

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Penny Cottage

Port Gaverne

Port Isaac

Cornwall



Cottage Ref: 011070

Introduction

- Located approximately 500 yards from the beach. Penny Cottage is a small single storey, semi-detached building constructed with stone and cob walls under a pitched timber roof with slate tiles. Penny Cottage is a former fisherman's house. The front garden is enclosed.
- The house is heated by Dimplex Quantum electric heaters. There is also a wood burning stove in the sitting room.
- The cottage is not fully accessible but may suit people with some access needs as the cottage is all on one level with no varying floor level inside the cottage. There are three steps down to the garden and a step outside the back door. There is limited circulation space in the shower room/WC.
- The front door leads to the fully enclosed garden.
- The cottage has one bedroom and is furnished for two people.
- Emergency lighting is provided on the landing and downstairs hallway.

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

- The drive down into Port Gaverne is relatively steep down winding lanes which become busy during the season.

Arrival & Parking

- At the entrance to the courtyard, you will need to stop and get out of your vehicle to remove a link chain and cone which are in place to deter the public from parking here. Replace the cone and chain when you have parked. This is an historic area; the entrance and courtyard are uneven and may have some potholes.
- There is a parking space for one car in the car port outside the back door of the cottage.
- The car port has a maximum width of 2750mm and a maximum height of 2400mm.
- The key safe is on the wall to the left of the door. There is an outdoor light on the right-hand side. The light will come on automatically. The key safe is operated by pulling the front cover down and twisting numbers to combination and then pressing the sides to open. The key in this key safe is for the door into the kitchen. The height of the key safe from floor level is 1520mm. A torch is recommended, especially if arriving in the dark, as the numbers on the lock can be difficult to see.



Car port



Kitchen door showing key safe

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The back door opens into the kitchen which has a small threshold.
- The clear opening width of the kitchen door is 730mm.
- The light switch is on the right-hand side at a height of 1100mm.

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- The entrance to is via the kitchen door from the car port.
- Carpeted throughout with vinyl floors in kitchen and shower room/WC.
- From the kitchen, one door opens to the small sitting room with wood burning stove. A second door from the kitchen leads into the corridor and the shower room/WC.
- From the sitting room, a door opens to a small hall with wall mounted coat hooks and a part-glazed door to the garden.
- Across the hall is the bedroom.
- From the hall, the corridor leads round to the dining/reading room, shower room/WC and back to the kitchen.
- The cottage is all on one level apart from the steps down to the front garden.



Sitting Room

- The clear opening width of both sitting room doors is 750mm.
- The main light switch is to the left of the door at a height of 1200mm.
- One table lamp, one ceiling pendant.
- Windows overlooking garden.
- Two-seater sofa with seat height of 480mm, back height of 520mm.
- Wood burning stove.
- Side table 540mm high.
- 32-inch TV. DVD player.



Hall

- Wall-mounted coat coats
- Part glazed door to outside with three steps down to enclosed garden
- Doors to bedroom and sitting room
- Corridor leading to dining/reading room and on to shower/WC and kitchen

Dining room/reading room

- The clear opening width of the dining room door is 750mm.
- The main light switch is to the left of the door at a height of 1160mm.
- One ceiling lamp over dining table.
- A dining table with a knee clearance of 700mm.
- One carver style chair.
- Four chairs without arms. The chairs have a seat and back height of 440mm.
- Large bookcase (1290mm high) with large wall mirror over
- Side table with drawer and shelf 750mm high



Kitchen

- The clear opening width of the kitchen door is 750mm from the sitting room and 700mm from the hall.
- The main light switch is next to the door at a height of 1100mm.
- One fluorescent ceiling light.
- Single drainer sink. Mixer tap with lever controls.
- The sink is 940mm from floor level.
- Slot-in double oven with grill and ceramic hob, controls at a height of 920mm.
- Cooker hood with light above the ceramic hob.
- The kitchen worktops are 950mm from floor level.
- Freestanding fridge freezer inside a large pantry cupboard with shelving to the side.
- Freestanding washing machine.
- Microwave, cordless kettle and toaster.



Double Bedroom

- The clear opening width of the bedroom room door is 760mm.
- Main light switch to the left of the door at a height of 1150mm.
- Pendant central light fitting.
- Double bed with metal bedstead. 1600mm wide x 2000mm long x 700mm high.
- Bed in central position.
- Hook on back of door at a height of 1700mm.
- Four-drawer chest (760mm high) and two bedside cabinets with bedside lamps.
- Washstand 730mm high.



Shower Room/WC

- The clear opening width of the shower room door is 600mm.
- The main light switch is outside the door at a height of 1080mm.
- Central light fitting.
- Step into enclosed shower cubicle is 86mm high.
- The shower cubicle has a clear opening width of 360mm.
- Electric shower with controls at a height of 1700mm.
- Isolation switch for electric shower and towel rail outside the shower room at a height of 1880mm.
- Hand basin is 800mm high and has lever tap.
- Mirror light and shaver point above hand basin.
- The WC has a press button flush and a seat height of 420mm.
- Clothes hooks at a height of 1700mm.
- Electric towel rail.
- Part-glazed door from corridor with obscured glass.



Garden

- Enclosed lawned front garden
- Table (730mm high) and two chairs (440mm seat height).
- The front porch door has a clear opening width of 790mm.
- The three steps down from front porch each have a maximum height of 160mm.
- A gate from the front garden leads onto the lane. The gate has a maximum threshold of 1600mm.



Garden showing steps down from the hallway (Bedroom windows on left. Sitting room windows on right)



Gate from enclosed cottage garden onto the lane

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.
- Mobile phone signal is not reliable in the valley but good signal just up the hill towards Port Isaac.
- Carpets are man-made.
- Duvets and pillows are made of hollowfibre.
- Cushions are hollowfibre or man-made.



Facilities at all cottages

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

- Cordless kettle
- Good reading light
- Non-slip mat for bath/shower
- 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.

In Penny Cottage, please pre-request a large handle vegetable peeler and an easy jar opener.

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 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. 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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