

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.



## **Access Statement for The Old Cart House**

### **Introduction**

The Old Cart House is one of 3 cottages at Newhill Farm Cottages. It is a 4 person 2-storey rural cottage in the North East area of Fife. It was converted into a holiday cottage in 2008, being part of a former farm steading building and cart/machinery storage barn. The cottage is 2 miles from the village of Auchtermuchty, located up a single track access road with passing places. The road rises slowly in height to an elevation of about 170m (558ft) above sea level. The Old Cart House has its own parking for 2 cars (additional parking space available). It is very private, with only the 2 other holiday cottages on site (Horse Mill Cottage & The Old Stables). It has its own fully fenced dog proof garden, with patio seating area and dining table & chairs, plus BBQ, 2

sun loungers and sun parasol (seasonal). The cottage has been sensitively converted, with a lovely kitchen/dining area and separate living room. There are patio doors to the garden from the living room and there is plenty of good natural light. There are two bedrooms, one has a king size bed and the other bedroom has twin beds. There are 2 bathrooms upstairs (one is ensuite), with both bathrooms having a modern bathroom suite with bath/shower over, basin and toilet. There is a downstairs cloakroom. The property is lovely & warm with a modern Worcester oil boiler, plenty of radiators, insulation in the floors, walls and ceiling, as well as an open fire in the living room. One well behaved dog is welcome (more than one by prior arrangement). The cottage also benefits from its own private hot tub for 4 people.

We look forward to welcoming you here. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01337 828032 or email [kate@newhillfarmcottages.co.uk](mailto:kate@newhillfarmcottages.co.uk) ; [ian@newhillfarmcottages.co.uk](mailto:ian@newhillfarmcottages.co.uk).

### **Pre-Arrival**

- We provide all linen (except cot linen); bathroom towels, leisure towels, electricity, heating, a basket of logs, a pre-set open log fire and various welcome items.
- The cottage is located around 2 miles from Auchtermuchty. From the M90, leave at J8 and take the A91 road heading west to St Andrews. At the central crossroads in Auchtermuchty, take the B936 signposted to Newburgh. After ½ mile, turn left at a white painted house onto the Mournipea Road and proceed for 2miles along the single track road until reaching Newhill Farm. Proceed past the main driveway and follow the road round to the right. The entrance to Newhill Farm Cottages is on the right. Horse Mill Cottage is the middle property the right hand side, within the former farm steading.
- As the cottages are in a rural location, it is advisable for guests to have access to a car (parking provided). However, the local 36 (stagecoach) and 64 (Moffat & Williamson) buses run regularly through Auchtermuchty. Taxis are available locally to continue your journey to the cottage.

- The nearest Railway Stations are at Ladybank (8 miles), Cupar (11 miles) or Perth (17 miles). There are taxi ranks at Cupar & Perth, but not at Ladybank.
- The nearest airports are Dundee (limited service) or Edinburgh.
- There is a Co-op supermarket in Auchtermuchty. The nearest large Supermarkets are 9 miles away in Cupar, Glenrothes and Kinross. Asda, Sainsbury and Tesco all offer online deliveries to the cottage.
- The cottage has its own inclusive WIFI. There is a landline telephone (Tel 01337 827467)

### **Key Collection, Welcome and Car Parking**

- Car parking for 2 cars is available (additional parking space available), on a fine gravel area (tirr), a very short distance from the property (33 metres). If gravel gives mobility issues, it is possible (by prior arrangement) to arrange for a series of rubber mats to be laid to the front door to improve pedestrian access.
- Key access is via a key lock box (code provided prior to arrival). The lock box is beside the front door and is around 1450 mm off the ground. The owners are happy to arrange meet and greet assistance by prior arrangement.
- The owners Kate and Ian Greig have been running holiday cottages for more than 14 years and are more than happy to answer any questions that you may have during your stay. Should there be something that you need, please let us know and we will endeavour to sort it out for you.

### **Entrance to Property**

- The front door is 835 mm wide. There is a gently sloping access pathway from the garden gate (paving slabs). There is no step from outside to inside.
- Alternative access is possible via the lower patio area to the patio doors (1600mm wide – if both doors are opened) to the

- living room. There are 2 steps down to the lower patio area (260mm step depth) from the access pathway, or access can be across the lawned area.
- There is 1 outside light at the front door entrance and 1 outside light at the patio area. The lights are on a movement sensitive sensor.
  - The floor covering in the entrance hallway and kitchen/dining area is terracotta tiles. The living room floor is treated real oak flooring and is hard wearing.

### **Halls, Stairs, Landings, Passageways**

- The cottage is 2-storey. The ground floor front door has level access to the kitchen/dining area and cloakroom. There are 3 steps down to the sitting room – there is a strong handrail available. Both bedrooms and the 2 bathrooms are on the first floor in this property.
- There is a non slip entrance mat immediately inside the front door and another at the patio door access.
- Access to the first floor is via a circular stairway (13 steps). The stair width is 840mm and each step is 190mm in height. Depth varies (due to circular nature) - depth at central point is 270mm.
- The stairs and landing have green carpet on the floor.
- There is a floor level sensor light on the landing at the top of the stairs (with emergency power failure function and detachable torch).

### **Sitting Room/Lounge**

- The sitting room is accessed via 2x 405mm doors. There are 3 steps down to the sitting room from the hallway, step height is 145mm and width is 940mm. Separate access is also possible via the 1600mm wide patio doors from the garden.
- The floor covering is treated real oak flooring. There are no rugs in the sitting room.

- The lounge is featured around an open log fire, with 1 three seater sofa and 1 two seater sofa combination. These sofas can be moved as required.
- The gap between the sofas is usually 450 mm, but this can be easily changed.
- The lounge has a 40 inch flat screen smart TV with remote control. It offers Freesat. There is also a Blueraay DVD player that can play CD's and DVD's.
- There is a fire guard that can prevent accidental contact with the open log fire.
- The sitting room sideboard contains a wide range of reading books, nature books, maps, guides and a tourism information folder.
- Lighting is provided by 2 table lamps, 1 standard floor lamp and 2 overhead cartwheel ceiling lights.
- There is a mini hifi system that plays CD's and radio.

### **Kitchen Area**

- The kitchen overlooks the garden, fields and countryside.
- The kitchen units are cream - base units and wall units, with a light wood worktop.
- There is an electric oven provided which has a door that comes down that is 700mm from the floor.
- There is a 4 ring electric induction hob which is 920 mm above the floor.
- The work top is 920mm above the floor and 600mm deep.
- There is a fridge freezer which has its highest shelf 1570mm above the floor. At the bottom is the three drawer freezer section, with the lowest drawer being 280 mm from the floor.
- The kitchen is very well stocked with pots/pans, crockery, utensils, cutlery and glassware, as well as an empty double cupboards for storing your own provisions.

- An electric kettle, toaster, microwave, dishwasher, washing machine, oven and hob are all provided for your convenience.
- The kitchen is well lit with 2 windows, offering good natural light.
- There are 5 overhead ceiling downlighters illuminating the kitchen and dining area. There are 3 under unit lights on the underside of the wall cupboards to illuminate the work surfaces.
- The flooring is terracotta tiles.

### **Dining Area**

- The dining area is part of the open plan kitchen, Directly opposite the double patio doors that give access to the patio and garden areas.
- The dining table is pine, with 4 support legs at each corner. It is 635mm from the floor to the lowest point and the table top is 755mm high. There is limited space right part of the table. It is supplied with 4 pine chairs with seat cushions and no arms. They are all moveable.
- Flooring is terracotta tiles.
- Lighting is natural daylight with 5 overhead downlighters shared with the kitchen area.
- There are 4 further outdoor chairs and an outdoor table on the patio, should further seating be required.
- The dining area (consistent with the rest of the property) has cream walls and ceiling. There are pink/green checked curtains at one window and a roman blind at the other window.
- Light switches for overhead lights are 1330mm from the floor (consistent with the rest of the property).

### **Cloakroom**

- This is a ground floor level with level access. The flooring is terracotta tiles

- The access door is a sliding door (680mm width).
- The wash hand basin is at a height of 810mm.
- The toilet is 430mm height and the flush handle is 770mm in height from the floor.

## **Bedrooms**

- There are 2 bedrooms. All bedroom light switches for overhead lights are at 1330mm height.
- The king sized bedroom is accessed via a 760mm door and has a green carpet on the floor. There is 1 window (with red and white checked blackout lined curtains), offering natural light. There are 2 ceiling lights and 2 bedside table lamps. The king bed is 1540mm wide by 1980mm, being 550 mm off the floor. There is a good space to access the bed (800 mm) when you enter the room. There is a narrower passageway round to the far side of the bed with the narrowest access being 520 mm in one section. There is a built in cupboard with 2x 605mm access doors offering shelving for clothes as well as a hanging rail. There is a pine bedside cabinet to either side of the bed.
- The twin bedroom has 2 single beds and accessed via a 760mm door. There is 1 window (with blue and white checked blackout lined curtains) offering natural light. There is 1 ceiling lights and 1 bedside table lamp. Both beds are 930mm x 1920mm and are also 540 mm off the ground. The space between the beds is 460mm. There is a built in cupboard with 1x 605mm access door offering shelving for clothes as well as a hanging rail. There is a pine bedside cabinet between the 2 beds.

## **Bathrooms, Shower-rooms and Toilets**

- Bathroom 1 is ensuite to the king sized bedroom. There is a 830 mm access door. There is a bath (520 mm off the floor) with a shower over it. The wash hand basin is 820 mm high. The toilet is 430 mm off the floor with the flush handle at

- 770mm. The bathroom has 1 window with opaque glass for natural light. The suite is all white. The floor has light green tiles and the walls and ceiling are painted light green where it isn't tiled, with large white tiles (all round the bath/shower, basin and toilet). There is a double light positioned above the wash hand basin and 2 ceiling lights with double bulbs.
- The 2nd bathroom is located immediately next to the twin bedroom. There is a 835 mm access door. There is a bath (520 mm off the floor) with a shower over it. The wash hand basin is 810 mm high. The toilet is 430 mm off the floor with the flush handle at 770mm. The bathroom has a high level velux skylight for natural light. The suite is all white. The floor has light blue tiles and the walls and ceiling are painted blue where it isn't tiled, with large white tiles (all round the bath/shower, basin and toilet). There is a double light positioned above the wash hand basin and 2 ceiling lights with double bulbs.

## **Garden**

- There is a fully enclosed garden (approx 11m x 10m) suitable for children and dogs. Fence height is 1200mm. The garden is primarily laid to lawn, apart from the patio area.
- On the patio is the private hot tub with 2 anti slip mats for the winter months. Available on request at other times of year.
- The garden area in the summer months has an outside circular dining table and 4 chairs (430mm height), 2 sun loungers, a BBQ and a sunparasol. In the winter only the table and chairs are in situ. The dining table is 670mm in height and measures 1000mm in diameter.
- The 4 person hot hub is accessed via set of 2 steps 180 mm each and is 760 mm off the ground. It has a set temperature of 39 degrees. There are various jets and whirlpool functions, as well as its own lights. It is sanitised via a chlorine and bromine combination coupled with the filtration cycles. The hot tub is located less than 2 meters from the Living area via the patio doors.



- There is an access gate (1250 mm wide) from the parking area via a paving slab pathway and the gravel parking area.

### **Additional Information**

- Trained assistance dogs are welcome.
- All areas in the cottage have good colour contrast between the floor, doors and walls. Generally, doors and doorframes are dark pine wood and walls are light in colour.
- The mobile phone reception outside is generally good (Vodafone). Mobile reception inside is limited due to the thick stone walls. There is a landline phone. WIFI also available (included)
- The nearest NHS General Hospitals with A&E departments are Victoria Hospital in Kirkcaldy (16 miles) and Ninewells Hospital in Dundee (25 miles). The nearest Doctor's surgery is in Auchtermuchty and is 2 miles away. Further information is in the welcome folder.
- There is also a list of nearby attractions and details of their Access Statements for information, where available.
- There are a number of rubber matting that can be made available to improve access over the gravel from the parking area to the access doors of the property.
- A non slip bath mat is provided for the bath/shower. An assistance shower stool with support grips is available on request

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