

Black Bird Cottage
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Dear Mummy, Daddy and Sister,

I am writing to let you know that I have ~~officially~~ arrived safely in Newquay. I am now living at Mr Tom's cottage, which is very warm and cosy. It has a very small lounge that looks out over a church's grave yard. I know that you will be very pleased to hear that I am near a church, like you had requested. I also have my very own warm and cosy bedroom, which is in the attic.

When I first met Mr Tom I thought that he was really scary because he was very tall and grumpy. I have soon realised that he isn't scary at all once you finally get to know him. He has also been taking, really good care of me and makes sure that I have enough to eat and drink. He made me a super delicious bacon sandwich when I first arrived but I was way too scared to eat it.

Every single day, we take Mr Tom's dog, who is called Sammy and is very cute, out for a walk. I was frightened of Sammy when I first met him because he barks a lot. Mr Tom has shown me how to tickle his tummy so that he will like me. Now I love taking him for walks and he runs super fast. He likes chasing sticks and always barks at me to throw them over and over.

Yesterday, we took Sammy to the village because Mr Tom said that he needed to get me a few things. He very kindly asked Mrs Fletcher, who is apparently an excellent knitter, to make me a nice warm jumper. I can't wait to have my nice warm jumper since it's getting cold now.

I hope you are all ok and keeping safe. I miss you all so so much and I think you should definitely come and stay here with us. It is a lot safer here than London, whenever we are worried we go and hide in the Anderson Shelter.

Please write back to me soon.

Lots of love Olivia. xxx