CULTURAL STAYS AT CYPRUS WELL



Stay, explore and write at Charles Causley's home of more than fifty years

Cyprus Well, Charles Causley's final home, will be open for cultural stays from October 2022.

Beginning from £100 per night for full paying visitors, immerse yourselves in Charles' world, sitting at the very desk in which he wrote some of his most famous works. Play a tune on his piano, explore his collection of records and books, before taking a stroll into Launceston town centre, which featured heavily in his writing.





Left - Charles Causley's desk, Right - Cyprus Well sitting room

ABOUT THE PROPERTY

Cyprus Well was Charles Causley's home for 50 years. He bought it in 1952 to share with his widowed mother, and continued to live there after she died in 1971.



Charles and his mother Laura. Image: Southgate Studio, Launceston

The house is marked just near the front door by a large cast-iron lantern, and by a circular memorial plaque unveiled by Sir Andrew Motion on its formal re-opening in 2013. It is a small house, the middle one of three in a short terrace, situated down Ridgegrove Hill just outside the centre of Launceston. The road leads towards the Kensey river and then further to the River Tamar and the Cornwall-Devon county border, at Polson Bridge about a mile away.

Charles Causley understood that the house is named for a nearby spring and its presumed Saxon owner, originally known as Sibard's Well. As such, he suggests that the site itself may date back over a thousand years.

On the ground floor, there is a combined entrance hall and small lounge area, plus a separate, similarly small room that Causley used as his writing space and library. Filled with books and records, get to know Charles by exploring his collections.

Sit in the lounge with a cup of tea in hand after a stroll through Launceston, or after a writing session in the study. At the back of the property is a kitchen and dining area, fully equipped with cutlery, dining ware, pots and pans. New to the house is a glassed-in extension and a combined toilet and shower room. Up the narrow staircase is a single and a double bedroom.

Outside and to the side of the kitchen/dining area, there is a small patio area and then a small rear garden, arranged in two sections down a slope.



AMMENITIES

Bathroom:

Shower and hot water

Heating and cooling:

Central heating

Bedroom and laundry:

- Essentials towels, bed sheets and toilet paper
- Hangers
- Bed linen
- Extra pillows and blankets
- Clothes storage: wardrobe

Entertainment:

Wifi

Kitchen and dining:

- Space where guests can cook their own meals
- Refrigerator
- Cooking basics pots and pans, oil, salt and pepper
- Dishes and silverware
- Bowls, plates, cups, etc.
- Freezer
- Stove
- Oven
- Dining table

Outdoor:

Patio







In order: Charles Causley's desk in his study, the property's glass extension, the kitchen and dining area



EXPLORE LAUNCESTON

Discover the historic town of Launceston, once the ancient capital of Cornwall, during your stay at Cyprus Well. A town steeped in history and heritage, read on for some highlights to begin your exploration...

Launceston Castle, Castle Dyke, Launceston PL15 7DR

Consisting of a 13th century round tower built by Richard, Earl of Cornwall, Launceston Castle is a must visit during your stay. The tower top can now be reached via a dark internal staircase.

Southgate Arch, previously known as 'The Dark House'

Now the Causley Trust HQ, Southgate Arch has a gruesome history as one of Launceston's notorious prisons used from 1381 up until 1884. Debtors were imprisoned in the top storey whilst the room below accommodated up to 25 petty offenders.

Jo Downs Glass Gallery, 27G Pennygillam Way, Pennygillam Industrial Estate, Launceston PL15 7ED

Jo Downs is one of the world's most respected fused glass designers and her work draws inspiration from Cornwall's beautiful coastal landscape. Her advanced fusion techniques allow for the creation of abstract designs of great individuality and depth.

Treguddick café / English Spirit Distillery, Treguddick Manor, PL15 7JN

Enjoy a selection of mouth-watering dishes, including innovative dishes cooked with worldclass spirits, which have to be tasted to be believed! There's also a variety of baked treats and seasonal specials.

Charlie Bears Gallery & Shop, 2, Milford Park Pipers Close Pennygillam Ind Est, Launceston PL15 7PJ

The Charlie Bears Gallery is the perfect attraction for Charlie Bears collectors and teddy bear enthusiasts.

Jamaica Inn, Bolventor, Bodmin Moor, PL15 7TS

Full of legend, mystery, romance and even, according to folklore, the odd friendly spirit, Jamaica Inn at Bolventor in the middle of Bodmin Moor, is set in one of the most evocative moorland locations in Britain.



PLACES TO VISIT, EAT AND SHOP

- Tre Pol & Pen, Lezant, Launceston PL15 9NN a farm shop and restaurant near Launceston. Open 7 days a week there is lots going on, with regular events throughout the year.
- Buddhas Kitchen & Lounge, 7 Madford Lane, Launceston PL15 9EB 100%
 Vegan.
- Little Bakehouse, 26 Church Street, Launceston a bijoux café selling beautiful Cornish sourdough, coffee and pastries plus deli sandwiches and salads. Open Tues-Fri 9.30 am - 4 pm.
- Red Chair Café, 1 Southgate Street, Launceston a quaint and quirky café open most days 9.30 am – 3.30 pm serving gluten and dairy free products.
- LibertyCoffee, 4 Northgate Street, Launceston PL15 8BD a light and airy café open Tuesday Saturday, 9.00 am 4.00 pm.
- Eagle House Hotel, 3 Castle Street, Launceston PL15 8BA Renowned for its in-house gin, the bar is open from 4.00 pm serving Gin or mocktails.
 Dinner is served from 6.00 pm – 8.30 pm 7 days a week. Cream Teas also available.
- Strawberry Fields/Lifton Farm Shop, Fore St, Lifton PL16 0DE just over the border from Launceston and well worth a visit for local produce, freshly produced on site with a café and gift shop.



PRICING

Prices for stays at Cyprus Well begin at £100 a night. Full payment must be made at the point of booking.

OPTIONAL HAMPERS

We will supply tea, coffee and milk for all of our stays, however we can also provide a bespoke breakfast hamper of local produce upon request. These are priced at £20.

What's included:

Fresh bread, Cornish butter, eggs, sausages and bacon (vegetarian alternatives available), mushrooms, croissants, home-made jam, Cornish clotted cream and seasonal fruit.

BESPOKE PACKAGES AND AD-ONS

We offer additional experiences to our cultural stays including private guided tours of Launceston from Causley Trust staff and 1 on 1 creative writing mentorship sessions and artistic support. We will work collaboratively with you to curate your unique package.

Please enquire with us to begin creating your bespoke stay. All prices for ad-ons will be available upon request.



ABOUT THE TRUST



The Charles Causley Trust raises the profile and appreciation of Charles Causley's work by championing and encouraging engagement with the arts. We create opportunities for artists, young people and local communities to develop and connect through a programme of festivals, residencies, workshops, competitions and events. We work closely with schools and universities to inspire and nurture the next generation of arts professionals and creatives.

Be first to know about our future workshop weekends, competitions, cultural stays and events by becoming a member of the Causley Trust.

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