

# WOLSEY LODGES

## The Old Manor

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Lying in beautiful landscaped parkland overlooking a lake sits this magnificent Grade 1 listed Elizabethan manor house. The Old Manor was the inspiration for Novelist Thomas Hardy's first published novel 'Desperate Remedies'. Rescued from dereliction, the house gained a Civic Trust Award in 1968 and has appeared in television documentaries. The interior is furnished in luxurious period fabrics, antiques and four poster and antique beds are mixed with modern facilities in each bedroom. The Maurward Suite boasts a private sitting room, while the Laura Pitt and Angel Grey rooms offer tranquil views over the garden and water meadows. The drawing room and dining room are available to offer guests a place to relax and unwind. Mulu has also set up a treatment room where, before arrival, guests can book a facial, massage or manicure to suit.



Outside the garden is three quarters of an acre of south facing lawn and the original west facing Jacobean terraces lead to 35 acres of parkland maintained by Kingston Maurward College, Dorset's College of the countryside.

### Your Hosts

Andrew and Mulu both travelled the world before settling in Dorset to undertake the refurbishment of The Old Manor. Andrew was previously a director of the Jaeger Fashion Group and was also involved with the Savoy Hotel Group. Mulu nursed in the UK and Australia for several years and ran a beauty salon in London prior to moving to Dorset.

### The Location

Dorset's Jurassic coast is within a 25 minute drive from the house and Athelhampton House and Gardens with its world famous topiary pyramids is just 10 minutes away. Abbotsbury swannery and sub-tropical gardens, Corfe Castle, Lulworth Cove, Thomas Hardy's birthplace and grave, Monkey World and Bovington Tank Museum are all within easy driving distance.

### Finding Us

Take A31 from Ringwood to Bere Regis. Join the A35 to Dorchester. At Stinsford roundabout just before Dorchester take first exit to Kingston Maurward. After 200 metres take second right into Kingston Maurward College, follow estate road to The Old Manor.

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(All bedroom prices are per person, per night, including breakfast)

- Closed Christmas, New Year & occasionally
- 2 Double Rooms (en suite) £55-£65
- 1 Twin Room (en suite) £55
- Single Supplement £15
- Breakfast Only

