

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Ickworth Keeper's Cottage, Ickworth, IP29 5QE

Cottage ref. 010051

Introduction

- Keeper's Cottage is a two-storey semi-detached Victorian brick and slate cottage
- Sleeps eight in four bedrooms
- One upstairs bathroom with bath and separate shower cubicle; one ensuite shower room, one downstairs cloakroom
- Open fire in sitting room
- Garden to west; another garden to the north and east of the cottage, partly shaded by woods



** Please note that all door widths given indicate the clearance required for access*

The cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor:

- L-shaped hall leading to main sitting room, ground floor (king size bedded) room, cloakroom, utility and kitchen-diner

First Floor:

- Stairs with two 90 degree turns
- Landing leading to king size, twin and super-king size bedrooms (can be a twin on request)
- En-suite shower room off super-king size bedroom
- Bathroom with bath & separate shower cubicle

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 a torch if arriving in the dark as there are no streetlights here

Approach

- A road leading to a track (both with some potholes) leads through the estate to the cottage
- The cottage sits by a green around which are dotted a few other tenanted cottages and the rangers' office and workshop
- There is a pond nearby

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is a gravel parking area at the end of the cottage's garden with a concrete path bordering the exterior of the garden wall
- A gate (1070mm wide) opens onto a gently upwards sloping concrete path 910mm wide
- The 23m long path leading to the porch within the rear walled garden is cracked and uneven
- The illuminated dial keysafe is to the right of the entrance door within the porch



Approach



Parking area



Path from parking area



Entrance door / porch

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The main entrance door is 850mm wide with a 95mm threshold
- Opens onto an L-shaped hall

Getting around the cottage

Entrance Hall:

- 825mm at its narrowest
- Carpeted plus two rugs and entrance matwell



Front door threshold



Sitting room

Sitting room:

- Door 700mm wide
- Two three-seater sofas with seat height of 450mm
- A two-seater sofa and two armchairs with seat height of 470mm
- Television upon a table 650mm high
- Open fire with mirror over mantelpiece
- Windows facing west over the side garden, and north and east over the main garden
- Four ceiling lights; two table lamps on side tables 600mm, 700mm and 730mm high
- Three other small side tables 370mm, 530mm and 700mm high
- Two floor standing lamps
- Carpeted plus two rugs



Ground floor Hall



Cloak room



Utility room



Ground floor bedroom

Ground Floor Bedroom:

- Door 920mm wide
- King size divan bed (150cm wide) 650mm high; 250mm space underneath
- 1 two-seater sofa with seat height of 480mm
- Small television (18 inch screen) upon a small chest of drawers 680mm high
- Two bedside cabinets 870mm high
- Bookcase 200mm deep, 1180mm high and a low side table 290mm / Telephone handset
- Wall mirror above bookcase
- Window facing west over the front garden
- Wooden & glazed door to garden 820mm wide with 60mm high stone threshold
- Two ceiling lights; two bedside lamps 400mm high with glass shades
- Carpeted and mat by door to garden

Cloakroom

- Door 850mm wide – lino flooring, ceiling light
- Narrowest gap to manoeuvre into the room is 700mm
- Toilet seat height: 410mm
- Basin height: 860mm with Lever taps and mirror over basin
- East-facing frosted window overlooking the main garden

Utility

- Part-glazed door 720mm wide - lino flooring, ceiling light
- Worktop height: 920mm
- Sink and draining board with small lever taps
- Washing machine; tumble drier
- Fuse box at high level (2m10)
- East-facing window overlooking the main garden

Kitchen-diner:

- Part-glazed door 720mm wide
- Threshold: level with tiled kitchen-diner; 50mm higher than carpeted hall
- Fitted units at ground and eye-level
- Dishwasher, fridge-freezer, electric hob, oven, microwave, toaster, kettle & CD player / radio
- Worktop height is 920mm
- Double sink and draining board; taps with small levers
- Wooden dining table is 750mm high with clear knee space of 620mm
- Eight wooden dining chairs with cushioned seats; seat height 460mm, back 550mm high from seat – wooden High chair
- Dresser 470mm deep with main surface 920mm high
- Kitchen window overlook main garden (east facing); dining window over main rear garden
- Ceiling light above dining table; strip of spotlights over kitchen



Hall to kitchen threshold



Kitchen area



Dining area

Stairs

Nineteen steps with two gentle 90 degree right-hand turns

- Steps are 180mm high wide treads but narrowing on corners
- Handrail on outer side
- Carpeted

Landing

- Door-less entry to landing 1.78m high - carpeted
- Airing cupboard and adjacent cupboard with boiler and heating controls, iron/board and vacuum. Two convector heaters stored within this cupboard



Landing towards bathroom



Stairs



Ensuite



Bathroom



Shower cubicle

Bathroom

- Door 720mm wide
- Door-less wide entry to shower and toilet area within main bathroom 1.8m high
- Shower cubicle: 110mm threshold; shower tray 20mm higher than floor level; 620mm door width; 800mm minimum internal width / depth
- Toilet seat height: 420mm
- Bath: 580mm high; 530mm internal width between grab-rails; 1500mm internal length
- Sink height: 800mm
- Lever taps
- Non-slip mat
- Wooden chair with cushioned seat; seat height 460mm
- Central light flush to ceiling; further flush ceiling light in shower / toilet area; shaving light above mirror above sink
- East-facing window overlooking the main garden

King Size Bedroom

- Door 720mm wide
- King size divan bed 650mm high; 250mm space underneath
- Two bedside cabinets 790mm high, each with a table lamp, glass shades
- Off-centre ceiling light
- Wooden upholstered chair with cushioned seat; seat height 400mm
- Cupboard / wardrobe 730mm wide
- Mirror-topped chest of drawers 760mm high to surface
- Carpeted
- West-facing window overlooks the side garden and allotment, paddocks further of

Twin Bedroom

- Door 880mm wide; 1.79m high
- Two single divan beds 660mm high; 250mm space under beds
- One bedside cabinet 770mm high with one table lamp
- Central ceiling light
- Mirror-topped chest of drawers 820mm high to surface
- 2 small wooden chairs 450mm seat height
- Cupboard / wardrobe 680mm; another cupboard 420mm wide
- West-facing window overlooks the side garden
- Carpeted



King



Twin



Super king

Super King Size Bedroom

- Door 880mm wide; 1.79m high
- Two single divans zip linked to 180cm size 670mm high; 250mm space underneath
- Two bedside cupboards 760mm high, each with a table lamp
- Central ceiling light
- 2 wooden chairs with cushioned seats; 460mm seat height
- Cheval mirror
- Mirror-topped chest of drawers 1110mm high to surface
- Walk-in wardrobe/dressing area access 660mm wide – hanging rails and ceiling light
- Carpeted
- West-facing window overlooks the side garden

En-suite

- Door 720mm wide
- Shower cubicle: 270mm step up into the cubicle; 720mm door width; 830mm minimum internal width / depth
- Sink height: 800mm
- Lever taps
- Toilet seat height: 420mm
- Central light flush to ceiling; spotlight in shower cubicle; shaving light / mirror above basin
- East-facing window overlooking the main garden

Garden

- Good-sized **main garden at rear** laid to lawn, entirely enclosed by walls
- Concrete path from parking area to front door – rough cast surface, level/slight gradient
- Metal garden table height 760mm; 730mm knee space on paved patio level with lawn height
- 8 metal chairs, seat height 440mm
- Low row of outbuildings, one unlocked for storage – cycles etc
- Small **front garden** with low fence accessed from ground floor bedroom
- Mainly lawn, with a few espaliered trees and shrubs planted by the house and wall to the north



Front garden



Main rear garden

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.

[Hire or borrow a wheelchair | British Red Cross](#)

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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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