

Local Shopping

We all know and appreciate how much tastier food tastes when it has been produced locally. We also believe there is a feel-good factor knowing that you are supporting local businesses and cutting down on those all-important food miles to help reduce your own carbon footprint - surely that helps to make the food tastier too 😊! With this in mind, we have produced a list of all the nearest local shops, many supplying locally produced products, as well as the closest supermarkets to us. Quality craft/gift shops have also been included.

Tomintoul : 3miles, approx. 10mins by car

Tomintoul Post Office and Shop, The Square : Open 7 days/week – post office and newsagents, also offering a limited range of groceries, green groceries and dairy produce, including local honey and bottled milk. It also sells local beers and wines.

The Whisky Castle and Highland Market, 6 Main Street: Opens 6 days /week, closed whiskies for you to choose from, many of which free tasting is also on offer. The Highland Market also stocks a small selection of Scottish specialities as well as many gift ideas. You will also find a wee café at the back of the shop, offering speciality teas and coffee, plus freshly made snacks.

Spindrift, 5 Main Street: Opens Monday – Saturday 9am – 5.30, Sunday 10.30 – 5pm, may differ during winter months – please see website www.spindrift-tomintoul.uk , Tel: 01807 580403, email: info@spindrift-tomintoul.uk . Houses a small art gallery where you can purchase works by local artists. It also sells a good selection of books for all ages, outdoor clothing, maps and guides, highland fayre and Scottish cosmetics, artist materials, jewellery, fashion wear and many high-quality gift ideas.

Grantown on Spey : 12 miles, approx. 20mins by car

Lynbreck Croft, Tomintoul Road: Contact via website: www.lynbreckcroft.co.uk or email: hello@lynbreckcroft.co.uk. Sells fresh free-range eggs daily from the honesty box at the roadside, located on the left, approximately 0.2miles after the turning to Nethy Bridge on the Tomintoul – Grantown road, just as the road bends to the right. Well worth the stop! Depending on time of year vegetables may also be on sale. Check website for availability of home reared meats and honey production too 😊.

Grantown Dairy, 25 High Street : Opens Monday – Saturday 9am-5pm, Tel: 01479 872741, can also contact via Facebook Messenger – fresh fruit and vegetables, local produce when in season.

Cairngorm Butchers, 10 High Street : Open Monday-Friday & am-5.30pm, Tel: 01479 870304, cairngormbutchers@gmail.com or via Facebook Messenger. Sells a wide selection of locally produced meat.

Maclean's Highland Bakery and Coffee Shop, 33 The Square : Opens Monday – Saturday 7am – 5pm, Tel: 01479 873827. Bread and cakes baked fresh daily on the premises.

Walkers Shortbread Bakery Shop, 38 High Street : Open Monday – Saturday Tel: 01479 872078. Locally produced pure butter shortbread, cakes, tarts, biscuits and oatcakes.

Donaldsons Hardware, 26 High Street : Opens Monday – Saturday 9am-5pm, except Thursday – closes 1pm. Anything and everything that you may need or have forgotten to bring on your holidays. A real Aladdin's cave that even sells a wide range of high-quality gifts – a must if you are ever passing through!

Co-op Supermarket, 4 The Square : Open 7 days/week 7am-10pm, Tel: 01479 872505. A very well stocked small supermarket with fresh deliveries daily.

Ewe and Me, 82 – 86 High Street : Opening times may vary, Tel: 01479 872011. Quality gift and clothes shop

Nethy Bridge : 11miles, 20mins by car

Balliefurth Farm Shop, Station Road (just round the corner from Nethy House Café – also worth a visit): Open Monday – Saturday 8.30 – 5.30pm, Tel: 01479 821245, or contact via email: hello@balliefurth.co.uk . Sells locally sourced, meats, including that produced on their own livestock farm, a wide range of other mouth-watering specialities, including cheeses, locally produced preserves, cakes, biscuits, dressings, chocolate, frozen meals, wine and spirits, plus a large variety of fresh fruit and vegetables. You can also order via their online shop: www.yourlarder.com.

Aberlour : 21miles, approx. 40mins by car

S.A.Mackie Butchers, 77 High Street: Open Monday – Saturday 8am – 5.30pm, Tel: 01340 871428, or contact via Facebook Messenger.

Speyside Larder, 96/98 High Street: Open Monday – Saturday 9am – 5.30pm, Tel: 01340 871243, email: info@speylarder.com. A wide range of speciality foods, wine and whiskies,

Co-op, 89 High Street: Open 7days/week 7am – 10pm, Tel: 01340 871083.

Larger Supermarkets

Aviemore: 25miles, 35 – 40 mins by car: Tesco and Aldi. It also has many outdoor shops.

Elgin: 35miles, approx. 55mins. by car: Tesco and Asda both 24hr. superstores. There are also Aldi and Lidl.

Inverness: 45miles, approx. 1hr. by car: Tesco and Asda both 24hr. superstores. There are also Morrisons, Aldi and Lidl.

Nairn: 44miles, approx. 1hr. by car: Sainsburys

Online Deliveries: Both Tesco and Asda will deliver to Balneden Steading. If you place an order to coincide with your estimated time of arrival, we are happy to take the order into your cottage in the event it arrives early, or you are delayed.