

## **National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide**

Bureside 92, Itteringham Common Norfolk NR11 7AP Ref: 010006

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#### Introduction

- Bureside is a characterful semi-detached cottage situated in a riverside setting in the tiny Norfolk hamlet of Itteringham Common on the 4500 acre Blickling estate.
- The cottage has an enclosed garden, with paved seating area with additional access through a gate to a private stretch of riverbank alongside the meandering River Bure, the perfect place for a spot of fishing or evening drinks.
- The cottage has a wood burning stove with night storage heating included.
- The road to the cottage is long and windy, with the drive on a slight gradient.
- Once within the compound of the cottage gardens, there is a gravel path leading to the Front door, with one internal step.
- The Cottage is arranged as follows:
   Lobby, to the left is the bathroom with shower over bath, to the right is the Kitchen/dining-room with enclosed winder staircase leading too one double bedroom, one twin bedroom, two steps up from kitchen leads to sitting 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 provided with booking
- Please bring torch if arriving in dark, as there are no streetlights here.

## Approach

- The approach to the cottage is along a long uneven winding country road, in places with large puddles if there has been recent rain.
- The drive is a fairly narrow entrance with slight gradient, however expanding out after passing the wooden gate.



## **Arrival & Parking Facilities**



- The road leading to the property is winding with sharp corners.
- There is gravel parking available for two cars through a gate 2900mm wide. The parking area is outside the cottage next to the hedge.

## Getting in (and out) of the cottage





- The rear entrance door is 770mm wide with a 190mm high threshold
- Immediately inside the entrance door is a lobby which is 1630mm x 1300mm.
- The inner doors, kitchen to the right and bathroom to the left, are at right angles to the entrance door and are 770mm and 740mm wide respectively.

## Getting around the cottage

#### **Ground floor:**

- Level tiled flooring in the hall through to the kitchen natural pamment tiles are slightly uneven
- Level vinyl flooring in the bathroom
- Two steps up from the kitchen into the sitting room, (one tiled and one carpeted) the steps are 130mm high with a tread depth of 300mm followed by the second step at 150mm high
- Fitted carpet in the sitting room
- Sitting room door clearance of 770mm.
- Internal door widths vary from 740mm to 770mm

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#### First floor:

### **Kitchen**

- Height of worktop is 920mm by 60mm depth
- The door is 770mm Wide
- The kitchen has fitted units with a freestanding microwave, cooker with electric hob, fridge with ice box, washing machine. Sink has cross head pillar taps. Toaster and cordless kettle
- Circular wooden dining table seats 4 people with height of 760mm with a clear knee space of 710mm underneath.
- The chairs are wooden with seat height at 440mm

#### **Ground floor Bathroom**

- The Bathroom is 2200 mm wide and 1850mm long
- Bathroom door is 740mm wide opening in towards the bathroom
- Bathroom comprises lavatory, basin and bath with shower over bath (opposite end to taps).
- The WC is 420mm high
- The basin is 760mm high
- The internal bath area is 1400mm long x 600mm wide and 590mm high and has integral rails either side
- There is a 1600mm x 1100mm circulation space beside the bath.





## **Sitting Room**

- Door has a 770mm clear opening width
- Views onto the front garden
- Room has a 2-seater sofa and two wing-backed armchairs all with seat height of 430mm
- One floor standing lamp, one table lamp and one overhead ceiling lamp.
- Wood burning fire



## **Telephone/Other Rooms**

- Landline on windowsill at height of 820mm in sitting room
- Stair door clearance 750mm wide, with low height door head.
- 11 steps forming a right angle winder staircase are steep with narrow wedge shaped treads at the turn with a further 3 steps from a half landing outside the twin bedroom to reach the double bedroom. Height of steps varies between 190mm -210mm.
- Single wooden handrail on right hand side

#### Twin Bedroom

- After 11 steps the Twin bedroom is to the left with a 40mm step up
- Door is 770mm wide
- Looks across the river to the meadows at the rear of property.
- 1150 mm circulation space between the bed nearest to the door and the bottom of the bed.
- 750mm between the two single beds.
- Twin divan beds 600mm high x 1940mm long x940 mm wide. No clearance under the beds.
- Small bedside cabinet 690mm high with bedside lamp.
- Chest of drawers with 740mm height and 470mm depth
- Chair with seat height of 440 mm
- Wardrobe with single door width 760mm







#### **Double Bedroom**

- Another 3 straight steps up with height varying 190mm-240mm
- Door entrance 750mm
- Room size 3620mm x 3990mm
- Double bed 650mm high x 2000mm long x 1550mm wide. No clearance space under bed.
- 1350mm wide circulation space by bed on the door side and 1400mm clear space at the foot of the bed.
- Wardrobe, chest of drawers and chair with height of 440mm.
- Small bedside chest of drawers with table lamp each side both with height of 650mm
- Window height 600mm.

#### Garden

The garden is hedged for privacy and the river Bure runs along the bottom of the rear garden, which is accessed through a gate from the main garden. However, the river is not fenced so small children will need to be supervised.

### **Additional Information**

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- Dogs welcome at Bureside the garden is enclosed with wire fencing.
- 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 <u>may</u> include

- Cordless kettle
- Hollowfibre bedding
- Chair with armrests
- Good reading light
- Large handle vegetable peeler
- Easy tin opener & jar opener
- Non-slip mat for bath/shower
- 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 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 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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