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GPS Co-ordinates: N 50° 50' 38" W 04° 12' 34"

"Old Worden Barn"
North Worden
Shebbear
Beaworthy
EX21 5TE

Here are 3 routes to us from the M5. The most direct routes on the map are not the fastest or the best, although if you want to dawdle and look at the countryside, and stop in some of the towns and villages, you may wish to take a shorter more rural route such as the third choice below.

Route 1 – This is the simplest, and most straightforward.

Carry on the M5 to its last Junction (J31) taking the A30 to Okehampton & Bodmin. This is dual carriageway for the whole of the 30 miles to the turn off.

Go past the turn for Okehampton (+services) and take the next turn signed A386 to Bideford, Bude, Hatherleigh & Tavistock. Turn right at the end of the slip road (T junction) and go under the A30 towards Bude, Hatherleigh etc.

After about 2 miles, you will reach a small roundabout, turn left signed Bude, Halwill, Holsworthy A3079.

After 9 miles in Halwill Junction you bear left at roundabout (Holsworthy)

After a further 4 miles you will reach a T-junction.

Turn right onto the A3072 signed Hatherleigh and after only about ¼ mile turn left at the side of the Bickford Arms (being rebuilt ready for late summer 2004). This is signposted to Shebbear.

Stay on this road, our drive is 3½ miles from this turn. You will eventually go over 2 small bridges and pass a cottage on the left with a water wheel, at this point you are just under a mile from our turn.

As you approach our turn you will see a Z bend sign and then on the first bend, a white bungalow set high above the road on the left. Our turn is on the right opposite this (the road bends to the left).

This is a blind bend, so you may wish to carry on round the bends, turn around and approach on the safer side of the road.

Note: If you come to a fork in the road with a grass triangle and a yellow sign to Aish Park, you have gone about ½ mile too far.

➡ Our turn off is a rough farm track used by tractors, so please drive very slowly, avoiding the potholes as much as possible.

When you see 2 five bar gates ahead of you, follow the track round to the left. You will almost immediately be driving alongside a high cob wall which is our boundary. This leads onto some hedging and then turn to the right down our drive to a five bar gate. The gate is kept closed to keep our dogs in – please close it after you. Come through the gate, park and go through the tunnel on the left of the house into our courtyard and main entrance.

If you get lost on any route, go to the village of Shebbear, phone 01409 281129 and we will come and fetch you.

Route 2 – This is about the same distance as route 1, but most of it is restricted to 60mph with speed cameras.

Leave the M5 at J27 (Tiverton). Take the A361 to Barnstable.

At Barnstable take the A39 to Bideford and then the A386 signposted to Torrington and Okehampton.

After about 3 miles you come to Landcross, turn right on the A388 to Stibb Cross and Holsworthy

At Stibb Cross the A388 has a junction in it which is signposted as a T-junction but is actually a crossroads, you go straight across signposted for Shebbear, (the A388 turns right to Holsworthy).🚦

You will pass Shebbear College on the right hand side, stay on this road. There will then be a further 3 signs on the right to Shebbear, ignore all these as you are driving round the outside of the village. We are on the south side. After you have gone past the 3rd of these right turns, you will come to a Z bend sign, instead of going round the second part of this bend, go straight ahead (left off the road) over a cattle grid, up a farm track. Follow the final instructions above from ➡➡➡

Route 3 –Another route which is shorter, but is cross country, winds and has some Roller Coaster roads

Leave the M5 at J27 and take the A361 north until you reach the roundabout for South Moulton which is off to the left 16 miles after Tiverton. Go into South Moulton and take the B3227 to Torrington, crossing the A377 at Umberleigh. In Torrington, go north towards Bideford and then at the edge of Torrington, turn left on the B3227 towards Holsworthy and Taddiport. This will take you to Stibb Cross where you will turn left to Shebbear (the B3227 becomes the A388 at this crossroads, you need to turn off this “main” route here) then follow instructions above from 🚦

If, after using them, you feel you can improve these instructions, please let us know so that we can adjust them for future issues.