

## **National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide (March 2022)**

### **2 Horsey Barns Horsey, Norfolk NR29 4AD**

Ref: 010011-Heigham



### **Introduction**

The middle of the three barns, this cottage has an open plan kitchen/dining/sitting room area and above this is a small galleried sitting or reading room/bedroom. These Barns have each retained masses of character, with beams and pine flooring throughout.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

#### **Ground Floor:**

- Kitchen/dining/sitting room area, two bedrooms (1 double and 1 twin) and bathroom with shower attachment over bath. Some restricted circulation space.

#### **Mezzanine Level (Galleried):**

- Seating area

## Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Horsey Barns are signed on the wooden gate and can easily be seen from the road
- There is space to reverse a car into the courtyard but planning restriction does not permit parking of cars within this area. It is of course possible to drop luggage and passengers off prior to parking.
- Gravel surfaces in front of the cottage which can be deep in places
- Planted containers in the courtyard provide privacy and sheltered outdoor seating areas.
- Parking is to the rear of the barns in an off-road and dedicated area. There is security lighting in the area.
- The ground around the cottage is fairly level



## Approach

- The surrounding area is fairly level but will be subject to weather conditions
- There are brick steps sets to the entrance door from the courtyard.





## Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Stepped entrance – 2 wide steps into small irregular shaped lobby with stairs to mezzanine. 150mm and 170mm high
- Gravel outside the entrance door in the courtyard
- Keysafe to left of entrance door at 1.25m height.
- Outside light

## Getting around inside the cottage

### Ground floor:

- Main door is 990mm wide with entrance mat in a mat-well
- Door from entrance lobby into living area
- Doors between 690mm (into lobby) and 770mm clear width.
- Timber floors
- No change of level on the ground floor
- Circulation in this cottage is restricted particularly in the twin bedroom

### First floor:

- Carpeted stairs with fixed children's safety gate at top and bottom.
- Stairs – two top stairs at 240mm
- Can be used as additional lounge /quiet reading area

### Mezzanine:



- Comfortable seating, table, low beams restricting height and width

## Kitchen/diner/sitting room



- Height of worktop in kitchen is 920mm
  - Electric oven and hob
  - Under counter fridge with freezer compartment
  - Under-cupboard lighting
  - Good levels of illumination from directional spotlights
  - Dishwasher
  - Combination washing machine/tumble dryer
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- Seating at table for 4 at 750mm from floor
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- Corner sofas at 450mm – soft cushions
  - Flat screen TV
  - Coffee table
  - Wall lighting

## Ground floor Bathroom



- Good sized bathroom
- Close coupled WC, basin and bath with shower attachment on riser rail + folding screen
- The WC is 430mm high
- Straight bath with integral hand-grips. Height of bath 530mm
- Shower over bath attachment with long hose
- Pillar taps to pedestal basin at 800mm
- Vinyl floor
- Light over sink

## Twin Bedroom



- Space between beds 430mm
- Divan beds 600mm to top – wooden bed-head
- Wardrobe with drawers beneath
- Wall lights
- Bed-light between the beds on wooden cabinet

## Double Bedroom



- Divan bed with metal bed-head
- 650mm height to top of bed
- Door 700mm wide
- Wardrobe with drawers beneath
- 2 Bedside cabinets with lamps
- Wall lighting

## Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves. Vibrating fire/smoke detectors are available if requested at time of booking. Please contact us if you have any other specific access requirements in this respect.

## About the Access Guide

- This Accessibility Guide is intended to provide key information about the cottage that may be particularly relevant to guests with disabilities. Please contact us prior to booking if you would like information that is more specific and we will be happy to oblige.

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## Facilities at all cottages

The National Trust aims to expand the list of accessible /equipment/items available at each cottage and these may include

- Cordless kettle
- Hollowfibre bedding
- Chair with armrests
- Good reading light
- Large handle vegetable peeler
- Easy tin opener
- Non-slip mat for bath/shower
- Non-slip place mat
- Easy jar opener
- Information in alternative formats (on request)

Please note that we cannot guarantee that all items will be available at the time of your visit it may be helpful to speak to the NT Contact Centre if you have any other specific access requirements in this respect.

## Specialist equipment

Other specialist equipment such as wheelchairs, bath seats, toilet frames etc may be available for loan or purchase from the local Red Cross loan centre. Please check this out before booking the Cottage and contact us if you require further information.

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/standard.asp?id=89425>

**Shopmobility:** Car Park Level 1/1 Chapelfield Shopping Centre, Norwich -01603 753 350

## Future Plans to improve Access to NT Holiday Cottages

- We are currently in the process of writing access guides for all our holiday cottages and improving access over time for all our guests. All feedback is very helpful in informing us of ways in which we can improve access to all our cottages. We welcome any comments or ideas from you about access at this cottage and thank you for taking the time to do this. Please do this in the most convenient way for you. See contact details below or information on website.

## Access for All at the National Trust

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