



# MODERN comfort



Standing in stark contrast to the Victorian grandeur of Mount Stuart, the eclectic interiors in this lodge are simple but stunning, says Maria Brett.



Located three miles from the house, the lodges at Nether Stravannan were converted from 18th century farm steadings and their setting on the south west coast of the island makes it feel like you really are in a world of your own. With an entirely different feel from Mount Stuart itself, these lodges show that Johnny and Serena Bute have the same flair for interiors as the third Marquess did when he designed the big house.

Although Nether Stravannan has a very modern feel, the sense of history the buildings hold has not been lost. Care has been taken to include features which fit in with the tone of the building itself. Much of the furniture, particularly in the bedrooms, has come from Mount Stuart, adding character and a homely feel. Accent colours add the finishing touches through lamps, throws and occasional furniture.

The living area mixes old with new by combining minimalist tones and accent colours with a stone fireplace. The area boasts patio doors to the gardens where panoramic views to Arran make for an ideal barbecue site.

Black gloss units dominate the back wall of the kitchen adding one of many contemporary touches to the lodge. Each lodge sleeps up to eight guests in a combination of double and twin rooms and the open plan design also allows for a large dining table to be incorporated which is great for families and groups of people.

Browsing through the guest book, a comment states that this is "the most beautiful place in the world." Taking in the views and breathing the fresh air it's difficult to argue with that sentiment.

The lodges at Nether Stravannan can be booked from £840 per week. For further details or to book, call Mount Stuart on 01700 50 3877 or email [contactus@mountstuart.com](mailto:contactus@mountstuart.com)

