

Rose Cottage Access Statement

Rose Cottage is an old building and its adaptability for visitors with restricted mobility has been limited. However we are keen to encourage the less able who wish to enjoy the access to wildlife that the cottage is able to offer. The owners live four miles further up the valley from the cottage and can be called upon for advice. With prior warning some difficulties with the furniture and fittings may be overcome and the owners are willing to adapt some things, where possible, as required.

Visitors can park on the small forecourt of Rose Cottage and there is level access to the cottage. Visitors arriving late at night are advised to bring a torch as the cottage is very dark. The fitted outside lights can be left on by arrangement with the owners. Alternative parking is in a lay by approximately 100ft from the front of Rose Cottage on the opposite side of the road. There is no street lighting. There is a narrow pavement opposite the lay by down to the cottage which should be used with care. The road is fairly quiet but there is only an advised slow down sign, there is not a speed limit in operation, so visitors must be alert to traffic.

The front door is insufficiently wide to allow easy wheelchair access. The living area is on one level and visitors may have a good view of the garden, river and surrounding hills from a high vantage point through the window of the sun room. There is a step over from the sun room to a small patio to the side of the house where seating can be arranged. There are 39 shallow steps down in to the garden; there is a metal hand rail in place. The patio area can become slippery when wet with leaves and stout shoes are advised when necessary. The washing line is at the bottom of the steps and can be accessed relatively easily but the ground beyond the steps is uneven down to the river and requires some dexterity. The patio also leads to the outhouse where the tumble drier is situated. The drier is front opening and easily accessed but the outhouse is fairly narrow.

The kitchen has surfaces at a standard height but the gate leg kitchen table is lower. The oven is low level and has a drop down door. There is a washing machine and dishwasher which are at low level. The microwave oven, toaster and kettle are on the kitchen surfaces.

There is a walk in pantry with low accessible shelves. The kitchen cupboards at wall height are easily accessible to individuals of average height. The owners are able to move equipment in to lower cupboards and the pantry upon request.

The Fire blanket is easily accessed and the fire extinguisher is moveable and can be put at a lower height if required.

The telephone is mobile and can be taken around the house provided it is replaced on its holder for recharging as required.

The cottage does not have a hearing loop for the televisions/videos which are of standard size and not suitable for those of limited vision. The television in the sitting room has a remote control.

The lounge area has two standard high backed wing chairs and matching sofa. There is a wood burning stove for occasional use. There is a carbon monoxide alarm attached to the wall beside the fireplace

There is a door at the base of the stairs which can be clipped open. The stairs are relatively steep and have two handrails in place. There is a flat standing area before the turn for the last two stairs where there is just one handrail.

The bathroom and lavatory are upstairs, there is no downstairs lavatory.

The bath is of standard height with grab rails. There is an electric shower over the bath and a bath slip mat is provided.

The lavatory is behind the bathroom door and does not have grab rails.

The upstairs landing is comfortably wide and there is a plug in night light for visitors. The battery powered fire alarm is fixed to the ceiling at the top of the stairs.

The double bedroom contains a firm double wooden framed bed of standard height. Access around sides of the bed is approximately 2ft each side. There is easy access to the wardrobe and chest of drawers. There are two bedside tables with lamps.

There is a small built in wardrobe on the landing.

Bedroom two has two firm wooden framed single beds of standard height on each side of the bedroom. There is limited access between the beds of approximately one and a half feet where they overlap. There is a chest of drawers beyond that point. Each bed has a light source.

The cottage is centrally heated with an adjustable thermostat in the kitchen just above the kitchen surface. All radiators have an adjustable thermostat.

All the doors have lever handles but the sink taps are of the grip variety.

Although the cottage is thoroughly cleaned between guests customers with allergies to pets are advised that occasionally visitors have brought dogs in to the cottage.

Should you require any further information which will make your stay more comfortable we will be happy to help where we can, please call

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