



With stunning views and varied terrain, the Quantock Hills attract ramblers, dog walkers and cyclists. With miles of bridleways and endless off-road riding opportunities, it's heavenly for horse-riders too.

Equestrians in the know make their way to the Great Wood, for a scenic hack that includes a stop off for coffee and cake, and nestled into thecombe, at the entrance to the woods in converted farm buildings, is the Street Bean Café.

Here riders and their horses can join a sociable crowd of families, hikers, muddy mountain bikers and equally muddy dogs.

With its babbling brook for children and dogs to paddle in, an all-weather seating area and a paddock with plentiful grass

for equine visitors, it's the perfect spot for a rest, a drink, and a bite to eat before continuing the day's adventures.

The café was opened by Amie and Dan in June 2024, after a previous venture there closed. 'We had been to the former café and loved the spot. When we saw it had closed, we just knew we had to open our first shop there,' says Amie. At the time, the couple were running a coffee van, hence the name Street Bean. 'After serving from the back of a van for four years, this was the natural progression. We get to stay dry while making coffee, literally living the dream!'

The designated horse tie-up area is an important part of the business for Amie and Dan, and the café has equine visitors at least four or five times a week. 'I absolutely

love horses so getting to see them regularly is amazing. I used to ride when I was a child and would love to get back into it at some point but for now, I can live vicariously through them and hear about their journeys to get to us,' says Amie. 'I love when they come during the week as means I get to speak to them, weekends are typically very busy, so I don't get my horsey fix as often then.'

Amie was born in Somerset, while Dan moved here aged 11. The couple are childhood sweethearts, and are now married with three boys, Douglas, Eli and Woody. Their Street Bean journey began in 2020, with a joke about running their own coffee van. 'Dan worked in a garage, and we noticed that the food vans didn't offer coffee. One day he sent me a photo of >