

CRIEF LODGES NEW RECEPTION AND GAMES ROOM

Crief Lodges' Reception area functioned well for over 30 years but particularly since Covid has become increasingly in need of an upgrade. Having explored various options, the best course seems to be to demolish the existing structure and build a new Reception and Games Room on the same site.

There will inevitably be some disruption for lodge visitors, but we hope this can be kept to a minimum. Given the uncertainties of the weather, it is difficult to be exact on timings, but we hope the following outline will be helpful.

DEMOLITION

Is scheduled for early October 2025. The lodges will be closed before this (16-30 Sept) but otherwise we hope to keep them open during both demolition and construction.

CHANGES while RECEPTION is OUT OF USE

- New visitors will be welcomed at the monastery and taken down to their lodge by a nun. Regular visitors will be advised of their lodge and necessary information beforehand by email or phone.
- **YORK lodge** will not be available for renting as this will be the base for our cleaners.
- There will be no laundry facilities available on site. There is a laundrette in Helmsley.
- There will be reduced parking available as the construction works will need space in the overspill car park.
- Visitors will need to bring their own first aid supplies.
- RECYCLING bins will probably be re-sited.... More info nearer the time.

What else to expect

There will inevitably be some noise and extra traffic during the demolition and construction phases but this will not be 24/7.

CONSTRUCTION is planned for November 2025-January 2026 and possibly beyond. Fitting out will follow.

EASTER 2026

We cannot take bookings for next year this Easter. Progress will be posted on the website. Please contact the abbey mid-January 2026 for an update and possibly to make a provisional booking.

And finally...

There will be no increase in tariff until the project is completed and normal service resumes.

Thank you in advance for your patience.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch if you have any questions or concerns.

Hopefully we can look forward to a brand new, upgraded facility which will enhance the site for those visiting and working at the lodges.

Sr Laurentia
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