liqueur – enjoy it neat, as a long drink with Prosecco or drizzled over ice cream.



Safe HARBOUR

Thornham is enjoying a renaissance and is a gem of a place to stay on the North Norfolk coast

Located between RSPB Titchwell and Holme NWT, Thornham offers a wealth of wildlife and walks. Retaining many of the charms of a sleepy coastal village, Thornham

boasts an award winning pub, The Orange Tree, and Thornham Deli. Thornham is a fantastic base to explore the coast, so book a stay and enjoy all this spot has to offer.



2 SCHOOL ROW, THORNHAM

Dating back to 1860, there are plenty of character features given a contemporary style at this traditional flint cottage. Perfect for two couples or a family there are two bedrooms, one with distant sea views, plus space for the family dog.



HARRIER COTTAGE, THORNHAM

Set over three storeys with views over salt marshes to sea, this luxurious property sleeps six and is the perfect spot to experience the coast's attractions and relaxed village life. Fantastic for a family or friends, holiday in style.



SANDPIPER COTTAGE, THORNHAM

Beautifully bijoux, Sandpiper Cottage is a traditional terraced coastal cottage in the heart of the village. With walks in all directions, this one-bedroom cottage offers a great base to explore the area.



COMMODORES HOUSE, THORNHAM

Plenty of wow factor awaits at this three-storey home which sleeps ten – perfect for two families to enjoy a fantastic break and just minutes from the beach it is superbly positioned.



WILLOW LODGE, THORNHAM

Chic and spacious with room for eight guests to stay in four uniquely designed en-suite bedrooms, several with sea views, this immaculate home is set over three storeys and just a short walk to the beach.



CLOCK COTTAGE, THORNHAM

If you are looking for a traditional Norfolk holiday, this pretty brick and flint cottage sleeps five and is the perfect spot with easy access to the coast and natural habitat of the salt marshes.

FAMILY TIME



Sneak a weekend break or holiday with extended family at these fine coastal properties

If you love to staycation, you're not alone as more of us are choosing to holiday in the UK and a growing number of us are 'gramping', taking a multi-generational break with grandparents in tow. It's the perfect way to bring the family together and enjoy simpler pleasures, such as a day on the beach, so book yourself a place to stay.





CHERRY HOUSE, THORNHAM

Reunite the family or holiday with friends at this spacious, detached home which comfortably sleeps eight. There's a children's play room, lawned garden and the village's play park and beach are all within easy walking distance.



SYBIL COTTAGE, HOLME-NEXT-THE-SEA

Set in almost an acre of private gardens with lawns and a woodland glade – plus a zip slide to keep the children entertained – the beach is just a ten-minute walk away. Sleeping eight, Sybil Cottage makes for easy coastal living.



SEAWARDS, OLD HUNSTANTON

A true family home, Seawards in Old Hunstanton is within walking distance of the sandy beach and golf club. A contemporary style echoes the light, spacious layout, which comfortably sleeps six guests.



BEEHIVE COTTAGE, BURNHAM MARKET

A stunning Georgian cottage, Beehive Cottage is a much-loved family home with light, airy accommodation that sleeps eight and is just a short distance from playing fields, a children's playground and tennis courts.



THE PADDOCK, STANHOE

A luxury barn conversion with a wonderfully spacious garden that's perfect for children to play. Four en-suite bedrooms – the children's room with bunks and two singles – sleeps ten making it a fantastic family holiday home.



HOLLY HOUSE, SOUTH CREAK

Let the kids hang out in their own space with a separate children's den, alongside a cosy sitting room with wood burner at Holly House. Four spacious bedrooms sleep eight at this family home, just ten minutes drive from the coast.

Push the *boat out*



1 Knights Cottage, Thornham

1 Knights Cottage is a luxurious, interior-designed, three-storey coastal cottage which boasts a relaxing outlook over the salt marshes. With a high specification and finishes, this stunning property features a cleverly-designed, sociable open plan living area which leads to a chic terrace. With space for six guests in three en-suite bedrooms, two with stunning sea views, this is a beautiful family home from home within walking distance of the coast.



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