

# National Trust

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Cottage Ref: 007011

### **4 Stableyard Cottages**

Hardwick Hall

Doe Lea

Chesterfield

Derbyshire



### **Introduction**

- 4 Stableyard Cottages is a cottage sleeping 6 people located in the former brewhouse of the Elizabethan Hardwick Hall estate.
- The cottage has 2 double bedrooms and 1 twin bedroom with accommodation over 2 floors.
- The cottage has oil-fired central heating and a multi-fuel stove in the main sitting room.
- There is direct access from the cottage to the surrounding Hardwick Hall estate.

The cottage is arranged as follows:

#### **Ground floor:**

- Entrance hall leading to kitchen, sitting room and dining room.

#### **First floor:**

- 2 x double bedrooms (1 ensuite), 1 x twin bedroom, 1 bathroom with lavatory.

### **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
- Please bring torch if arriving in dark, as there are no streetlights here

## Approach



- The Hardwick Hall estate is well signed from the main approach roads. The cottage is approached on a tarmac road and firm surfaced route through the Hardwick Hall estate.
- The parking area is through the stone archway to the right immediately outside the cottage.

## Arrival & Parking Facilities



**Parking area**



**Entrance to Numbers 7 & 8**

- The parking area is in the stable courtyard directly in front of the cottage. There is parking for two cars here (for this cottage).
- The cottage is the third building to the right as facing with back to the car park area
- It is signed with the Number 4.
- The surface of the parking area is reasonably firm but may be slightly less so in wet weather conditions.
- The keysafe is in the lobby area behind the door between Numbers 7 & 8 (to the left of No. 4). See photo above.
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- The door to this lobby area is 910mm wide and there is a level space 700mm wide in this area in front of the keysafe
- The keysafe is at 1300mm from floor level

## Getting in (and out) of the cottage



- The front door is 750 mm wide
- There are two stone steps down into the cottage – the first is 80mm high and the second is 165 mm high.
- The door leads straight into the entrance hall with doors off to the kitchen, sitting room, dining room (stairs to first floor lead off the dining room).

## Getting around the cottage

- The cottage occupies two floors. There is a change in level between the bedroom and the en-suite bathroom on the first floor but with this exception, there are no other changes of level between the floors.
- There are fitted carpets throughout the cottage apart from in the kitchen, bath/shower rooms where there is vinyl, tiled flooring or similar.
- The staircase to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is an enclosed, and has 4 winders at the bottom with 16 stairs in total, with the stairs varying in height between 190mm and 210mm. There is a handrail to both sides of the staircase.



**VIEW OF STAIRCASE FROM BOTTOM AND TOP**

## **HALLWAY**



- Spacious tiled area with chair.
- Doors off to kitchen, sitting room, dining room and garden.



## Sitting Room



- Door from hallway is 780mm wide.
- Large room with multi-fuel stove, sofas, armchairs and views over to the wider estate.
- 2 x sofas (2-3 seaters) with a seat height of 480mm.
- 2 No armchairs with a seat height of 380mm.
- Central ceiling pendant with 5 fittings and table/standard lamps.
- TV and DVD player.

## Dining Room



- Door from hallways is 780mm wide.
- Spacious room with long wooden table, 8 dining chairs, and built-in cupboards.
- Table is 700mm high
- Chairs 440mm high with wooden backs and upholstered seats – 2 are carvers with armrests.
- Central pendant light with 5 branches and one side light.

## Kitchen



- The door to the kitchen is 750mm wide.
- The worktops are 910mm high.
- The kitchen includes a washer/dryer, dishwasher, electric cooker, induction hob, microwave and a fridge freezer.



- This comprises WC, basin and bath with shower over.
- Basin is 940mm high from floor level.
- WC seat is 400mm high from floor level.
- Bath is 550mm high.

## **Bedroom 1 (Double Bedroom with En-suite)**



- Door into bedroom is 800mm wide
- Wooden bed with canopy - 2000mm long x 1500mm wide x 570mm high
- Bedside lights and ceiling pendant light.
- Clothes hooks on back of door, chest of drawers and mirror.
- Ensuite with p-shaped bath with shower over, WC and basin.
- Basin is 940mm high from floor level.
- WC seat is 400mm high from floor level.

## Bedroom 2 (Double Bedroom)



- Door is 800mm wide
- Spacious room with bed, double wardrobe, bedside tables and chair.
- Bed measures 2000mm long x 1500mm wide by 710mm high.
- Bedside Lights to each side of bed and central pendant light fitting.

## Bedroom 3 (twin bedroom)



- Door is 800m wide
- Beds are divan beds and are 1900mm long x 900mm wide x 660mm high
- Bedside lights, wardrobe and mirror



## Garden



- Private garden to back of cottage, level and mainly laid to grass.
- Wooden picnic table (710mm high) with wooden benches (390mm high) with backrest and arms

## 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.

## 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.

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

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

We are currently in the process of writing accessibility 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.

## **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. It is reviewed annually. Please contact us prior to booking if you would like more detailed information and we will be happy to oblige.

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## **Access for All at the National Trust**

We continue to work to improve accessibility at all our holiday cottages. We welcome comments and ideas on improving access.

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