



DOXFORD HALL  
HOTEL AND SPA





Dear Guest,

Welcome to Doxford Hall Hotel & Spa. Our ethos is one of laid-back professionalism and, wherever possible, we endeavour to ensure your stay with us has the feel of being welcomed to a country house, a home-from-home that happens to be staffed, rather than just another country house hotel.

The following pages are meant as a guide to our facilities, however if there is anything we may assist you with please ask any member of my team who will be happy to help.

Doxford Hall is an ideal base for those wishing to explore Northumberland and the Scottish Borders. Take in some of the best sights including the historic town of Alnwick and the famous Alnwick Garden, Bamburgh Castle and the beaches, Holy Island (Lindisfarne) and the charming market towns throughout the beautiful Scottish Borders. Local maps are available from reception.

On behalf of all the team, I would like to thank you for choosing Doxford Hall Hotel and Spa and wish you an enjoyable stay with us.

Yours sincerely

*Bill Kilday*  
General Manager







## The History of the Hall

The first reference to the parish of Doxford goes back to 1296 when Thomas de Doxford was named in a muster roll. The Doxford family continued in the parish rolls until 1635. Robert Doxford died childless, and the estate was left to his cousin Gilbert Swinhoe. By 1811 the estate had passed to Miss Mary Taylor who left Doxford to her relation Henry Aynsley who subsequently changed his name to Henry Taylor. In 1817 he commissioned John Dobson a Newcastle architect who became one of the most respected and sought-after architects in the North-East to build Doxford Hall, one of his earliest and finest houses which was completed in 1818.

Henry Taylor died without issue and the Hall and estate then passed through different owners, including the Browns of Callaly who made extensive alterations and were forced out in 1900 when the owners of nearby Ellingham Hall poisoned the water supply by placing a dead horse in the well.

The Hall was then purchased by a Henry Percy Warren in 1901, he subsequently ended up in a lunatic asylum; it was then bought by Lord Runciman. Lord Runciman

made many alterations the most lasting being the East Wing designed by the architects Mauchlen, Weightman and Elphick who were responsible for the lovely staircase topped by a carved owl, joining the north and east wings.

The hall was sold in 1953 to Northumberland County Council and remained with them until Brian and Shirley Burnie, purchased it in 1993. Due to the state of the structure extensive restoration was urgently required to make it habitable and after restoring the main Dobson part of the Hall, architects and engineers were commissioned to design a world class hotel which opened to the public in 2008.

Robert and Gina Parker bought the hotel from the Burnie family in 2010 and immediately set about incorporating the Hall into the hotel. These works were completed in 2011 and provided additional bedrooms, public areas and a new reception and entrance.

The hotel has formal gardens which guests are welcome to walk around, and a large yew tree maze planted in 2000 by local schoolchildren. Plans for the maze are available at Reception.



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## Airport

Newcastle International Airport is situated 42 miles from Doxford Hall. Should you require transportation, please contact Reception by dialling “0”.

## Afternoon Tea

Taking Afternoon Tea at Doxford Hall is a top-drawer affair. Make time to escape the everyday and indulge with our signature selection of sandwiches, homemade scones, savoury tarts and sweet pastries served with your choice of freshly brewed tea or coffee.

We serve Afternoon Tea daily between 2.00 pm and 5.00 pm though we do ask that you pre-book please. Gluten-free and vegetarian options available. Before booking, please speak to a member of our staff regarding any food allergies and intolerances that you may have.



*View Afternoon  
Tea Menu*

## Aqueous Spa

Our Spa combines relaxing and therapeutic treatments designed to invigorate and rejuvenate your body and mind. We are delighted to offer a wide range of

therapeutic and beauty treatments using products from the holistic, vegan spa brand Ytsara.

Our Spa facilities are open daily from 7.00 am to 6.00 pm. Use of the swimming pool and spa facilities is included within the cost of your stay.

Spa treatments are available between 10.00 am and 6.00 pm. To make a reservation, please dial ‘209’ from your bedroom. As a matter of Health and Safety, we regret that children under the age of 16 are not permitted to use the Spa facilities.

## Breakfast

Full English and continental style breakfasts are available in our Restaurant daily between 7.30 am until 10.00 am. Room Service can be ordered through Reception before 10.00 pm the night prior, at an additional charge of £5 per room. If you are planning an early departure, Continental Breakfast can be served in your room before 8.00 am, please order in advance with Reception.



*View Breakfast  
Menu*

## Car Parking

Parking at the hotel is free of charge for the duration of your stay; however, vehicles are parked at the owner's risk. Should you have a car, please ensure that your car registration number is noted down on your registration card upon arrival.

## Check Out

Guests are requested to vacate their rooms by 11.00am on the day of departure. We can store luggage if requested, please contact Reception by dialling '0'. Should you need to check out before 7.30am we request that you settle your room bill the evening before please.

## Conferences & Functions

Doxford Hall is a unique venue for conferences, meetings, product launches, incentive events and is also ideal for banquets, weddings, private dinners and dances, not forgetting our Christmas and New Year Festivities. Please contact Reception or ask a member of our sales team for further information.

## Doctor, Accident & Emergency

If you require a doctor or dentist during your stay please contact the Duty Manager who can arrange this for you. By law the hotel is unable to issue guests with any medication.

## Dogs

Dogs can stay with you in your dog friendly accommodation. We ask that dogs are always kept on a lead - this also includes our gardens. Dogs can accompany you in the Bar and the Morning Room only.

## Environment

As part of our commitment to the conservation of our beautiful area we are proud to have introduced an energy and conservation programme with energy saving lighting, recycling glass, paper and garden waste. We have withdrawn turn down in the evening saving needless energy; towels and toiletries are changed as required unless requested otherwise. We appreciate any help you can give in protecting our beautiful environment. Please call Reception if additional towels and toiletries are required. We will only replace the towels placed in the bathtub.

## Fire

In case of an emergency, guests are strongly advised to familiarise themselves with the emergency exits and carefully read the fire evacuation notices, located on the back of the bedroom door.

Guests with disabilities including impaired sight or

hearing should advise Reception on arrival so special attention can be given in the event of an emergency. On discovering a fire immediately operate the nearest fire alarm point by breaking the glass. In the event of a Fire, the Fire Alarm will sound continuously. You must evacuate immediately in an orderly manner, using the nearest fire exit. Do not take any of your belongings with you. Do not use the lifts. Assemble at the fire assembly point which is located in the main car park.

## Housekeeping

We have withdrawn turn down in the evening saving needless energy; towels and toiletries are changed as required unless requested otherwise. If you require any additional items from our Housekeeping Team such as robes, additional pillows, toiletries or tea and coffee – please contact our Reception Team who will be happy to deliver these to your bedroom.

## Internet Access

A complimentary broadband wireless connection is available throughout the property though cannot be guaranteed in all guest bedrooms. The WiFi code is DoxfordHall1818. If you require any assistance in accessing this service, please contact Reception.

## Iron and Ironing Board

If you require an iron and ironing board and don't have one in your room, please contact Reception by dialling '0'.



## Key Card

Please carry your room card with you. You will need your room card to charge drinks, dining or additional services to your room account. When leaving the hotel temporarily, please leave your key with Reception. Lost key cards should be reported as soon as possible.

## Laundry

Unfortunately, we are unable to offer a laundry service at this time.

## Lost Property and Valuables

We regret we cannot accept responsibility for any items lost or stolen within the hotel or car park. Every endeavour will be taken to return items misplaced to our guests, however items not claimed after one month (if suitable) will be sent to a local charity shop.

## Night Porter

Should you have any issues during the night please dial “0” to contact the Night Porter or Duty Manager. Please allow time for a response as they may be in another part of the property. Should you envisage a late night outside of the hotel (after 11.00 pm) please advise Reception so the Porter or Duty Manager can be on hand for your return as for security reasons the front door will be locked at 11.00pm.

## Packed Lunches

Packed lunches and picnic hampers can be arranged with pleasure; please order at Reception by 9.00pm the night before.

## Reception

Reception is open from 8.00 am to 8.00 pm; please contact us at the desk, or by telephone from your room by dialling “0”. Outside these hours, please contact the night porter by dialling “0”.

## Restaurant

The George Runciman Restaurant offers a selection of traditional and modern dishes, presented by a highly skilled brigade of Chefs - earning two AA rosettes for excellence. Our restaurant is available for dinner, afternoon tea and breakfast. Hotel residents are requested to reserve a table with Reception. Please find below our opening times:

*Breakfast: 7:30 am to 10:00 am*

*Afternoon Tea: 2:00 pm to 5.00 pm*

*Dinner: 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm*

If you have any special dietary requirements, please do not hesitate to inform Reception who will be only too

happy to discuss your requirements with Chef.



*View A La  
Carte Menu*



*View Bar  
Lounge Menu*

## Children's Supper

Served in the Restaurant, provided that the children are accompanied by well-behaved adults. Alternatively, Room Service can be arranged, please place your order with Reception.



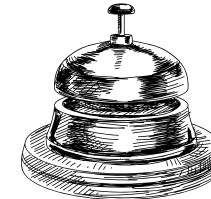
*View Children's  
Supper Menu*

## Room Service

Room service is available 24 hours, dial “0” to order. Sandwiches are available 24 hours; hot food is also available from Room Service until 9.00pm. A tray charge of £5.00 per room will be added to your bill for each Room Service order.



*View Room  
Service Menu*



## Smoking

Doxford Hall Hotel and Spa is proud to be committed to a ‘clean air’ policy. No smoking is permitted within the building or through the grounds, with the exception of our dedicated gazebo, located by the car park. If you choose to smoke in your room we will charge a penalty of £100 to your account.

## Telephone

The hotel telephone number is 01665 589700.

- *Outside line – dial “9” followed by area code immediately afterwards. Please note that all telephone calls are metered at Reception, calls will be charged directly to your bedroom.*
- *To dial Reception – dial “0”.*
- *To dial another room – please dial “2” followed by the room number.*

## Television & Radio

Your room has a combined television and radio, with a remote control to access the full range of Freeview Digital stations. No analogue TV is available. If you have any difficulties, please call down to Reception, by dialling 0.

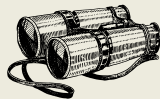
## VAT and Service Charges:

All prices are inclusive of VAT. Service is at your own kind discretion and is shared by all of the staff members.



# Suggested Sightseeing

Doxford Hall is centrally placed in the glorious county of Northumberland. It is close to the un-spoilt heritage coastline; Cheviot Hills and National Park. If you wish to discover more of what Northumberland has to offer, please consider the following:



**THE ALNWICK GARDEN** The Duchess of Northumberland's vision for a forgotten plot is now a one of the most visited gardens in the country. Designed for every season, it's a joy for all the senses and a truly 21st century experience full of imagination, inspiration and fun. The gardens boast a collection of over 4,000 plants, thousands of seasonal blooms and many opportunities to get wet and play in The Garden's water sculptures. The gardens are open year-round except Christmas Day.

**BAMBURGH CASTLE** Standing 150 feet above the sea, the magnificent Bamburgh Castle is an icon of the Northumberland shoreline and has been the film set for many blockbusters. Visit and you'll find a place full of myth, legend and over 1,400 years of history to explore in the fine state rooms, art gallery and 12th century keep. We highly recommend the 3-mile linear walk from Seahouses harbour to Bamburgh Castle, following the coastal path that runs along the beach. It's an easy, flat route that takes in attractive sand dunes, wildflowers and views to the nearby Farne Islands. There's a regular bus that runs between Bamburgh and Seahouses if you want to walk one way only.

**LINDISFARNE ISLAND (HOLY ISLAND)** Just a few miles off the Northumberland coast, you'll find Lindisfarne Island. Despite being cut off twice a day from the rest of world by fast-moving tides, you can drive, walk or cycle over the causeway to Holy Island (after checking the safe crossing times). Visit the Lindisfarne Priory (the epicentre of Christianity in Anglo Saxon times), Lindisfarne Castle, spend time in the Lindisfarne museum and potter around the pretty village. The island status protects tidal mudflats, saltmarshes and dunes which make up the Lindisfarne Nature Reserve, home to rare plants and an exciting array of wildlife. You'll often see seals hauled up on the sand as well as the abundance of bird species.

**FARNE ISLANDS** A birder's paradise, The Farne Islands are home to colonies of puffins, terns, razorbills, kittiwakes, shags and guillemots. The islands also have the largest breeding colony of grey seals in England and you'll often see them hauled up on the rocks or bobbing in the sea. Head to the town of Seahouses, the gateway to the Farne Islands, where you'll find a choice of boat tour

operators with a variety of cruise options. Boats run throughout the year but you're advised to wear warm clothes, even in high summer.

**BARTER BOOKS** No visit to Alnwick is complete without a stop at Barter Books. Housed within the town's old Victorian railway station, it contains one of the biggest collections of antiquarian books in the UK and you could quite literally spend half a day wandering the premises. With real fires in the winter, a model railway, station buffet and a children's room Barter Books is must-see attraction – not just for bookworms.

**ALNWICK CASTLE** Owned and inhabited by the Percy family, Alnwick Castle is probably Britain's most iconic castle and the film set for Harry Potter and Downton Abbey. It's a deservedly popular destination that offers something for everyone: from taking on the Dragon's Quest and broomstick training to discovering the State Rooms and collections of fine art housed within this imposing fortress. The castle is open between the end of March and October and closed to the general public during the winter months.

## CRAGSIDE ESTATE

Originally the family home of Lord Armstrong, Victorian inventor and industrialist, Cragside was the first building in the world to be lit by hydroelectricity. Now in the care of the National Trust, the Cragside Estate is a truly unique visitor attraction for all ages. From the ingenious gadgetry in the main house including fire alarm buttons, telephones and a passenger lift to the estate itself with more than 30 miles of paths, lakeside walks, play areas and a Trim Trail, it's a much-loved day out.

**CHILLINGHAM CASTLE** Continuously owned by just one family line since the 1200's, this fine stronghold is open to the public to see the alarming dungeons and torture chambers as well as the beautiful parkland and manicured gardens. You can also book a ghost tour if you dare.

**GOLF** With more than ten golf courses located within twenty miles of Doxford Hall you'll be spoilt for choice for scenic spots to play a round or two. Coastal courses just metres from the beach, championship courses and challenging nine-hole courses offer a range options whatever your ability. Most are available on a pay and play basis. Do ask us for more details.

**NORTHUMBERLAND COASTAL PATH** Made for walking, the 64 miles of

way-marked trails have it all: breath-taking views, golden beaches, an abundance of wildlife, history and iconic castles. From challenging long-range walks to circular jaunts punctuated with pub stops, there's something for everyone. We've listed some of our favourite beach walks below – all dog-friendly and all within a 25- minute drive from the hotel.

## BEADNELL BEACH, NE67 5BN

Golden sands running along a wide, horseshoe-shaped bay, backed by grassy dunes – just perfect for a bracing coastal walk at any time of year. You'll find a pay-and-display car park on the outskirts of the village, with access to the beach via a slipway. There are also public toilets here and variety of shops in Beadnell itself.

## EMBLETON BAY, NE66 3XQ

A natural beauty. Fine golden sand, big skies and with the ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle in view this beach doesn't disappoint. It was voted Best Beach in the UK by BBC Countryfile Magazine's readers. Park in the village of Low Newton, where you'll find a couple of shops and a pub and walk towards Craster for a decent leg stretch.

## SEAHOUSES, NE68 7SU

A vast stretch of sandy beach with low grassy dunes to one side and far reaching views to the Farne Islands on the other. Popular

with wildlife spotters courtesy of the UK's largest colony of grey seals, puffins and other native sea birds seen from the Farne Islands. You'll find plenty of shops, eateries and other amenities in the town of Seahouses.

## CRASTER BEACH, NE66 3TR

Home to the famous smoked kippers, some lovely art galleries and the starting (or finishing) point for some fabulous coastal walks. You'll find a small, sandy beach within the harbour with shingle beaches on either side. Head north to Low Newton across National Trust land to the ruins of Dunstanburgh Castle, one of the most photographed sites in the county and named as one of the top ten walks in the whole of the UK. Toilets and a pay and display car park are located behind the Tourist Office.

## BAMBURGH BEACH, NE69 7DF

A pristine, and often wind-swept, sandy beach with arguably the most iconic backdrop of all Northumberland's beaches: the majestic Bamburgh Castle. Sand dunes offering a diverse mix of flora and fauna, interesting rock pools and views out to the Inner Farne Islands: this beach has it all. But do wrap up warm whatever the season!

## ALNMOUTH BEACH, NE66 2RW

A wide, sandy beach that is seldom busy (and very often empty). The village of Alnmouth offers a small selection of pubs and shops.



## Introducing Our Sister Properties

Doxford Hall is part of the Robert Parker Collection of boutique hotels. Our collection of historic properties embodies the very best of quintessentially British locations, landscapes and luxury.

As a small (but perfectly formed) group of just four independent hotels, you may not be familiar with the Robert Parker hotel brand. But you may already know of some of our properties for each one is a true individual - and that's the way we like it. What brings us together are the same core Robert Parker values that you find at each hotel (Robert, the company owner is a stickler for it!).

We're incredibly proud of our exceptional property and service standards, the quality and creativity of cuisine and the passion of our people to serve you. So, wherever you choose to stay you'll be met with a warm welcome, combined with a professional, yet laid back service and the flexibility to accommodate your every wish. Of course, it helps that you'll only find our hotels in some of UK's most stunning locations, meaning that there's always plenty to do – and many more reasons to return!

We look forward to welcoming to you one of our hotels soon.



### DALHOUSIE CASTLE

on the outskirts of Edinburgh is Scotland's oldest inhabited castle with 35 bedrooms, award-winning fine dining in the barrel-vaulted Dungeon and a heavenly aqueous spa.

[www.dalhousiecastle.co.uk](http://www.dalhousiecastle.co.uk)



### EDNAM HOUSE HOTEL

a stately Georgian country house with 33 bedrooms, nestled in Scottish Border country offers fine dining and the ideal spot to enjoy fishing and country pursuits with its prime location on the banks of the River Tweed.

[www.ednamhouse.com](http://www.ednamhouse.com)



### ESHOTT HALL

in rural Northumberland; a Georgian English country house hotel with 24 bedrooms and a double rosetted restaurant is a magical wedding venue and the perfect base to explore the fabulous Northumbrian coastline.

[www.eshotthall.co.uk](http://www.eshotthall.co.uk)





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