

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 Self-catering property Barbers Cottage

Introduction

Barbers Cottage is ideal for those who want a relaxing self-catering holiday, within a stunning town centre. The Cottage is a minute's walk to shops and restaurants and although Shaftesbury is on a hill, the town centre location means there is only a very gradual slope into town.

Barbers cottage sleeps up to 5 people and has 2 bedrooms, both on the first floor. The Cottage is listed and was built around 1700 but it has been fully refurbished to make it a real home from home.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 07957571989 or email labreycottages@gmail.com.

Pre-Arrival

The nearest bus stop is on the High Street around 300 metres from the cottage outside the Town Hall

Mobility equipment can be hired from Freedom Mobility Hire (tel. 01747 829549).

The pavements outside the cottage are in good condition and generally have wheelchair ramps on most corners throughout the town centre.

Buses in Shaftesbury are not equipped to take wheelchairs so please contact Nordcat on 01258 472164 for community transport options for wheelchair users.

Edward's Taxis provide wheelchair accessible vehicles and assisted shopping (tel. 01258 860730) and are available 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

The nearest station is in Gillingham (4 miles from Shaftesbury) with regular services to London and the South West. The station has ramps for train access but step free access is restricted to platform one.

Our brochure with hire rates for Barbers Cottage and this Access Statement are available in larger print on request.

Key Collection, Welcome and Car Parking

The key can be collected from a key safe at 5 Parsons Pool in Shaftesbury. If you are unable to travel to the key safe we can arrange to bring the key out to you at the cottage.

You can drop off and pick up directly outside the cottage where there is a single yellow line that allows parking for up to three hours for blue badge holders. You can also park at any time in nearby parking bays if you have a blue badge (subject to local conditions).

Entrance to Property

The front door (800mm wide) has three steps leading up to it and is not accessible by wheelchair.

The ground floor of the property is not carpeted but has a mixture of wooden and tiled floors throughout.

Halls, Stairs, Landings, Passageways



Barbers Cottage is a grade 2, listed building which makes it difficult to provide a truly accessible building for customers with some forms of disability.

The hall, stairs and landings are well lit using a combination of ceiling and wall lights.

The hall and upstairs landing are covered in a shortpile carpet.

The staircase to the first floor has x steps. Being the original cottage staircase, it is quite steep but there are handrails on the right hand side until the staircase turns 90 degrees to the right for the last 5 steps.

Sitting Room/Lounge

The sitting room/lounge is situated on the ground floor with a stepped entry from the street.

The room has a mixture of seating with sofas and soft chairs with cushions all of which can be moved.

There is a widescreen digital television with remote control, subtitles, and a DVD player.

Lighting is natural daylight and by night levels are controlled by switches, with wall lighting used as well as table lamps around the room.

The flooring is bare floorboards with a shortpile rug in front of the fireplace

The dining room is accessed through two archways from the lounge (75cm wide).

Dining Room

The dining room is situated on the ground floor with level entry from the living room via two archways (see above).

The dining table is 790mm high with a traditional style bar at floor level and cross legs at each end. There is space in the middle for two people sat side by side with their legs underneath it.

There is free space around the table.

Chairs (all moveable) – 4 chairs that have no arms are permanently located with the table with a further two chairs that can be brought down from upstairs.

There is also a winged armchair at the far end of the room which is moveable.

Lighting is natural daylight with overhead lighting and a standard lamp in the corner of the room.

Flooring is bare floorboards with a rug situated underneath the table.

There is a fridge freezer located in the corner of the dining room, highest shelf in the fridge is 1.8m and the lowest drawer in the freezer is just over a metre.

There is a set of double doors (1200mm wide) leading out on to the garden terrace with a small step down that makes wheelchair access difficult.

Kitchen

The kitchen is situated on the ground floor with step free, level access from the living room and the dining room.

There is a wide opening to the kitchen from the dining room with no step.

The door of the oven drops down and the handle is 780mm above the floor. The hob is 880mm/36.6ins above the floor.

Worktop and sink are 880mm above the floor.

Glasses and crockery can be moved from wall cupboards to lower cupboards, if required, please request this when booking.

Large cutlery and utensils, and cordless kettle.

The kitchen is evenly lit with over head lighting and lights beneath the cooker hood

Flooring is quarry tiles.

There is a barn door (700m wide) out onto the garden terrace that has a small step down making wheelchair access difficult.

Bedroom 1

This room has a double bed, two chairs and facilities to hang clothes. The door is directly opposite the top of the stairs and is 700mm wide).

Each bed has a bedside light and the room has overhead lighting.

The height of the bed from floor to mattress surface is xxmmm

The floor is carpeted and slightly undulating.

Bedroom 2

This room has two single beds separated by a narrow gap (not wide enough for a wheelchair) and a shared bedside cabinet.

Each bed has a bedside light and the room has overhead lighting.

The height of the bed from floor to mattress surface is 300mm

The floor is carpeted.

Bathroom

The bathroom is accessed via a passageway and doorway (700mm wide) with a bamboo wooden floor.

There is a wide basin with (height 900mm) with a standard mixer tap. There

is not space under the basin for wheelchair access.

The bath is a standard freestanding unit with a floor mounted mixer tap.

The shower has sliding glass doors and is raised approximately 200mm off the floor. Wheelchair access would be impossible in the bathroom and toilets.

Landing

The first floor landing has a carpeted floor and entrances into the two bedrooms and the bathroom. Here is a raised wooden step in the connecting doorway on the landing.

There is a standard size washing machine (front loading) situated within a dresser.

There is a sofa that would be suitable for use by a carer or family member immediately outside the bedroom doors.

Garden

We have a paved terrace which can be accessed from the dining room through double semi-glazed doors and the single kitchen door both have one step. A wooden table & chairs and a bbq are available on the patio.

The terrace area is 5m/ long and 3m wide with stepped flower beds leading to the lawn.

The lawned part of the garden slopes steeply upwards from the house and can be accessed by a narrow series of stone steps between two flower beds.

Additional Information

Assistance dogs are welcome.

The mobile phone reception can be poor. There is a landline that can be used in emergencies and wifi / broadband.

The nearest Hospital is Westminster Memorial Hospital just off the high street about 10 minutes walk (no hills) with a minor injuries unit telephone 01747 851535 and Salisbury District Hospital has a 24 hour A and E (around 20 minutes drive away) on Odstock Rd, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP2 8BJ, tel 01722 336262

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Abbey View Medical Centre, Shaftesbury, Dorset, SP7 8DH tel 01747 856700.
It is open mon – fri 8.30am to 6pm (8om tues/thurs) and is situated a 5 minute walk down Salisbury Street, on the right hand side.