

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

### The Old School House

Durgan,  
Mawnan Smith,  
Falmouth,  
Cornwall  
TR11 5JU

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### Introduction

The Old School House is a traditional, stone-built village school which has been sympathetically converted into a detached, single-storey, cottage. It is situated on the quay in Durgan and has far-reaching, southerly views of the Helford River from the rear.

The cottage is arranged as follows:

### Ground floor:

Porch, Inner lobby, Kitchen, Shower room, Twin Bedroom, Double Bedroom and Sitting/Dining room.

### 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

### Approach

- Residents to the village are entitled to drive down all year round. However, day visitors are only permitted to drive in to the village between October and March due to the limited parking facilities.
- Entrance to the village is down a narrow, sloping road with passing places.



### Arrival & Parking Facilities

The cottage is located in the hamlet of Durgan, on the northern shore of the Helford River, just outside the village of Mawnan Smith. The lane from the main road down to Durgan is single track and the cottage is the first one on the left. The parking area is in front of the cottage by the front door.



## Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The combination key safe for the front door is on the wall to the right of the door.
- There is an outside light, but it is recommended that guests bring a torch to set the correct lock combination on arrival. Keys to be returned to safe on final departure.



## Getting around the cottage

### Ground Floor

- The front door opens into lobby with two doorways off: one to the inner hallway and the other to kitchen.
- One solid wooden lobby door opens inwards into inner hallway with a further solid wooden door off, opening inwards to the shower room.
- The other lobby doorway, comprising of solid wooden double doors, opening inwards into the kitchen with further single doors off to twin bedroom and sitting/dining room.
- There is a further solid wooden door which opens into the double bedroom.

### Entrance lobby – single aspect

- 1900mm wide, solid wooden front door opens inwards, into lobby
- Stone tiled flooring
- Ceiling light
- Emergency light
- Window, with deep sill, to front (800mm wide x 1000mm high)
- Wall-mounted coat racks with 15 hooks
- Wall mounted Rointe electrical heater
- Door to inner hallway and double doors to kitchen.



## Inner hall

- 630mm wide, solid wooden door opens inwards from lobby
- Fitted cupboard to left
- Quarry tiled flooring
- Bulkhead light
- Door to shower room



## Shower room – single aspect



- 710mm wide solid wooden door opens inwards, from hallway
- Ceramic tiled flooring
- Ceiling light
- Mirror with light/shaver socket above
- Window, with deep sill, to rear (800mm wide x 500mm high)
- Electric towel rail
- Corner shower cubicle (850mm wide x 850mm deep) curved screen door opening (520mm wide) with electric shower.
- W.C. (420mm seat height)
- Wash basin (800mm from floor)
- Extractor fan.

## Kitchen – dual aspect

- 560mm/1120mm wide double doors open inwards from lobby
- Wooden floorboards
- Six recessed ceiling down-lights on 2-way switch
- Window, with deep sill, to front aspect (800mm wide x 1000mm high)
- Window, with deep sill, to east side aspect (400mm wide x 1500mm high)
- Kitchen floor cupboards with drawers under 900mm high worktops
- Wall cupboards (480mm high) above worktop.
- Fridge/ freezer, washer/dryer, dishwasher, microwave oven, toaster and kettle
- Electric cooker with ceramic hob.
- Fire alarm
- Rointe heater
- Doors off to sitting/dining room and twin bedroom.





## Sitting/Dining Room – dual aspect

- 700mm wide solid wooden door opens inwards from kitchen
- Wooden floorboards with large central matting rug
- Five bulb ceiling chandelier and two table lamps
- Rointe electric heater and wood burner.
- Fire Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Detector.
- Window, with deep sill, to east side aspect (1600mm wide x 1600mm high)
- Window, to rear aspect (1600mm wide x 1800mm high) with seat below (480mm seat height)
- Dining table (600mm wide x 1220mm long x 620mm knee height)
- Three wooden “kitchen” chairs (450mm seat height)
- Window seat with cushion pads 500mm high
- Pair of two-seater settees (450mm seat height)
- Side table (500mm wide x 450mm deep x 770mm high)
- Nest of two side tables
- 32-inch T.V and separate DVD player
- Door off to double bedroom.



## Twin bedroom – dual aspect

- 660mm wide doorway from kitchen
- Wooden floorboards with floor mat
- Three bulb ceiling light
- Pair of table lamps
- Wall mounted Rointe electric heater
- Window, with deep sill, to front aspect (1500mm wide x 1100mm high)
- Window, with deep sill, to west side aspect (1100mm wide x 1500mm high)
- Built-in wardrobe (970mm wide with 1580mm rail hanging height )
- Wooden chair seat height 430mm.
- Chest of drawers “2 over 2” (900mm wide x 400mm deep x 970mm high)
- Pair of bedside cabinets (380mm wide x 280mm deep x 720mm high)
- Two single beds (each 1000mm wide x 2000mm long x 600mm high)
- Wall mirror
- Fire alarm.



## Double bedroom – dual aspect

- 700mm wide doorway from lounge
- Wooden floorboards
- Three bulb ceiling light
- Pair of table lamps
- Wall mounted Rointe electric heater
- Window, with deep sill, to rear aspect (1500mm wide x 1500mm high)
- Window, with deep sill, to west side aspect (400mm wide x 1500mm high)
- Built-in wardrobe (930mm wide x 1580mm rail hanging height)
- Fire alarm
- Wicker armchair (400mm seat height)
- Side table with drawer and shelf (1100mm wide x 530mm deep x 790mm high)
- Pair of bedside cabinets (each 370mm wide x 300mm deep x 700 high)
- Chest of drawers “2 over 2” (960mm wide x 500mm deep x 980mm high)
- Wooden “Sleigh” double bed (1600mm wide x 2000mm long x 600mm high)
- Freestanding full-length mirror



## Garden

- There is a rear garden with a 920mm wide, picket gate, entrance on west side of cottage.
- The garden is mainly grassed lawn enclosed by a low-level stone wall (890mm high). The enclosing wall is actually the quay edge and, below the other side, is the shoreline.
- There is a table and four chairs.



## 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.

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/borrow-a-wheelchair>

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-help/hire-a-toilet-aid>

## 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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