

TRAVELLING TO TOTLEIGH BARTON

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

As always, we recommend you travel to Totleigh Barton by public transport.

The nearest train station is Exeter St.David's, which is just over an hour's drive away from Totleigh. Please contact us at least a week before the course begins if you wish to be met from the station by Oke Taxis. The pick up point is immediately outside the main station exit at 3.30pm. You can share the fare with other's travelling to Totleigh, paying the driver on arrival.

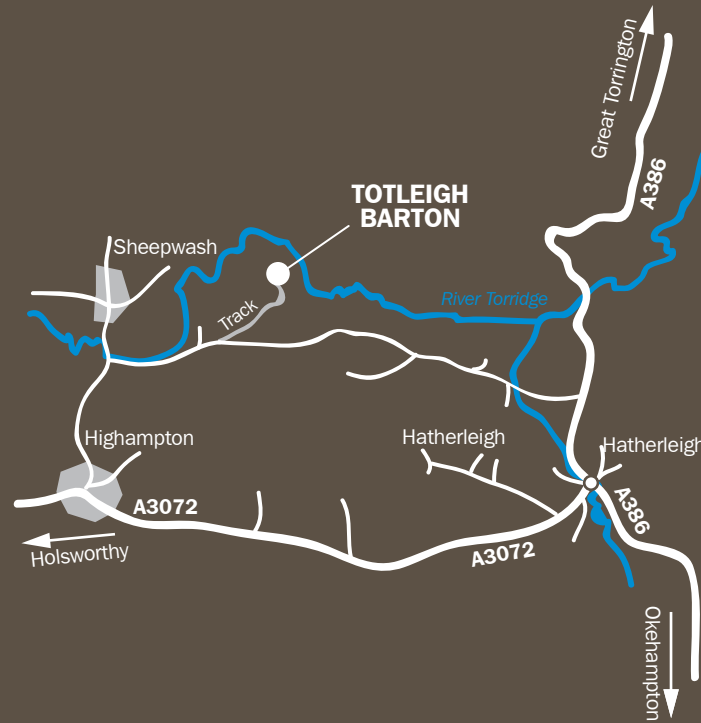
BY CAR

From Okehampton, take the A386 towards Hatherleigh. At the mini-roundabout outside Hatherleigh, turn left and take the A3072 to Highampton, where you need to look for the right-hand turning for Sheepwash (on a sharp, left hand bend).

After about a mile, turn right to Totleigh, immediately before the bridge over the River Torridge, and down a narrow lane, signposted Totleigh. After about 3/4 mile, on a long rise, you will see the Arvon Foundation sign at the start of a track on the left. Drive carefully along the road, which is raised above the field and make sure not to leave the track, as you may get stuck. The house is at the very end of this track.

DISCLAIMER

The Arvon Foundation cannot accept responsibility for any loss or injury sustained by students as a result of any event or circumstances (whether arising from natural causes, human agency, or otherwise) beyond its control. Full terms and conditions are in our current brochure and online.



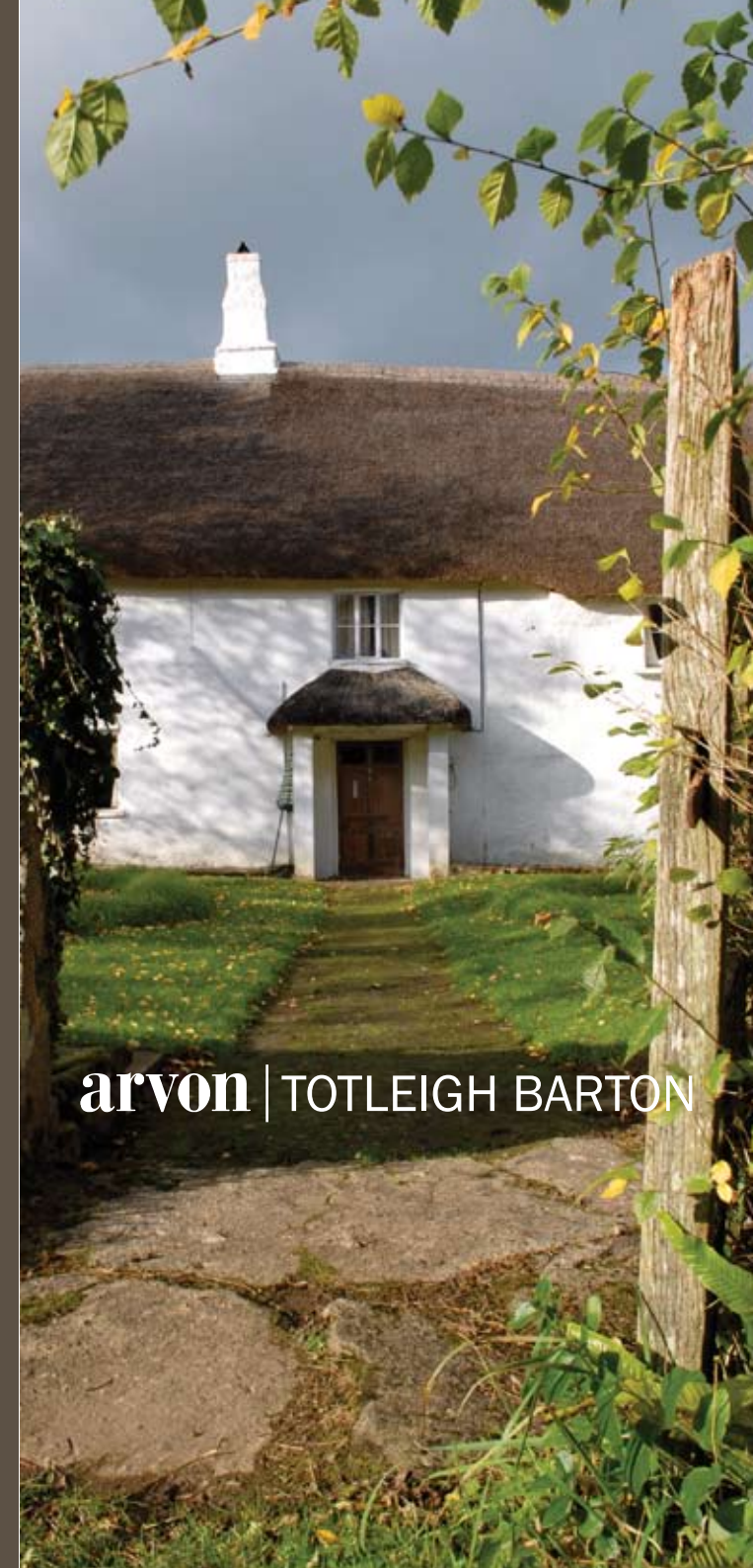
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WELCOME TO TOTLEIGH BARTON

Totleigh Barton is a pre-Domesday manor house, situated in gentle unspoilt countryside in the heart of rural Devon.

It is not a hotel but your home for the week. Those who come to Totleigh help with the cooking of one evening meal during their stay, and in the simple running and good order of the house. Recipes, ingredients and plenty of guidance for these meals are provided, as are the self-service breakfast and lunch.

We have three shared and ten single rooms, one of which is wheelchair-accessible - please phone us for details.

As well as many quiet places to write in the house and garden, we have a very good library. There are also four basic computers and a printer for students to use. However, we would encourage you to bring your own laptop if you have one. As always, there is no internet connection or email so there is nothing to distract you from writing!

Wherever you are with your writing, the alchemy of high quality tuition, sympathetic fellow writers, the uplifting setting, and time and space to write, will make for an inspiring week at Totleigh Barton.

ARRIVING AND DEPARTING

On Monday, please arrive between 4.30pm and 6pm. The first meeting usually takes place at 6pm and dinner, prepared by the Centre Directors, is at 7pm. After dinner, the tutors will give a general introduction to the course.

Arvon courses are all different: there is no set formula, but most follow a similar structure of workshops, one-to-one feedback about your work, readings and plenty of time to concentrate on your own writing.

If you have work you wish to show the tutors, please remember they have limited time to read so please prepare a short selection in advance.

Courses finish on the Saturday and you should arrange to leave by 10am. If booking a train, please bear in mind it takes at least an hour to get to Exeter.

TELEPHONES

Totleigh is a black spot for mobiles, though you may get reception after a short walk up the hill. However there is a payphone in the house and if family and friends need to reach you, the direct number is **01409 231377**.

STAFF

Oliver Meek and Claire Berliner are the Centre Directors at Totleigh Barton. They design and administer the programme of courses, and manage the house. They are also your hosts for the week.

Julia Wheadon is the Arvon Senior Administrator. Amongst many other responsibilities, she sees to your course booking and allocation of bursaries.

Please do not hesitate to call us if you have any queries about your course, travel arrangements or any specific medical, dietary or access needs. The office is open 9am - 5pm weekdays on 01409 231338.

THINGS TO BRING

Towels

A pair of flat rubber-soled house shoes / slippers

A pair of walking boots or stout shoes for outside

A waterproof jacket or coat

Warm clothing - in spite of central heating and open fires, a large, old country house can be cold

Paper and pens

Laptop

Your favourite book