# **National Trust** National Trust Accessibility Guide

1 Lichfield Lodge, (007020) Shugborough Estate, Nr Stafford, Staffordshire, ST17 OXA



## Introduction

- 1 Lichfield Lodge is one part of two identical gate lodges onto the Shugborough estate. They are an old entrance which is now only accessible via foot or bicycle and sit either side of a historical entrance gate.
- The lodge is over two floors and has large windows on to the sitting room, and smaller low windows in the upstairs rooms.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

#### **Ground Floor:**

• Sitting room and kitchen

#### **First Floor:**

• Landing, double bedroom, and bathroom.

#### **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

# **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

• Access direct off the main road, down the tarmacked drive and parking is on the right-hand side in front of the lodges.











- Parking is 14 metres to the sitting room door; and 25 meters to the kitchen entry door at the back of the lodge. There is a hard-standing area, and enough room for one vehicle.
- The parking surface is tarmac, there is a gravel path to the back yard of the lodge, this is then tarmac again and then there is a slabbed pathway around the lodge.
- There is a wooden gate, this has a large pull handle to open and close the gate. The entry here is 1100mm wide.
- There is then a secondary picket fence to the back yard of the property, this has a bolt on it to open and close. The opening of this gate is 650mm.
- The key safe is located at the back of the lodge on the outbuilding, on the right-hand side, it is a roller dial key safe that lights up. You need to press the dials downwards to roll the dial to the correct numbers and then press the large black top button down to open the key safe down towards you.



## Getting in (and out) of the cottage



- The main entry door is through the kitchen door at the back of the lodge. There are three steps into the house, the deepest is 200mm high; the door opening width is 750mm. There is a light above it on a PIR sensor.
- There is another exit door off the sitting room, which has a step down of 250mm and is 880mm wide. There is a light above it on a PIR sensor.



# Getting around the cottage

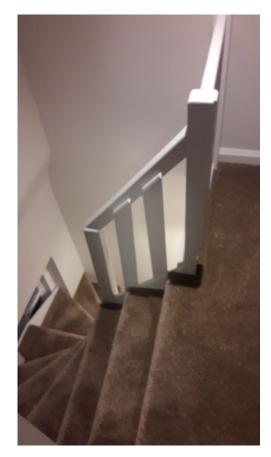
#### Ground floor:

- The ground floor is all on the same level, there are integrated mats by the outside doors, vinyl flooring in the kitchen and carpet in the sitting room.
- The door between the kitchen and sitting room and the door at the bottom of the stairs has an opening of 700mm



• The stairway is narrow and twists to the left as you go up, it has 15 steps, the highest being 210mm. The stair width at its narrowest point is 620mm. The steps are carpeted with handrail in the middle.





#### First floor:

• Stairs lead to landing, which the double bedroom and bathroom leads off, the bedroom and bathroom door opening widths are 630mm

#### **Sitting Room**

- Carpeted throughout with inset door mat
- A two-seater sofa with seat height of 500mm
- A breakfast table with a height of 750mm and two dining chairs with a seat height of 470mm.
- Television, Blu-ray and DVD player and all in one music system with CD player, USP, Bluetooth and DAB radio.







## Kitchen

- Height of worktop is 910mm
- Vinyl flooring with mat near exit door
- Electric freestanding cooker
- Electric appliances include fridge freezer, dishwasher, microwave, cordless kettle and toaster.

# **Double Bedroom**

- Carpeted flooring
- 5 ft bed 1510mm wide, bed height is 600mm
- There is a minimum walk way of 400mm around the bed
- There is an ottoman seat at the bottom of the bed with a height of 460mm



# Bathroom

- Vinyl flooring
- WC, basin, shower above bath and heated towel rail
- The WC is 430mm high, with a push button for the flush



- The sink is 820mm high, with separate turn taps
- The bath edge is 550mm from the floor and the bath is 360mm deep inside with a width of 550mm and 1500mm length inside.
- There is an electric shower with adjustable shower head height. It is a maximum of is 1850mm high from the bottom of the bath.



#### Garden

- Own private garden with courtyard area by back door.
- Garden area is mainly grass and fairly level.
- One garden table with a height of 730mm and two garden chairs with arms, with a seat height of 420mm



# **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

In addition to the standard equipment and facilities, each cottage is equipped with the following:

- Cordless kettle
- Chair with armrests in dining room and living room.
- 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)

We aim to provide these items in all cottages but please check when booking as to their availability and to check if new items have been added to the list.

#### **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 NT 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 this 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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