

Waterside is preparing to open

For your Health and safety:

Check in and Departure -

This nasty little virus can survive for some time on surfaces. The longer the time between Departure and arrival the better.

I am asking guests to check out an hour earlier than normal, bringing **check out to 10 am** rather than 11am.

And **Check in, 5 pm** or later if possible, from the usual 2 pm.

(There is plenty of parking at Waterside, guests are welcome to arrive at any time of the day, allowing them to walk into the village or the surround etc.

Room cleaning -

The rooms will be given their usual thorough clean. Following this an extra Bacterial/Viral wipe will be given to surfaces that are most commonly touched e.g. Kettle handles, window handles, stair rail, T.V. remote, draw knobs and door handles, toilet flush, taps, lamp switches and light switches etc.

The shower curtain will be switched at each change-over.

I have researched the time that the Virus might survive on soft furnishings and found the following information from the on-line website 'Healthline'

The stability of SARS-CoV-2 on cloth was also tested in the [Lancet article](#) [Trusted Source](#)

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The Lancet

- Highly respected journal
- Expert written journal
- Peer reviewed journal

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It was found that viable virus couldn't be recovered from cloth after 2 days.

Bedding –

Mattress protectors and perhaps more important the pillow protectors will be striped at each change-over. And, as coughing is a common symptom of Covid-19, I therefore would presume a pillow to be at a reasonable risk, in light of the 'The Lancet' report above, I will change Pillows on every departure/new arrival because of this. You may decide to bring your own from home, this is fine. Let me know and I shall leave your bed pillow free.

Soft Furnishings –

I will remove the excess 'decorative' cushions from beds and chairs but will leave those I think vital for comfort on Sofa's etc. You may decide to bring your own cover from home if touching these kinds of surfaces bothers you. I do have spare sheets if anyone wants me to cover furniture with these.

PLEASE LEAVE YOUR SHOES AT THE DOOR!

From the same journal as above –

A study in [Emerging Infectious Diseases](#) assessed which surfaces in a hospital were positive for SARS-CoV-2. A high number of positives were found from floor samples. Half of the samples from the shoes of ICU workers also tested positive.

It's unknown how long SARS-CoV-2 can survive on floors and shoes. If you're concerned about this, consider removing your shoes at your front door as soon as you get home.

BREAKFAST

You do not have to have breakfast and I will deduct £5.00 per person off your room if you choose not you. I can supply each room with a camping fridge so you can keep your own milk fresh and you might enjoy your own continental start to the day.

I am happy for people to collect their breakfasts and eat outside or in their rooms. I can not promise breakfast in bed delivery because often breakfast is a busy time for me and delivering to your room takes up precious moments whilst someone else's bacon burns under my grill.

In saying this, I will arrange a system, similar to the one I already have, where I will expect people to pre-book their breakfast times so everyone is half an hour apart. I will not have guests rushed to leave however, if they are enjoying a paper over a long coffee, it is all part of being on holiday surely. So, if you are concerned about sharing the dining room with others, I would suggest collecting your breakfast or declining a breakfast at all. At the moment it is recommended that people be 2 m apart and this may change to 1 m. I will do my best to arrange tables to the guidelines.

ROOM SERVICE –

This is entirely up to you. The beauty of Waterside is that you don't have to come into contact with me what-so-ever. Each room has its own entrance and therefore Social distancing need never be a problem. I am happy to clean bathrooms and tidy beds as always, but if you would rather have as little contact with me as possible then I shall stay away. (I will check in on rooms that have dogs however, even if not to clean, unfortunately there are a few that ruin it for the many).

IN A NUTSHELL

It is said, it may well be another year before a vaccine is completed. And so long as this Virus exists there will always be risk. I can do my best to keep you safe, but this will never be a 100% guarantee. Ultimately if you are terribly concerned or vulnerable then weigh up the statistics and risks, do your research and embrace the balance you need in your life to be happy.

I look forward to seeing you over the other side of this Lock down and wish you all the best until then!