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LOVELY LEPE

"We came across an idyllic coastguard cottage overlooking Lepe Beach in the New Forest, through a friend. It was rarely available, which made it all the more enticing, so when it was free, we decided to take it. There was a front garden that looked out onto the Solent and we fell asleep, lulled by the sound of the waves".

"When we tumbled down from London for the weekend, or decamped for a holiday, the sea air and the uplifting view of sailing boats, with the Isle of Wight in the distance, was immediately restoring".

"We rented the cottage for five years and during that time we had hundreds of picnics on the beach, and swam and paddled in the sea with our very young children. We took them crabbing and for ice creams and fish and chips. One favourite activity was walking along the sea wall or clambering over the rocks at Lepe. The beach was litter free, never crowded and the sea seemed to be endlessly warm. It was magical". **Kate Morris**