

The Black House location

The Black House is situated on Hengistbury head and is at the nearest point on the head to Mudeford Quay.

Hengistbury head is a natural spit that separates the sea from Christchurch Harbour with "The Run", a small stretch of water separating Hengistbury Head from Mudeford quay. It is at this point that the River Stour and the River Avon meet the sea.

The Black House stands guard on its shores, overlooking Mudeford Quay and Christchurch Harbour and providing stunning views out to sea across Christchurch Bay and as far as the Isle Of Wight.

Hengistbury Head is a designated area of national importance and is protected by the National Trust. As such and with great popularity the whole of Hengistbury head is kept car free.

Transport to and from the head is by way of the Mudeford ferry from either Mudeford Quay and Christchurch Quay. For ferry timetable look on www.mudefordferry.co.uk

From the Bournemouth end of Hengistbury head access is by, Foot, Bike or the ever popular "Noddy" land train that runs a regular service to the head, the drop off point just a short walk away from the Black House. There is also a Land Rover service to take you & your luggage to The Black House on arrival & departure day.

With the exception of the Black House, the Beach House is the only other building on Hengistbury head that enjoys electricity and running water. The Beach House operates as a Cafe Bar by day and a restaurant by night with fish dishes a prominent feature of the menu. Next to the Beach House is a small shop, offering all the basic essentials with supplies that have a slant towards Al fresco cooking and dining.

the Beach Huts that line the head, now famous from the national press coverage of their hefty price tags, provide a charm and character of their own are the only other buildings on Hengistbury Head.

The Beach Huts are mostly owned by locals who are quick to welcome visitors and their is a unique community spirit of enjoying each others company along with the surroundings and life at a more relaxed pace. With no cars to worry about, children can safely wander off, to explore the The head, play in the sand dunes or fish on the shores of the harbour leaving the adults free to indulge in the serious task of doing nothing at all!

With the setting of the sun comes the smell of Barbecues, the popping of wine corks and the sharing of the days adventures with old friends and new neighbours.