

ACCESS INFORMATION FOR GUESTS AT WHITE LODGE FARM COTTAGES WHO HAVE IMPAIRED MOBILITY

Stable Cottage

Whilst the restrictions imposed by the planning authority often limit flexibility when converting an old farm building (for example limiting the creation of new openings or alterations to the width of existing ones) we have sought, within those constraints, to enhance the accessibility of Stable Cottage to guests with impaired mobility.

Rather than seek a rating for accessibility, we have chosen to give our guests this information to help them assess the suitability of our cottages for their own requirements. We trust that the information in this note will be useful in that respect, but we would be happy to address any questions not answered here.

Please note that a reference below to a door having a width limit (for example 780mm) means that a wheelchair or buggy of greater width would not pass through it, measurements having been taken with the door open to its fullest extent.

The principal access to the cottage is from the parking area into the kitchen and guests can bring their car alongside a paved area with a very gentle incline to the kitchen door. This doorway has a threshold of negligible height (less than 20mm) and a width limit of 770mm. Those with mobility limitations for whom this width is insufficient are welcome to drive their vehicle into the courtyard (subject to it being able to pass through the opening into the courtyard, which is limited to taking vehicles up to 2,470mm wide and up to 2,170mm high) to access Stable Cottage via the door from the courtyard into the en suite double bedroom. This door, which has a width limit of 1010mm, is approached via a paved area with a slight slope. Please bear in mind that, although this is a wide door, access to the remainder of the cottage from this bedroom is via internal doorways which are narrower (see below).

Save for a staircase to the hayloft, a sitting area overlooking the kitchen, there are no internal changes of level within Stable Cottage, which has underfloor heating throughout at ground floor level. All floors at ground floor level are tiled.

The farmhouse kitchen, of which more later, affords access to bedroom 2 via a doorway with a width limit of 795mm. The bed in this room is a kingsize, 5' wide and 6'6" long, with the top of the current mattress being 540mm from the floor.

The kitchen also affords access, via a doorway with a width limit of 790mm, to the living room with its log burner. The living room has double doors (with a width limit of 1480mm and a 30mm threshold) leading out onto a decked area, which can also be accessed from the lobby.

In addition to the staircase leading to the galleried snug, the kitchen affords access (width limit of 780mm) to an inner hall. This leads, via a doorway with a width limit of 790mm, to the twin bedroom (beds are 3' wide by 6'3" long and are 600mm and 640mm to the top of the mattress). The inner hall also leads (width limit 840mm) to a lobby, from which there is access to the decked area (width limit of 860mm and a negligible threshold).

The lobby also gives access, via a door with a width limit of 790mm, to the family bathroom in which the bath, which has shower over, is 610mm, the hand basin 790mm and the top of the loo seat 460mm, above the floor. It is not possible to take a wheelchair into this bathroom. If this may cause you difficulty you may wish to consider Dairy Cottage or the Barn, both of which have been designed with bathrooms of ample size to accommodate a wheelchair.

The lobby also leads (width limit 780mm) to the hallway of the en suite double bedroom.

The door from the hallway to the en suite has a width limit of 790mm. The top of the bath in the en suite, which has a shower over, is 610mm, the hand basin 770mm and the top of the loo seat 430 mm, above the floor. It is not possible to take a wheelchair into this bathroom. If this may cause you difficulty you may wish to consider Dairy Cottage or the Barn, both of which have bathrooms of ample size to accommodate a wheelchair.

The door from the hallway of the master suite to the principal bedroom has a width limit 790mm. The bed is a kingsize (5' wide and 6'6" long) and the top of the mattress is 600mm from the floor. This bedroom has direct access to the courtyard (width limit 1010mm (see above)).

The dining table in the kitchen has a "knee well" which, on the short sides (=ends!) offers a clearance above the floor of 645mm for a width of 645mm (wider on the long sides). The cooker (which is fuelled by bottled gas) is free standing, with the hob in line with the worksurfaces, which are 910mm from the floor. The fridge freezer is free standing with the freezer compartment on top. The washing machine is on the floor with the tumble dryer above it.

At the time of preparing this note none of the beds has foot boards (so you can dangle your legs over the end if you're tall!). If this (or the mattress height) is critical for your party please check that it is expected that the same beds and mattresses will be in use at the time of your visit.