

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide



### Rockside Cottage

Address: Low Newton by the Sea, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 3EP.

Ref: 017013.

### Introduction

A former fisherman's cottage next door to a pub with sea views and a bright, contemporary living space.

### 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.
- Bring a torch if arriving in the dark.

### Approach

The cottage is located in the square at the bottom of the hill into Low Newton, which is accessed via a single metal chain gate. Upon entering the square, please remember to return the chain gate into position before driving in a clockwise direction to the cottage (which is to the left of The Ship Inn).

## **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

There is adequate parking space for one car directly outside of the cottage to the left of the front porch.

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

A four-digit code key box is located on the front door of the cottage (code supplied separately). This is the main front entrance to the cottage. The cottage also has a rear entrance/exit which opens out onto a single-track road looking towards some stone sheds.

## **Getting around the cottage**

Upon entering the property from the front, there is one small step up that takes you into the main corridor. To your right there is a utility cupboard. Along the corridor to your left is the sitting room. The next right leads to the stairs to the first floor. Directly ahead leads to the dining area. Upon reaching the dining area to the right and down one small step is the kitchen. To the left of the dining area and down one small step is a small corridor and the bathroom. The exit to the rear of the property is through the rear door at the end of this small corridor. The exit door is 770mm wide and there is a 110mm high step to short concrete path.

The first floor is reached by a narrow and steep flight of 15 steps. Directly ahead is the double bedroom and to your immediate right is the twin bedroom.

There are fitted carpets in the living room, bedrooms, first floor corridor and stairs. Vinyl flooring in the kitchen, dining room, ground floor corridors and bathroom

## **Ground Floor**

### **Entrance Porch**

- Front door is 770mm wide and opens inwards
- Coarse matt flooring
- One step 110mm high leading into the cottage

### **Sitting Room**



- The room is east facing, overlooking the village green and beach.
- The door is 710mm wide and opens into the room
- 2 two-seater sofas, measuring 400mm high by 1500mm long by 640mm deep
- A coffee table, side unit and 2 x side tables.
- A TV storage unit (with TV, DVD player, and WiFi router).
- Multi fuel stove.
- 3 x wall lights, 1 x table lamps, floor lamp
- 2 electric radiators

## Dining Room



- Large dining table and 4 chairs. The wooden table is 785mm high with 780mm knee clearance underneath. The four dining chairs are wood, with a backrest and have a seat height of 460mm.
- Door from corridor is 710mm wide
- Low hanging ceiling light
- Fridge/freezer in recessed alcove
- Step of 110mm height down into kitchen
- Step of 110mm height down into corridor with access to bathroom and rear exit

- Electric radiator

## Kitchen



- West facing and located to the right of the dining room
- Open doorway into kitchen from dining room measuring 1000mm wide
- The kitchen equipment includes a washer/dryer, dishwasher, microwave, and electric cooker.
- The worktop is 920mm high by 600 deep.
- Mixer tap.
- Spotlights in ceiling and lights under wall units
- Electric radiator

## Bathroom



- Bathroom is west facing and is located off the rear corridor opposite the dining room.
- Door is 720mm wide and opens into the room.
- Bathroom comprises of toilet, basin, bath with mixer tap and shower enclosure with electric shower

- The toilet is 435mm high
- The basin is 800mm high
- The shower enclosure is 1200mm long x 650mm wide
- The shower tray is 30mm high
- The bath is 000mm long x 000mm wide
- Electric towel rail
- Spotlights in ceiling

## First Floor

### Double bedroom



- West facing with a door 730mm wide which opens into the room
- 1 wooden frame double bed 1570mm wide by 2030mm long by 540mm high, with underbed clearance of 240mm
- 1 chest of drawers.
- 2 bedside tables.
- 1 chair.
- Built in wardrobes and vanity area.
- Electric panel heater.
- Ceiling light
- 2 table lamps

### Twin bedroom





- West facing, with a door 730mm wide and opens into the room
- 2 single wooden framed beds 950mm wide by 1970mm long and 530mm high, with underbed clearance of 250mm
- 1 chest of drawers.
- 2 wall lamps
- Ceiling lamp
- Electric panel heater.

## Garden



There is no garden at this property. There is however an east facing communal green that looks towards the sea and we have provided 2 small bistro style tables and 4 chairs for you to use. These can be found in the utility cupboard in the main corridor, and we ask that you do not leave them outside unattended.

## Additional Information

Dogs are welcome at this cottage.

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.

Furniture and appliances are changed when required, pictures here may show previous presentation.

### **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 Accommodation**

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### **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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