

Property reference number:- 2002-1466 (nr. Nottingham)
 Home to a family with 2 children in the 7-11 age group and 1 teenager.
 They are looking to house swap in school holidays.

KEY INFORMATION

Bedrooms available:-	2 double bedrooms; 2 single bedrooms Also sofa- bed if needed. (max:- 5/7)
Children welcome?	Yes all age groups are welcome
Pets that live here:-	2 leaf insects, which just need their leaves spraying with water 1x per day. 'If you'd rather not have them, they can go to a neighbour.'
Re-dogs	They would consider a well behaved dog in their home.



This attractive semi-detached town house was built around 1900 and is situated in West Bridgford which is a smart suburb on the southern edge of Nottingham, & close to the countryside. The street is made up of Victorian semi-detached houses on a quiet residential road close to West Bridgford and around 1-2 miles from Nottingham city centre. There is a bus stop near the house with frequent buses into Nottingham city which boasts a huge variety of attractions, including a good shopping centre & many great eating places.

This is a brilliant location to holiday, and below are many reasons why! The family have listed their favourite places which nearly always include the vital information about play areas! Look too at local websites.

This is a 3 storey house:- The ground floor has the living room at the front which includes the sofa-bed; and a second sitting room in the middle of the house linked to a kitchen diner at the back , plus utility room with washer and dryer and a downstairs loo. The first floor has the family bathroom, a double bedroom with en-suite and a single bedroom: the children's rooms (one double and one single room) are on the second floor.





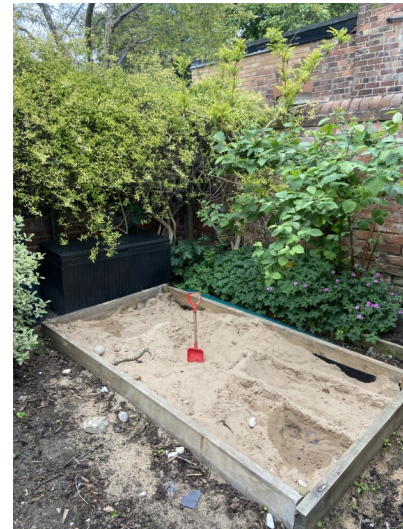
The garden is small but completely enclosed (escape proof for small children!) There is a lawn with shrubs & some garden furniture; a large sandpit with sand toys. (The garden office will not be available). The garden is overlooked by their nearest neighbours, who also have families with children and are very friendly.

There is no off-road parking but a parking permit will be available for house-swappers to use. It is usually possible to get a space close to the house during the day, but "after tea time you may need to park further down the road."

The family attend St Luke's Gamston and Bridgford which is an evangelical Anglican church. About 100 people meet for the Sunday morning service which has a good mix of traditional & contemporary worship.. This is a very friendly & welcoming fellowship and they serve their local & church community well, both on Sundays and during the week. More info on their website:- <http://st-lukes-gamston.org/>

**2021 From Helen & Barny (ref 1485 in Norfolk)
We enjoyed a lovely house-swap holiday last week, thank you. Lots of top marks!**

(More photos and info below)





Sport's facilities

Trent Bridge Cricket ground - ½ mile;
 Nottingham Forest & Notts County football grounds -1 mile Nottingham has excellent sports facilities:
 West Bridgford park (400 metres) -big open field for general games; also tennis & basketball courtst. 1.5 miles - Rushcliffe Arena Leisure Centre with Swimming Pool + toddler pool with splash play equipment.
 .Within Nottingham
 National Water sports Centre at Holme Pierrepoint
<https://www.nwscnotts.com> with white water rafting, kayaking, outdoor high ropes and many other activities.
 National Ice Arena - Ice skating, Ice Hockey matches and concerts
 Nottingham Tennis Centre; Nottingham Forest Football ground, Notts County Football ground & Trent Bridge Cricket Ground all walking distance of the house. Two large indoor climbing walls:
<https://nottingham-climbing.co.uk>
<https://www.theclimbingdepot.co.uk>
 'Clip 'n' Climb' fun climbing wall
<http://www.clipnclimbnottingham.co.uk>
 Indoor crazy golf <https://www.lostcityadventuregolf.com>
 Many good golf courses - we can advise

Free parks	<p>“Things we do regularly as a young family”</p> <p>West Bridgford Park around 400 metres away & has a lovely setting in grounds of West Bridgford Hall; a big enclosed playground with large sandpit & play equipment; also a teenage play equipment area & basketball court .Snacks kiosk, toilets, woodland paths around the park.</p> <p>Rushcliffe Country Park - 3 miles -a large park with play area, a lake, woodland play areas, & a heritage railway with small ride-on trains.</p> <p>Wollaton Hall/Park about 20 mins drive- Impressive stately home owned by Nottingham City Council with natural history museum inside, deer park, playground, lake with birds. Only pay for parking.</p> <p>Victoria Embankment Park (free) about 5 mins drive- Next to the river Trent, playground, paddling pool in the summer, children’s cycle area with mini roads and traffic lights. Also a lovely walk along the river here.</p>
Local places of interest	<p>National Trust Properties</p> <p>Belton House - 45 mins drive, has the largest play area of any N. T. property & includes a ride-on train, formal gardens, lovely greenhouse, fish-pond and walks around the grounds. Also an indoor play area (not soft-play, it’s hard and wooden and better for older children!) and cafés.</p> <p>Calke Abbey - 40 mins drive, new woodland play area, playground, large grounds, walled garden with interactive ‘play’ elements in the summer, underground tunnels, two cafés. The house is preserved as it was found, very interesting & relatively relaxed for children (compared to many NT properties).</p> <p>Stoneywell 30 mins drive-small arts and crafts house set in gardens & woodlands , no formal play elements but small & safe for brilliant exploring! Also a small café. You have to book as the car park is small.</p> <p>Kedleston Hall, 40 mins drive. Nice walks around the hall, very formal inside the house, not great for young children.</p> <p>Clumber Park. 45 mins drive, no house but very large grounds, playground, many cycle paths, bike hire, a kitchen garden with greenhouses and a café.</p>

Other great things for children:-

Manor Farm and Woodlands - A brilliant day out with younger children, a large farm with farm animals, two large playgrounds, big indoor playground with very large pirate ship, a baby area, good restaurant/café, , owl holding

Sneinton Windmill (free) - 10 mins drive, a working windmill in an inner city suburb with a small science museum aimed at children, a small baby soft-play & great playground in the park. You can climb the windmill inside and buy their flour. Often baking activities in school holidays (book in advance).

Stonebridge City Farm (free/donations) - 10 mins drive, a very small community farm in an inner city suburb with goats, cows, horses, sheep, chickens, ducks, allotment areas, a playground and small café.

Ed & Molly's Playbarn (very large & good quality),
National Space Centre in Leicester, around 45 minutes' drive away, a great day out with full-size rocket, planetarium shows & many interactive displays all indoors. Tickets last for a year as an annual pass for no extra cost.
Leicester New Walk museum, around 45 minutes' drive away.
Small museum with a very good dinosaur exhibit, plus natural history, history & art exhibits. Small free car park & free entry.

Derby Museum, around 45 minutes' drive away. Small museum with nice café, often has children-focussed exhibits on the top floor in the school holidays. In Derby City Centre near the Cathedral.

Other attractions for all ages

Nottingham Castle, refurbished & reopened playground in the moat, cafes
Games Workshop Warhammer World - the factory is in Nottingham

Broadway Cinema and Café-Bar (an 'arty' cinema)

Cineworld Nottingham - in the City Centre

Showcase Cinema - A 'luxury' multiplex

Savoy Cinema - A 'traditional' small cinema in a student suburb of Nottingham, its cheap and cheerful!

Ten pin bowling - Nottingham city centre and near the Showcase cinema.

Comedy clubs The Theatre Royal The Nottingham Concert Hall

The Playhouse Theatre Lost City Adventure Golf (indoor)

Planet Bounce - An enormous indoor inflatable play area/obstacle course near to central Nottingham.

Red Kangaroo trampoline park

Slick City - a large indoor extreme slide park, the first in the UK

Attenborough nature reserve - lakes, birds and a café plus walks along the River Trent. It is possible to cycle there from our house along the Trent, for adults it takes around 2 hours. as a round trip.

National Ice Centre (ice arena with ice hockey fixtures, concerts and public skating.