

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide



Bolt Cottage

Address: Bolt Cottage, Wallington, Morpeth, Northumberland NE61 4AR.

Ref: 020035

Introduction

Bolt cottage is a double storey, two-bedroom cottage on the Wallington estate. It is accessed by going through the main entrance to Wallington estate, proceeding through the car park and towards the exit. Outside of normal hours when the main entrance is closed, access is via the exit to the estate. At the signpost for Bolt Cottage on the estate drive, you go down a small incline into the drive of the property where you walk across the parking area and along the path by the garden to the door. The property has one garden with a driveway and a grassed area for sitting on. There is a wooden gate that leads onto the

main roadside. There is also a stone staircase that leads to the main double, but it is only to be used as an emergency exit.

Heating and hot water run off kerosene heating oil which supplies the boiler.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

- Long entrance hallway with coat hooks and caretaker cupboard.
- To the left is a kitchen/diner. Further down the hallway on the left-hand side is a bathroom with an over shower bath, toilet and sink.
- Down a small step is the back door with bolts which must be left disengaged, to the left of the door is a utility room with a washer, dryer and sink in, and to the right is the boiler.
- To the right of the front door is the sitting room with an open fire. The staircase leads off from the sitting room.
- Upstairs there is a small landing, to left is a small step up leading to the double bedroom. To the right-hand side are 2 small steps up leading to the twin 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.
- Bring a torch if arriving in the dark.

Approach

The cottage is on the Wallington to estate. The property has its own driveway, so parking is here next to the house. The cottage itself is accessed by going through the entrance to the Wallington estate and following the road around, you then go down a small incline on the right hand side and this leads you to the parking area of the property. There is an open gap in the wall which is the entrance to the parking. There is a path leading off the driveway that takes you the front door. There is a wooden gate off the garden that leads out onto the main road. When the estate is closed, a notice board is placed at the main gates directing guests to access the cottage via the exit route.

Arrival & Parking Facilities



The parking for the property is a driveway which has a garage on. There is parking for three or four cars here, it is a gravel driveway.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Garden gate 75cm opening.
- External front door into hallway 90cm opening width, head height 194cm.
- One stone step at the front door 9cm high and 31cm deep leading into the property.
- Internal door from hallway to kitchen 90cm opening width, head height 197cm.
- Hallway from the back door has a hard-wearing matt carpet and is then laminate floor.
- The back door has one step up which is 18cm high and 43cm deep. The back door has 97cm opening width, head height 189cm. This leads into a hallway which has a laminate flooring. There are two steps leading up from hallway in front of the back door. These are 18cm high and 43cm deep.

Getting around the cottage

The cottage is spread over two levels. From the front door is a long hallway the depth of the house. To the left of the hallway is the kitchen/dining room. At the end of the hallway are two steps down leading to the backdoor. To the left of the backdoor is a utility area containing a sink and washer/dryer. To the right of the front door leading off the hallway is the sitting room. At the back of sitting room is the staircase leading to an upstairs landing. To the left of the landing is a double bedroom containing an emergency fire escape. To the right a few steps up leading to the twin room.

Sitting room



The sitting room is accessed through the door leading from the hallway. The door is 84cm wide with a head height of 197cm high.

- Tilled stone floor with rug across centre of the floor.
- Log burner on raised stone area.
- One sofa with footstool both 45cm high and two armchairs 44cm high.
- Three wooden nest tables that slot under each other.
- One big cabinet that has two small drawers and two doors that open out.

- Tv that's stood on a wooden tv stand with a DVD player and Freeview box on the shelf.
- There is one main ceiling light and two small table lamps.
- Ample circulation space within living room.

Kitchen/Diner



The kitchen leads off the left of the hallway. The doorway has an opening range of 90cm wide and a head height of 197cm.

- Height of work tops 90cm high.
- Fitted units with wall mounted units.
- Microwave and freestanding electric cooker, cordless kettle & toaster.
- Standard height fridge with freezer.
- Mixer taps on sink.
- Wooden table that sits four people 74cm in height. The chairs are 47cm.

Utility area

The utility area leads off the very end of the hallway at the back door. It is an open space and there is doorway. There is a sink 84cm in height a bench 9cm in height above the washer/dryer. The washer is a combined washing dryer. The utility area bench area is 94cm high.

Staircase

The staircase leading to upstairs is at the back of the sitting room. The stairs are 17cm high and 24cm high, there is a landing halfway up where the stairs go off to the left. At the top of the stairs is a small landing. To the left of the landing is the double and to the right is the twin.

Double room



The doorway to the double room is 79cm wide and has a head height of 96cm.

- The bed is a wooden frame, the metres is 61cm in height and 210cm in length.
- There are two bedside cabinets 60cm in height each of which has a drawer.
- There is a double mirrored wardrobe with sliding doors which is 2m high.
- There is a chest of drawers 77cm in height with 6 drawers.
- There is also a dressing table 77cm in height, stool 47cm high.
- There is one main ceiling light and two table lamps.
- There is a fire escape door at the back of the property 87cm wide and a head height of 182cm.

- Please note that a bedside table must not be placed in front of the emergency exit, as this presents an obstacle to egress in the event of a fire emergency.

Twin room



There are two steps from the landing up to the twin room, these are 15cm high and 41cm deep plus 1 small step 3cm high. The doorway is 69cm wide and has a head height of 169cm at the highest point.

- Two wooden framed single beds with a mattress height of 62cm and 2m in length.
- One bedside cabinet between both beds containing 3 pull out drawers. Cabinet is 60cm in height.
- There is one chest of drawers with 3 pull out drawers 77cm in height.
- There is one ceiling light and one table lamp.

Bathroom



The bathroom is on the ground floor to the left-hand side past the kitchen. The doorway is 68cm wide and has a head height of 198cm.

- The bathroom has an over the bath shower with a glass screen. The bath is 63cm high and 1.7m in length. The shower head is adjustable.
- Wash hand basin with cross head taps height 82cm.
- Free standing toilet 41cm in height.
- Mirrored cabinet attached onto the wall.
- Free standing towel rail.

Garden



The garden has a grassed area to the front of the house with a table and chairs for sitting in. There is also a free-standing wooden garage and a stone driveway surrounded by a brick wall. The entrance to the driveway is open, therefore the garden is not enclosed.

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. We do upgrade furniture and appliances, so the actual presentation when you arrive may differ slightly.

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 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

We are currently in the process of writing accessibility guides for all our holiday cottages and bunkhouses 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. 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 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. Email: cottages@nationaltrust.org.uk
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