

**Muirhall Luxury Holiday Cottages Awarded Five Stars From Visit Scotland**

The beautifully renovated Muirhall Luxury Cottages, set in the picturesque heart of the Scottish countryside have been awarded a five star rating from Visit Scotland. Muirhall Cottages have been awarded the highest accolade by Visit Scotland, given to accommodation that represents 'exceptional' cleanliness and quality.

Within 40 minutes of both Edinburgh and Glasgow, and near to the historic towns of Biggar and Lanark, the newly launched holiday cottages have been renovated from 200 year old buildings that have their origins in the early 16<sup>th</sup> Century. Guests can indulge in complete escapism after a day visiting the local historical sights, indulging in various local sporting facilities or exploring the stunning countryside that surrounds Muirhall.

Chris Walker and Gabi Flad have lived at Muirhall for four years and have now fulfilled their ambition to transform the farm and outbuildings into luxury holiday accommodation whilst retaining the rural charm of the original farm. This brand new steading conversion of four luxury holiday cottages has various sports facilities nearby including three golf courses, varied fishing, shooting and miles of beautiful countryside walks. The on-site facilities include Sauna, Huxley international putting green, mountain bikes, DVD library, catering and shopping service, as well as internet access and laundry facilities. Hidden away in the heart of Lanarkshire, this is unquestionably a very special Scottish retreat for sports enthusiasts, romantics and lovers of Scotland and the great outdoors.

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- All cottages have: En-suite facilities, satellite TV, DVD, stereo, free DVD movies, fully equipped kitchens and a garden BBQ. A cot is also available.
- Carpenter Oak & Woodland was commissioned to construct the oak beams for Muirhall Luxury Cottages. Founded in 1987, Carpenter Oak & Woodland is the market leader in traditional and contemporary timber frames.  
Visit: <http://www.carpenteroakandwoodland.com/>
- Hebden Renovations made all the bespoke doors for the conversion of Muirhall luxury Cottages. <http://www.hebdenrenovations.co.uk/>
- Donald Macintyre carried out all stonemasonry work on Muirhall Luxury Cottages. Creating feature fireplaces utilizing unused granite stone from the Scottish Parliament.
- The renovated cottages take their names from their history: the Shire, which was built to house shire horses; the Hayloft; and the Byre. The largest of the four properties, the Ruin, takes its title from the 16th-century ruin that previously stood on this site - the property dates from at least 1508, when it was mentioned in King James IV's charter.