

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

The Dairy House, Blickling

Cottage ref  
010041



### Cottage details

Sleeps: 5

Bedrooms: 3

Let starts: Thursday

Min stay: 3

Dogs allowed: No

Acorn rating: 4

## Introduction

This cottage is in the grounds of Blickling hall, close to Blickling church. It is within a peaceful secluded setting with a private enclosed garden.

The cottage is an old dairy house. A sunny garden, with shade provided by the woodland. There are 7 rooms on the ground floor and 3 on the first floor.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

### Ground floor

kitchen, lavatory, dining room, front lobby, panelled sitting room with multi-fuel stove, double bedroom (with 5' bed) with shower and lavatory.

### First floor

Two bedrooms (1 twin, which can be a 6' double bed on request and 1 single) 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

## Approach

- The access driveway is used by the general public on foot and is also the route to disabled parking and coach drop off.

## Arrival & Parking Facilities



## Parking

There is parking for four cars within the garden.

The parking area is 18m from the cottage, from the car parking area there is downwards gradient gravelled path leading to the entrance door.

The key safe is to the right hand side of the door at 1350mm high





Garden: There is an enclosed garden to the rear.

Accessibility: Entrance to the cottage is through the rear of the building immediately into the kitchen.

## Getting in (and out) of the cottage



Above is the entrance path to the cottage, with the downwards gradient. There is a uneven concrete surface at the top.







## **Getting around the cottage**

### **Ground floor:**

Upon entering the cottage there are 2 steps to reach the kitchen level. With the kitchen, cloakroom, hallway and dining room all on the same level. Into the hall leading to the lounge there is a small step up over a door ledge, followed by another door ledge into the lounge.

There are two steps up into the double bedroom, following through there is a hallway with exterior door and shower room.

### **First floor:**

The stairs are in the hallway which consists of 13 steps, once up the stairs the single bedroom and bathroom are on the same level, with the twin bedroom being up a further 3 steps.

## **First Floor**

### **Entrance hall**

Door has width of 830mm

Door ledge has a 70mm step up by 150mm flat with a metal ridge at 110mm depth with a further 10mm height. Step down off the ledge is 40mm depth of step upon entrance 1190mm with a step down of 110mm by a depth off 290mm followed by step down off 100mm



Leading directly into the kitchen





Height of worktop is 900mm by 610mm depth

The kitchen has fitted units with a freestanding microwave, dishwasher, cooker with electric hob, fridge, freezer. Ceramic Sink has cross head pillar taps. Toaster and cordless kettle, radio.

Small oval wooden dining table seats 2 people with table height of 720mm.

The chairs are wooden with seat height at 440mm

The minimum clearance is 1580mm between the two walls.

Light switch is at height 1300mm (8) directional spotlights controlled by two switches.

Door leading into cloakroom with 760mm width.

Archway of width 770mm with height 1970mm leading through to remaining cottage





Archway leading to remaining cottage



Cloakroom door

**Ground floor cloakroom**

760mm door width  
800mm basin height  
400mm toilet height  
minimum clearance is 760mm  
pull cord light switch from mm 780

**Hallway**

Door leading into cupboard is 760mm wide.

Door leading through to dining area is 760mm wide.

Staircase in hallway consists of 13 steps with width 880mm on parallel steps – between the 3rd and 8<sup>th</sup> steps vary between 180mm – 200mm height and 100mm – 500mm depths due to the angles.

Hand rail at 730mm from steps landing is 800mm wide

Stairgates at both bottom and top of staircase.



**Dining Room**





Above is photograph of door leading into dining room from the hallway.



Wooden circle table seating 5 people with height off 730mm  
 5 chairs, 1 with arms at height 460mm with arms at 670mm  
 Minimum clearance is 1130mm  
 Old fireplace surround  
 Light switch at height 1320mm

Door with width 880mm with step up of 20mm by depth 100mm the corridor has clearance of 880mm with an exterior door positioned on the right hand side and cleaner's cupboard on the left. Continuing through the corridor is a step up off 10mm and door with width of 840mm leading through too living area.

First door from the dining area into living area.



Second door from dining area into the living area.



Door in hallway leading to the front garden.



Step down of 33mm out of door onto door ledge.

## **Sitting Room**







Light switch at 1250mm

Door has an 840mm clear opening width with step up of 5mm by depth of 20mm and step down of 10mm

Views onto the front garden & back garden

Wood burning stove, with tiled floor surround with a 10mm height ledge.

Room has a 2 x 3-seater sofa's and one wing-backed armchair, sofa seats at height of 460mm with armchair at height of 440mm

One floor standing lamp, one table lamp on table with height 700mm.

Wooden chest with height off 400mm

Minimum clearance is 600mm

Television cabinet at height 840mm

Large rug in centre off room

Door off lounge leading to double bedroom

First door with width off 840mm, followed by a step up off 200mm by depth of 270mm by another step up off 180mm by depth 150mm with immediate door with width of 830mm and step down off 30mm.





**Double Bedroom**



Door dimensions is as mentioned in lounge access information



Double bed with dimensions 720mm high x 1940mm long x 1500 mm wide.

Clearance of 400mm under the bed.

2 x Bedside cabinet with 750mm high both with bedside lamps.

Minimum clearance is 1060mm

Chest of drawers with 830mm height with table lamp on

Dairy feature surrounding 3 walls of room with height off 650mm and depth of 640mm

Door leading through into hallway which contains wardrobe, door too shower room and exterior door.

Door is 910mm wide, with step up of 20mm by depth of 50mm by step up of 10mm.

Wardrobe is 970mm wide with double doors.

Exterior door measures at 780mm wide with sloping ledge of 190mm length and step down off 130mm.





**Ground floor Bathroom**







Shower step up



Door ledge

Shower room consists of WC, basin and shower

Door is 760mm

Step down of 10mm

The WC is 430 mm high

The basin is 800mm high

There is a step up of 260mm then step down of 100 mm across a gradient with 80mm depth into the shower.

The shower door 640mm wide folds to the right into two 320mm panels

The light switch is at height 1230mm

## **Other Rooms**

Downstairs Hallway

## **Upstairs**

## **Single Bedroom**



Door width 760mm  
Bed dimensions are 930mm width, 600mm height and 1900mm long.  
Chest of drawers at height 810mm  
Bedside cabinet at height 740mm  
Sloping roof from height 830mm  
wardrobe with width 800mm and depth of 430mm.

### **Twin / double Bedroom**

4 Steps into twin bedroom from hallway with heights varying between 130mm -150mm high and 250mm depth with hand rail at 700mm height from steps.







Door is 670mm wide

Looks across to the front & back garden.

500mm minimum circulation space.

Two divan beds is 600mm high x 1900mm long x 1800mm wide. Small bedside cabinet two corner cabinets of 900mm with table lamp on both.

Chest of drawers with 850mm height

Chair with seat height of 460 mm

Door for built in wardrobe is 600mm

Light switch at 1300mm

Windows are surrounded by a lower ceiling height.

When bed is a superking measurements above are correct however when a twin layout measurements are slightly varied, these are listed below

Two divan beds are 600mm high, 1900mm long and 900mm wide, with 250mm between.

Minimum clearance in bedroom is 400mm each side of bed

### **Upstairs bathroom**

Bathroom door is 760mm wide opening in towards the bathroom

Step down of 20mm

The WC is 430mm high

The basin is 810mm high

The internal bath area is 1170mm long x 460mm wide and 400mm high and has hand rail at 420mm above bottom of internal bath. The height of bath from external side is 550mm

Minimum clearance 820mm

Sloping roof at height 1000mm

Towel rail

Light cord at 1560mm high



### **Garden**

There is an enclosed garden to the rear.







To get onto the grass there is a step up of 300mm from the gravelled path to left of property and 150mm to the left looking down from car park

### **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
  - 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 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 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.

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