

Penhallow

Pilots Retreat, St Mary's, Isles of Scilly. TR21 0PB

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Proprietors: Cath and Kevin Sherris



Dear Sirs,

We make this statement in support of our application for a certificate of lawfulness for the use of the property known as Penhallow as a guest house for a continuous period since June 2010.

We hereby confirm that Penhallow has been used continuously as a guesthouse for a period in excess of 10 years, starting from June 2010.

We opened up Penhallow Guest House on 14/6/2010. This was to supply room and board to Kier Western labourers who were contracted by the council to build the new school. This was usually two people at a time, in separate rooms.

As with other establishments on the island the Kier bookings continued through until 4/4/2011 when the school was finally completed. By this time we were taking bookings from holiday makers on a B&B basis along with the occasional Kier contractors. This is demonstrated by the evidence submitted with the application.

On 21/08/2010 we had set up the ScillyPenhallow.com web site and we were also advertising on the council website through the Tourism Office. In order to be in the council brochure we had to be paid up members of Visit England (or currently known as The English Tourist Board) who as part of their remit scrutinised public Liability insurance and suitability to operate as a B&B, checked fire and electrical certificates and more recently Health and safety. This continued annually through to the present day although the council no longer run the Tourist Office it is now run by the IP (Island Partnership) who also have the same requirements with Visit England.

We have continuously operated Penhallow as a guest house since then and right from the beginning in 2010 we have kept a reservations diary and guest book. These are sizeable given the 10 year+ period over which we have been operating. We are willing to provide these to the Council upon request should they wish to seek confirmation of the facts set out in this statement.

Trip advisor reviews from July 2012 corroborate that we have continued to operate Penhallow as a guesthouse.

We are also submitting a statement from our accountant which confirms the operation of the business at Penhallow from June 2010.

We are aware that knowingly or recklessly making a statement which is false or misleading in a material particular for the purpose of procuring a particular decision on an application for the issue of a certificate is an offence under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. We are advised by our solicitor that given that making a false statement is a criminal offence, this statement has the same weight as a statutory declaration. We are happy to make this statement as we know that our use of Penhallow as a guesthouse has been continuous since June 2010.

I believe that the facts stated in this statement are true.

Kevin Sherris
26 May 2021