

A remote house on the coast in Scotland



Carol

This photo was taken during a family holiday we had on the coast, on the west coast of Scotland, just south of a town called Oban, which is about, oh I don't know, about two hours north of Glasgow, um, Scotland's biggest city, and it must be about probably about eight years ago now since I took it. Eight or nine.

We were staying in a *self-catering* cottage, a great *wee* house it was, with a lovely kitchen, and very comfortable... and we'd been spending time just, you know, relaxing and *wandering* around the beaches, visiting the local villages and pubs and things, and on this particular day we had taken a boat trip so there was myself, ehm, my husband and our two children, who were about ten and twelve at that time.

Most of the photos I took on that holiday were of us, that's me and my husband, and the children *having a go at* driving the boat and things, but I also took photos of the coastline, which is amazingly beautiful, and this house drew my attention, totally caught me, you know?, just for its remoteness, which quite *appealed to* me at the time.

self-catering cottage = petite maison à la campagne de location, sans pension

the catering trade = restauration

caterer = traiteur

wee (Scottish word) = petit

to wander around = errer, aller sans but

to have a go at = essayer, tenter le coup

to appeal to me = me plaire, me séduire

Interviewer

It really does look totally alone, doesn't it? Very, you know, isolated or...or far away from everything.

Carol

Yes, but that's what I like about it, it's.. it's, ah, very remote, but that's a good thing sometimes, isn't it? I mean, I wouldn't want to live there permanently but every now and again the remoteness is appealing. Don't you think?

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Write a very short story, a fiction: how many people live in that house? who are they? (farmers? writers? bird watchers (ornithologue amateur)?...) what do they do?