

## National Trust Old Church Lodge Accessibility Guide

Old Church Lodge  
The Duver  
St Helens  
PO33 1XZ



Ref 001013  
Sleeps 4 + Cot  
1 Dog

### Introduction

- A small and cosy, stone built detached single storey Victorian cottage located near to the seashore in the hamlet of Duver, close to St Helens
- The cottage comprises of sitting and dining room with open fire, kitchen, twin bedroom and double bedroom, small shower room with WC and utility room accessed from the patio area.
- Garden with a low wall and hedging. Parking for 2 cars
- The Duver, a stretch of sand and shingle look after by the National Trust is frequented by seabirds and other wildlife.
- Surrounding countryside is fairly level, access to shoreline and beach is reasonably good
- The village of St Helens is about a quarter of a mile from the cottage and has a range of shops, pub, restaurants and medical centre
- Old Church Lodge is situated about 10 minutes walk from the number 8 Southern Vectis bus route from Ryde to Newport via Sandown
- No WI-FI. Telephone signal is reasonable
- Heating is provided by gas central heating with additional electric towel rail in the bathrooms

- The cottage is decorated in neutral creams and light beige with highlights of soft sea greens and blue
- Crockery blue and white

## Pre-Arrival

- See the main webpage for booking and location details
- Please contact us prior to booking if you have any specific access requirements
- Directions provided with booking

## Approach, arrival and parking

- The cottage is reached from the B3330 turning off onto Duver Road and following a tarmac road downhill, just before the road turns to the right at the bottom (becoming single track). The cottage and parking area is situated on the right-hand side.
- Gravelled car parking area for 2 cars is accessed directly off the road
- Side gate accessed from the parking area onto a gravel path to the **back door – used as the main entrance**
- The garden is fenced by a hedge on two sides at the rear and a low wall on 2 side at the front
- Outside lighting, above entrance doors and on the side of the building with a switch located on the corner of the building



## Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- A gravel path of 20m leads to a paved area around the back of the cottage, gravel is deep in places
- The path is clear and well lit
- Outside lights are located outside the kitchen door, along the side of the building and over the front porch
- The key safe is located on the right-hand side of the kitchen door at 160cm from ground level
- A small but wide step up of 17cm and a width of 40cm, door weather bar 5cm
- Door width of 75cm, leads into the kitchen
- The area is covered by a glass roof



- Entering through the front porch, small threshold of 6cm and step down 12cm front door entrance. Threshold of 18cm into dining room. Door handle
- Outside light over door
- Location of the log store



The main entrance point is the back door, not the front porch

## Getting around the cottage

- Entering the kitchen, the internal door leads to a small lobby area and sitting-dining room. To the left-hand side is the twin room, ahead the shower room and door to the right-hand side the double room



## Sitting & Dining Room

- 3-seater sofa with a seat height of 44cm, arms 60cm and back 80cm high. Soft cushions
- Armchair at 49cm high with firm cushion
- 23" TV with integrated DVD, Freesat
- Open fireplace with mantel over
- Wall mirror and bookshelves

- Set of side tables 46cm, 47cm, 50cm in height
- Low window, 59cm sill facing north and east, curtains on poles



- Table 79cm high and 4 chairs with seat height of 47cm, back 88cm
- Front door opens into dining area, yale style lock and a handle, curtain on pole. This is not used as the main entrance point
- Wooden floor with rug
- Light provided by table lamp with switch at the neck, floor lamp with switch at the neck and an angle poise lamp with a touch button on the base

## Kitchen

- Yale style lock and handle
- Kitchen comprises of a selection of wall and undercounter cabinets
- Worktop height at 92cm
- Electric double oven with 4 hot plates, controls on the front at 80cm high
- Sink and half sink with drainer, lever handles and arch over mixer tap
- Fridge freezer
- Full size dishwasher
- Cordless kettle, toaster, radio
- 6 Recessed spotlights
- 2 windows facing west with roman blinds
- Tiled floor
- Fire alarm control point, fire blanket, fire action notice
- Door to lobby, width between fridge-freezer and door 75cm





## Twin Bedroom

- An L-shaped room
- 2 single beds with pine headboard and a mattress height of 60cm
- 1 bedside cabinet with draw
- 1 chest of drawers
- 2 bedside lights with switch on the base
- Mirror
- North facing window with curtains on poles
- Pendant lighting
- Carpet flooring
- Decorated in neutrals with highlights of blue



## Double Bedroom

- Door width 70cm with door stop
- Double bed with pine headboard and a mattress height of 66cm
- 2 bedside cabinets, lamps with switches on the cable
- Free standing wardrobe
- Chest of drawers
- Decorative chair with a seat height of 46cm
- Caretakers cupboard
- Windows- East facing -bay, with a window seat 55cm high and South facing. Curtains on poles
- Mirror
- Pendant light
- Carpet flooring
- Decorated in neutrals with highlights of soft sea green



## Shower Room

- Towel rail booster button located outside shower room door
- Extractor fan main power switch is at ceiling height outside the door
- Shower cubical 75cm x 75cm with sliding doors and twist taps mounted vertically, threshold of 12cm
- Sink at 85cm high with pillar taps, mirror over
- Toilet with a seat height of 44cm, tall cistern with the flush at 97cm high
- Wall and ceiling light
- Radiator and electric towel rail
- Wood effect vinyl flooring



## Utility cupboard

- Light switch on the right-hand side
- Door with handle, 10cm threshold
- Hook and catch on outside to secure door
- Frosted window facing south
- Utility cupboard contains ladders
- Log basket
- Highchair and travel cot
- Iron and board
- Location of the gas boiler
- Washing machine 6kg
- 800W microwave
- P50 Extinguisher



## Garden

- Front and sides are laid to lawn with a paved area near to the kitchen door
- A greengage tree is situated outside the kitchen
- Wooden outside furniture. Square table 76cm high and 4 armed chairs with a seat height of 43cm, arm 65cm and back 90cm
- Gravel pathway
- Hedges and some shrubs



## Additional Information

GROUND FLOOR  
591 sq.ft. (54.9 sq.m.) approx.



TOTAL FLOOR AREA: 591 sq. ft. (54.9 sq. m.) approx.  
While every attempt has been made to ensure the accuracy of the floorplan presented here, measurements of doors, windows, rooms and any other items are approximate and no responsibility is taken for any error, omission or misstatement. This plan is for illustrative purposes only and should be used as a guide only by any prospective purchaser. The services, systems and appliances shown have not been tested and no guarantee as to their operability or efficiency can be given.  
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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. Please enquire at the time of booking regarding any particular requests.

## 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.



## **Future Plans to improve Access to National Trust Holiday Accommodation**

- We are currently in the process of writing accessibility guides for all our holiday cottages and bunkhouses 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. 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.

## **About the Accessibility Guide**

- This Accessibility Guide is intended to provide key information about the accommodation 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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