

# Springwell Cottage Accessibility Guide



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Address: Springwell Cottage, Twice Brewed, Hexham, Northumberland, NE47 7AW

Ref: 017002

### Introduction

Springwell Cottage is a two-storey cottage that sleeps six people. It is detached and lies surrounded by a small walled garden beyond which are fields in undulating landscape close to Hadrian's Wall.

The cottage is arranged as follows:

- On the ground floor there is a twin bedroom and bathroom with WC, bath & shower, an open plan kitchen/diner, and a sitting room. On the first floor there is a double bedroom and a twin bedroom.
- The Cottage faces south. All the bedrooms and the sitting room have views over the countryside to the south side of the Cottage.
- It is heated by oil-fired central heating and has an open fire in the sitting room.
- The bathroom is due to undergo some alterations in the near future so please check with the Contact Centre as all the existing facilities may not be in place.

### **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 are provided with booking.
- Bring torch if arriving in dark, as there are no streetlights here.

### **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

- There is a firm, tarmac off-road parking area for the Cottage immediately outside the Cottage.
- There is level access from the parking area through side gates to the front door and back doors.
- The key safe box is within the gate to the front door to the left (as entering).

### **Getting in (and out) of the cottage**

- The back door is 81cm wide and 191cm high. A level threshold apart from the metal rain bar at 3cm.
- Inside the back door is a hallway area with integral doormat and coat hooks on the wall and easy access into the kitchen/dining area
- The front door is 80cm wide and 181cm high. A level threshold apart from a rain bar at 3cm.
- There is a 90 degree turn left into the sitting room which is open plan, the gap between the wall and staircase is 96cm.

### **Getting around the cottage**

- Level access throughout the ground floor. Straight staircase to the 1st floor with 13 carpeted stairs and banister rail to right side (ascending).
- Wooden flooring to kitchen/dining area.
- Carpet floor in sitting room and bedrooms.
- Vinyl flooring in bathroom/WC.
- Good circulation space in all living rooms and around the ground floor.

## Kitchen/Dining Room



- Height of worktops is 90cm.
- Free-standing electric cooker with ceramic hob.
- Microwave, dishwasher, fridge/freezer, washing machine, dishwasher, toaster and cordless kettle.
- Lever taps to sink.
- One overhead, one hob light and one strip light under wall unit.
- Separate shared laundry facilities on-site – washing machine and dryer.
- Fluorescent overhead spotlights and light in cooker hood.
- Rectangle dining table at 77cm high.
- Six wooden chairs 46cm high with back rests.

## Bathroom



The bathroom is entered through a wooden door which is 88cm wide with a head height of 195cm.

- WC, basin, bath.

- The WC is 40cm high.
- Bath is 152cm long, 55cm high and 59m wide.
- The basin is 82m high and has cross head taps.
- The shower runs off the mains and is over the bath with a glass bath screen.
- The shower head is adjustable.

## Sitting Room



The sitting room is open plan with the kitchen so there is no door into it. The gap between the wall and staircase is 96cm wide.

- Two large two-seater sofas with seat height of 46cm.
- One winged armchair with seat height of 44cm.
- Open fire (for wood).
- TV/DVD and CD and Radio player.
- One central light and three table lamps.
- Reasonable circulation space.
- Large wooden tv stand with tv and DVD player 77cm high.



### Ground floor twin Bedroom



The downstairs single bedroom leads off from the hallway. The door is 78cm wide with a head height of 198cm.

- Beds are 55cm high, 95cm wide and 183 long.
- The space between the beds is 500mm wide and to the foot of the beds is 1100mm wide.
- There are reading lamps beside each bed on bedside table/chest of drawers.
- There is also a free-standing wardrobe, armchair and wooden towel rail in the bedroom.

### Twin Bedroom (first floor)



The twin bedroom is to the left-hand side of the landing. The doorway is 80cm wide with a head height of 190cm.

- Two single beds.

- Bed height 50cm high, 185cm long and 95cm wide with a firm mattress.
- Two wall hung lights which can be operated from one of the beds or from the doorway.
- One freestanding wardrobe.
- Two bedside tables 50cm high.
- Dressing table 70cm high.
- Window seat 47cm high.
- Low ceiling 197cm high.

## Double Bedroom



The double bedroom is to the right-hand side of the upstairs landing. The doorway is 80cm wide with head height of 187cm.

- Double bed 200cm long, 53cm high and 185cm wide.
- Reading lights to both sides of bed on low bedside chest of drawers.
- Freestanding antique wardrobe and chest of drawers.
- Window seat 40cm high.
- Blue armchair 33cm high.
- Low ceiling 194cm high.

## Garden



- Small walled garden laid to grass with a wicker glass topped table seating 6 people.
- 1 picnic bench/table by the front door.
- One shed but for caretaker use.
- Two wooden gates on each side of cottage with mm gap under each.

## Additional Information

- Oil-fired central heating
- Open fire with sufficient fuel to get it started. Further fuel to be obtained by guests.
- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
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- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves. Please contact us if you require any specific access requirements in this respect.

## 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.
- 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, and commodes 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>

The nearest centre is at:

Croft House, Western Ave, Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, NE4 8SR

Tel: 0191 273 7961

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## **About the Accessibility 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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