

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Shute Barton,  
Shute,  
Nr Axminster,  
Devon

### Introduction

Shute Barton Holiday Cottage is in a medieval building that is set out over two floors with further access to a third floor which is not a part of the holiday accommodation. There are three staircases in the house, one main open staircase and two spiral staircases. Throughout the house there are numerous steps up and down to the rooms.

### Ground Floor:

Entrance Hall and main staircase.

Kitchen, utility room off the kitchen, also off the kitchen are spiral stairs to first floor.

Sitting Room, with entrance to the old kitchen.

Dining Room

Small W/C

Spiral Staircase leading to first and second floors

### First Floor:

Five bedrooms in total -

1 large double bedroom

1 large bedroom zip and link, with bathroom leading off this room

1 large double room with bathroom leading off this room

1 twin bedroom

1 Double bedroom

Bathrooms

1 x bathroom with shower over bath, W/C and wash hand basin

1 x bathroom with feature bath and separate shower cubicle, W/C and wash hand basin

These rooms are connected by various corridors, there is also access to the two spiral staircases from this level

### Second Floor:

Access to the Great Hall, from one of the spiral staircases.



## Gardens

The garden is on several levels which are connected by a combination of stairs and ramps.

## 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

Main approach to the house, is off the unclassified metalled road from A35, the drive under the gatehouse (not NT), there is alternative road access to the right hand side of the gatehouse.

## Arrival & Parking Facilities

The guest parking is after the gatehouse down a road on the right hand side, and is on the left of this road, signposted NT Holiday guests. This is forty metres on level hard surface to the house, the last section is over a paved yard, which will be slippery when wet.

## Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The front door to the cottage is located from a flagstone yard, slippery when wet, which also has the bin area and washing line area located. The steps to this door are 170mm tall first and second is 110mm, there are no hand rails. The key safe is 1700mm from the ground. There is external lighting in this yard activated by PIR. There are two gates to this yard, each 1290mm wide, there is no vehicular access to this yard.
- There is a door to the garden terrace from the dining room, which is 980mm wide, there are two steps from here to the terrace, these are 470mm deep, 1250mm wide and the steps are 120mm from the door, 150mm to the first step and 250mm to the ground, the steps are made from paving slabs and there is no hand rail

## Getting around the cottage

### Ground floor:

### Entrance Hall

- Large open space with stairs rising to the first floor. The floor is quarry tiled and has a large rug on the floor.
- The stairs are 280mm deep, average 160mm high, with hand rail on the left hand side when ascending the stairs
- There are 21 steps with two landings
- Doors leading too:-



## **Understairs cupboard**

- Gas shut off valve
- Water softener
- Main cold water shut off valve

## **Kitchen**

- Height of worktop is 910mm tall. Sink height 890mm the tap is a single mixer tap with pull levers
- Kitchen, entrance door width 800mm wide, threshold strip to door 10 mm high, step up into kitchen 150mm.
- Door to utility room is 740mm, worktop height is 930mm. Equipped with washing machine and tumble dryer Calor Gas range cooker
- Dishwasher, American style fridge/freezer
- Microwave, located on worktop
- Floor ceramic tiles
- Good light level a combination of task lighting and ceiling lighting.
- There is a second entrance hall, which provides a secondary means of fire escape, the door is 720mm wide, leading to a flagstone passage, with 4 concrete steps 1080mm wide 280 mm deep and 180mm tall, the final entry door is 810mm wide, this leads onto a rough stone step

## **Ground floor bathroom**

- WC and basin
- The WC is 430mm high
- The basin is 830mm tall, the taps are single cross head mixer

## **Sitting room**

- Entrance door is 1100mm wide, there is wood block flooring
- There are two sofas, one three seater, seat height 510mm, one two seater seat height 470mm, a window seat of 580mm high, two arm chairs of 400mm high to seat, one of 470 height to seat and two smaller arm chairs at 360mm high to seat.
- The lighting is provided by four sets of two arm wall lights, two standard lamps and one table lamps
- TV and DVD provided with remote controls
- There are a selection of side tables provided

## **Dining room**

- Height of chair 170mm to seat base, no arms on chairs
- Knee height under table 140mm



- Table top height 760mm
- Entrance door 710mm wide
- 12 high back dining chairs

## **First floor**

### **Landing**

- With one arm chair at 430mm seat height

### **Bathroom**

- Entrance door 720mm wide
- Sink height 830mm, tap cross head mixer tap
- Bath height 640mm high, width 760mm, length 1670mm, taps central cross head mixer, no shower attachment. Freestanding bath, with no hand grips
- W/C height 400mm
- Shower cubicle entrance 450mm wide, step to enter at 210mm
- Illumination by ceiling light switched via pull cord at 165mm high Also shaver light above basin mirror.

### **Double Bedroom**

- 700mm wide entrance door
- Bed is 1530mm wide, 1920 long and 530mm high, has a wooden head and foot board, Gap underneath the bed is 160mm
- The bed is placed centrally on one wall with access on both sides
- There are bedside tables with lamps on each bedside table

### **Access Corridor to twin and double bedroom**

- Door 750mm wide, with open access to spiral stairs
- Three steps down to bedroom level, one 170mm high, second 120mm high and third 130mm high

### **Double bedroom (zip and link)**

- Door 800mm wide, no steps
- Bed height 660mm, width, 1880mm, (two single 940mm each), height 190mm, height under bed 160mm
- Two bedside cabinets with table lighting, main light and standard light in the room
- En-suite off, with one step up 210mm high, basin 830mm height cross head mixer tap, W/C height is 430mm. Walk in shower entrance 530mm, height to shower tap
- 1300mm cross head tap step up to shower 170mm. Overhead light pull cord
- 1250mm and shaver light



## Double Bedroom

- Door 700mm wide no steps
- Bed height 630mm, width 1530mm, length 2000mm, height under bed 40mm
- Two bedside tables with lamps and overhead lamp
- Leading to En suite Door 730mm
- Step up 190mm
- Basin height 830mm, cross head mixer tap
- W/C 430 height
- Walk in shower cubicle 540mm, height to shower tap 1360mm cross head,
- step to shower 160mm
- Overhead and one floor lamp and shaver light, height to pull cord 1600mm

## Second corridor leading to:

Two steps first 160mm high and 360 deep, second step 150mm high.

## Twin Bedroom

- Door width 700mm
- Beds 630mm high, 940mm wide and 2000mm long
- One bedside table, with two bedside lamps, one overhead lamp in room

## Corridor

Door 780mm, with electronic closing device

## Bathroom

- Entrance door, 740mm wide
- Height to basin 820mm cross head mixer tap
- Height to W/C 400mm
- Height to bath 550mm, with electric shower over and shower screen, width 690mm, length 1290mm, Individual cross head taps on bath.

## Double Bedroom

- Door width 710mm
- Bed height 700mm, width 1560mm length 2000mm, height under bed 310mm
- There are two bedside cabinets with table lamps on them, three sets of wall lights
  - Access to spiral staircase (fire exit)

## 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
- 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 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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