

## Cotswold Perfumery

Victoria Street, Bourton On The Water, CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE, GL54 2BU

### Summary

STAR RATING



*Gold Award*

DESIGNATOR

Self-Catering

QUALITY SCORE

92%

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VISIT DATE

21 December 2021

VISIT TYPE

Day Assessment

CONTACT

Mr John Stephen Proprietor

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Cotswold Perfumery Apartments continue to offer a very high standard of comfortable well maintained accommodation for their market. Mr Stephen, the Proprietor is very much to be commended on the continued maintaining of these standards helping ensure that the properties retain their 5 Star Self Catering ratings and sitting comfortably at the upper end of the rating band. Sectional Consistency scores also being well met at this level.

It is also a pleasure to once again re confirm the Gold Award for each apartment for another year reflecting the care and attention afforded by the Proprietor and the team, fully deserved and a credit to all.

It is also understood that the Proprietor feels the current rating and awards meet well with the market expectations and business levels catered for and we wish him and the team all the very best for a successful conclusion to the year and beyond.

Wishing all a very Merry Christmas and happy New Year, and stay safe and well one and all.

# Quality Rating

## How the Overall Quality Rating is Achieved

When VisitEngland assessors visit your property, they will evaluate and give a quality score to all aspects of the accommodation and service.

The total of all these scores establishes an overall percentage score for quality.

Based on this score, establishments will be given an overall quality rating on a scale of One to Five Stars, based on the chart below, as long as all minimum entry requirements for the star rating are met.

1 STAR	2 STAR	3 STAR	4 STAR	5 STAR
34% - 47%	48% - 59%	60% - 74%	75% - 86%	87%-100%

There are five levels of quality ranging from One to Five Stars. To obtain a higher star rating a progressively higher quality and range of services and physical facilities should be provided across all areas with particular emphasis in the following five key areas:

### BEDROOMS

1 STAR	2 STAR	3 STAR	4 STAR	5 STAR
34% - 47%	48% - 59%	60% - 74%	75% - 86%	87%-100%

### BATHROOMS

1 STAR	2 STAR	3 STAR	4 STAR	5 STAR
34% - 47%	48% - 59%	60% - 74%	75% - 86%	87%-100%

### CLEANLINESS

1 STAR	2 STAR	3 STAR	4 STAR	5 STAR
60% - 64%	65% - 69%	70% - 79%	80% - 89%	90%-100%

### PUBLIC AREAS

1 STAR	2 STAR	3 STAR	4 STAR	5 STAR
34% - 47%	48% - 59%	60% - 74%	75% - 86%	87%-100%

### KITCHENS

1 STAR	2 STAR	3 STAR	4 STAR	5 STAR
34% - 47%	48% - 59%	60% - 74%	75% - 86%	87%-100%

## Group: Cotswold Perfumery

92%

5 Star

	SCORE	PERCENTAGE	RATING
<b>Exterior</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>86%</b>	
Appearance of Buildings/Kerb Appeal	4		
Grounds/Gardens/Parking	5		
Privacy/Peace & Quiet	4		
<b>Cleanliness</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5 Star</b>
Bedrooms	5		
Bathrooms	5		
Living/Dining Areas	5		
Kitchen	5		
<b>Management &amp; Efficiency</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>100%</b>	
Pre-arrival Information	5		
Welcome & Arrival Procedure	5		
In-unit Guest Info & Personal Touches	5		
<b>Public Areas</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>5 Star</b>
Decoration	5		
Flooring	4		
Furniture/Furnishings/Fittings	5		
Lighting/Heating/Ventilation	5		
Space/Comfort/Ease of use	4		
<b>Bedrooms</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>5 Star</b>
Decoration	5		
Flooring	4		
Furniture/Furnishings/Fittings	5		
Lighting/Heating/Ventilation	5		
Beds	5		
Bedding & Bed Linen	5		
Space/Comfort/Ease of use	4		
<b>Bathrooms</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>92%</b>	<b>5 Star</b>
Decoration	5		
Flooring	5		
Furniture/Fittings/Sanitaryware	4		
Lighting/Heating/Ventilation	5		
Space/Comfort/Ease of use	4		
<b>Kitchen</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>5 Star</b>
Decoration	5		
Flooring	4		
Furniture/Furnishings/Fittings	4		
Lighting/Heating/Ventilation	5		
Electrical & Gas Equipment	4		
Crockery/Cutlery/Glassware	5		
Kitchenware/Pans/Utensils	4		
Space/Comfort/Ease of use	4		

## Exterior

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The apartments benefit from a wonderful central Bourton on the Water location, ideal for exploring the village and local area and places of interest. External stonework and paint work remains in very good condition with access via secure gates and entry code required for access. Great to also hear that there are plans to fit Secondary glazing, a great added benefit.

## Cleanliness

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As on my previous visits, it was once again quite clear that extremely well practised and regimented cleaning and housekeeping procedures remain in place. Exceptional levels of cleanliness and housekeeping were noted with surfaces dust free and obvious attention to upper and lower levels clearly evident for which the team are to be congratulated.

It was excellent to see the attention to "hard to get to" areas, particularly behind bedroom furniture and upper areas such as beams. Sparkling chrome and glass in the bathrooms is a feature as is the attention to the interior of the kitchen units and cupboards. Hard flooring well swept and cleaned to corners and edges and carpets well vacuumed. Again, excellent attention in the Living areas affording arriving guests an excellent initial pristine impression.

A credit to all well done!

## Management & Efficiency

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Excellent professionally handled booking and management procedures remain in place.

Again, extremely well practised arrival procedures remain in place.

An excellent range of personal touches and accessories further enhances the overall guest experience. A wide range of very well presented property and local information and guides also being of great added benefit for guests. Guests also able to enjoy the new Sony Bravia television and linked in entertainment system.

## Public Areas

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Living areas continue to present very much as previously seen and to a very high standard with high quality well applied and maintained paint work along with attractive use of wall relief and beams adding further interest. High quality leather easy seating again to an excellent standard with very good provision of occasional items. Again solid dining furniture of a very high quality with well matched cushioned seating. Carpeted flooring remains in very good condition with no obvious signs of wear or marking in high traffic areas. Excellent provision of recessed lighting and controllable heating enhancing practicality and ambience.

## Bedrooms

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As in other areas, the bedrooms again present to an excellent overall standard with paint work all in pristine decorative order and enhanced with pictures and beams. Carpet is soft underfoot and in very good condition with no obvious signs of wear or marking in high traffic areas. High quality solid wood furniture of a high intrinsic quality and offering appropriate storage and hanging space. High quality beds and mattresses offering excellent levels of comfort and support with the practice of turning mattresses on a regular basis very much to be commended and encouraged. Excellent levels of mood lighting and heating provision. Very well thought out areas with Apartment 2 also benefiting from a study area

# Bathrooms

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Fully tiled bathrooms with grouting and tiles in pristine condition. Again high quality tiled flooring remains in excellent order and practical for the areas. Excellent to hear that there are plans and attend to any missing or discoloured grout during the coming months. Modern style sanitary ware and fittings appear to be in excellent order with bath and separate thermostatically controlled showers provided and offering guests a variety of bathing options. As in other areas, excellent provision of fully controllable heating, lighting and ventilation with all surfaces well illuminated. Under floor heating of further benefit to guests.

# Kitchen

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Overall kitchen areas continue to be appointed to a very high specification. Vinyl flooring of a very good standard and appropriate for the areas. Modern units and work tops again to a very good standard with drawers running smoothly and offering ample storage and work space. Excellent lighting levels in the main body of the room enhanced with under unit lighting and extraction and illumination. Very good range of well presented "white goods" and appliances, all appear to be in very good order. Nespresso coffee machines great added benefits and sure to be appreciated by guests. Plentiful provision of excellent high quality well presented crockery, glassware and cutlery including crystal glasses, bone china crockery and high quality cutlery items. Very good range of stainless steel pans and utensils. Spacious well laid out areas or two guests.

# Units Seen

Two apartments advertised and let.

Both apartments, Oberon and Neroli seen on the day.

I was very kindly accompanied by Anouska, Housekeeper on the day.

# Website Feedback

The web search was conducted using a lap top.

Comments and feedback similar to Apt 3 in Cheltenham.

The web site [www.cotswold-apartments.co.uk](http://www.cotswold-apartments.co.uk) continues to present very well with each property benefiting from use of SuperControl as a coordinated booking system and already proving to be very useful. The website also includes an additional property, Lypiatt which is not currently graded.

The web site presents very professionally, being both easy to navigate and informative, with very good use of pictures and a floor plan reflecting the style of accommodation and number of sleepers accommodated. Excellent to see that the up to date rating and award logos are displayed. This should though please be amended to show that it does not include Lypiatt as being graded. Links to Facebook, Twitter and Instagram great additional tools, helping to further broaden online exposure. Excellent to see that an on line booking facility is available, a great benefit for potential guests in this day and age. Terms and conditions also being clearly stated.

Although it is very good to see that an access statement is provided, as mentioned VisitEngland now strongly recommend updating the Access Statement to the new Accessibility Guides format.

There is no strict timetable for moving over, allowing you to make the switch within a convenient time frame. For more information and template see: <https://www.accessibilityguides.org>

Provision of a map and directions is also of great added benefit to new guests.

Very good provision of information on the local area is also a potential marketing tool for prospective guests,

Having the web site mobile app friendly is of great further benefit to guests, particularly those on the road.

# Potential for Improvement

As on my previous visits, it was once again quite clear on the day that Mr Stephen and the team continue to be well on top of the business and for which they are very much to be commended. It was therefore felt that there was no real need for any major suggestions, just to continue maintaining current standards to help ensure that market expectations continue to be met at this level. This clearly being the case and again for which a great deal of credit should be given to all involved.

There did appear though to be split seals to the freezer doors in both apartments and this will really need attention/replacing.

# Highlights

Located in the centre of Bourton on the Water and an ideal location for various local eateries and places of interest, the apartments continue to present to an extremely high standard for which the Proprietor is to be congratulated. It is clearly evident that he takes great pride in the properties and this is reflected in the overall quality of presentation, again for which he should be commended.

This year attention has been given to the upgrading of the Entertainment system with a new 4K Sony Bravia TV with built in Netflix button. Spotify also now available with new speaker bars for each television. A separate DVD player also provided. The feedback proving to be a great success with guests.

Great to also see that new very modern washing machines and dryers are provided.

Excellent to also hear that there are plans to install Secondary glazing in both apartments shortly. Special mention once again also for the very high standards of housekeeping and cleanliness noted on the day. A real credit to Elena and Anouska, and so important in this day and age to the guest. Well done!

# Minimum Entry Requirements

For a rating to be awarded by VisitEngland, a property must meet all Minimum Entry Requirements and any additional requirements appropriate for the star rating level.

## **Group** Cotswold Perfumery

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**Standard** Self-Catering  
**Designator** Self-Catering Unit  
**Rating** 5 Star Gold Award

At the time of our visit, all of the Minimum Entry Requirements and Additional requirements/Key Requirements were provided.

## Specialities (optional)

These have not been awarded or assessed.

## Useful Numbers

### Customer Support

All property enquiries, including assessments, reports, ratings, signage, training, and logo requests

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VisitEnglandAssessmentServices@aamediagroup.co.uk

### Assessment Services Accounts

All financial and payment enquiries

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# VisitEngland Inspection Appeals Procedure

Proprietors who wish to appeal against the results of a VisitEngland assessment carried out at their establishment must follow the procedure outlined below:

1. Any appeal must be made in writing to VisitEngland Assessment Services within 21 days of the original report being received.
2. The Appeal should detail the main reason for the appeal.
3. Should the appeal be about the level of star rating proprietors should ensure that their establishment meets all the necessary minimum requirements outlined in the Quality Standards booklet (a PDF or hard copy may be requested from Customer Services).
4. Appeals will be formally acknowledged within 7 working days of receipt of the appeal together with a form to organise an appeal visit on a day basis.
5. The appeal visit will be subject to a non-refundable fee which will not be organised until full payment had been received.
6. Once the application and fee is received, an appeal visit from a member of the senior assessor team will take place within 4-6 weeks of receipt (Subject to the establishment's availability).
7. The findings of the appeal visit will be fed back in the normal way of both discussions and a report following the visit.
8. The outcome of this report will supersede the previous visit and will be final.

Appeal Visit Fees (non-refundable) are available on request from Customer Services.