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National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide



Polesden Garden Cottage

Polesden Lacey
Dorking
Surrey
RH5 6BD

Ref: 001015

Introduction

- 19th Century detached cottage located within the Polesden Lacey Estate, and nearby to the main House.
- Access to the private garden and the property grounds including the nearby Rose Garden
- Situated on level ground. Polesden Lacey has also made many access improvements over the years.
- LPG Gas central heating
- Accommodates 6 + cot
- Free Wi-Fi

The cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor:

- Sitting room with wood burning fire, kitchen/dining room, utility room, 1 double En-suite with shower room, one twin bedroom, separate lavatory.

Stairs to first floor:

- 12 risers with 2 fan stairs at the bottom. Staircase 820mm wide. Mop-stick handrail at 780mm from riser. Carpeted.
- Small upper landing and inter-level steps on the first floor
- One step of 220mm leading up to double bedroom.
- 2 further steps up to bathroom of 180mm and 170mm high.

First Floor:

- 1 double bedroom (King size), family bathroom with roll top bath.

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.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Rural location. Located along an unmade track with large potholes. The road is regularly used by farm traffic and horse riders so is uneven and unsuitable for vehicles with low ground clearance. Paths are generally wide around the cottage itself.
- Parking near to the cottage for 2 cars
- Path to cottage at 900mm clear width. Firm and level surface with light gravel dressing.
- Other routes around the cottage are made up of paving slabs.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Entry is to the side of the single storey extension to this two-storey building. The key safe is located to the left of the kitchen door.
- Threshold of 75mm at kitchen door which is used as the main entrance. (Main door at the front not generally used and has a step in excess of 180mm)
- Single staircase – emergency egress route through lounge and kitchen or via the front door.

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor

- Kitchen/diner leads onto the sitting room (level access) – with a straight approach. Door width into the lounge of 790mm. Terracotta tiles. Loose coir mat on the inside of the kitchen door.
- Pantry with tiled floor and with washing machine, is located off the main kitchen. Doorway clear width of 700mm. No step.
- Level access into twin bedroom. Doorway width of 800mm.
- Door into the inner lobby opens off the sitting room at 790mm wide but the fireplace shelf reduces the available space to 720mm.
- Door to double bedroom leading from the inner lobby. Door width is 750mm. The double bedroom has an en-suite shower and WC – there is a very low threshold of approximately 8mm at doorway.
- Door into the shower room is 650mm wide
- Door into separate WC is 680mm wide.
- Small inner lobby also leads to the stairs. Irregular shape and may make turning into the double room difficult if using anything other than a manual wheelchair.
- Surfaces are generally of terracotta tiles in wet areas with rugs or timber floorboards with rugs elsewhere

First Floor

- One large double bedroom
- Separate large bathroom

Kitchen (triple aspect)

- Large space with traditional kit-out. Large kitchen/dining table to seat 4 with ease and 6 with extension in place. 4 dining chairs and a double bench with back rest.
- Butler sink
- Oven/Hob at 910mm. Clear controls. Ceramic hob.
- Height of worktop is 930mm from floor
- Large Integrated Fridge/Freezer
- A pantry is located off the kitchen with tiled floor & contains the washing machine.
- Controls are easy to read.
- Good lighting in this area, with natural light from large windows and artificial lights

Living room (Single aspect)

Sitting Room

- Door at 790mm.
- Lounge with large window allowing lots of natural light
- 2 double settees with straight arms 450mm to seat.
- Single armchair. Low arms. 450mm to seat
- Single armchair with wooden frame and fixed arms. 450mm to seat
- Wall lights and table lamps.
- Illumination levels good
- Wood burning fire
- Timber floorboards and rug with rug gripper.



Twin bedroom (Single aspect)

- Reached through the Sitting Room
- Metal framed beds at 600mm (H) and 1900 (L)
- Wall light above each bed
- Natural light from the large window overlooking the kitchen gardens
- Small wardrobe
- Chest of drawers



Double bedroom (Single aspect)

- Bed with space under. 600mm to top. Foot board.
- Moderate circulation space
- 2 Bed-side tables with bed-side lights
- Small chest of drawers and wardrobe.



En-suite shower room (Single aspect)

- Door width 650mm, entered through the double bedroom)
- 2670 (L) x 1670mm (W) Good circulation space
- Sliding shower door, with handle inside the shower
- Sink at 830mm with cross-taps. Light over sink
- WC at 430mm – high cistern with chain
- Rail to wall

Separate WC

- WC height at 430mm to seat. High Cistern.
- Not accessible as inward opening door. Located at the bottom of the staircase.

Stairway to first floor

- Twelve steps, carpeted.
- Bannister is to one side only at 780mm.
- Illumination levels are reasonable on the stairway with artificial lighting

Master Bedroom (Single aspect)

- 5ft bed – 600mm (H) and 1900mm (L)
- 2 Bed-side light
- 2 Bed-side tables.
- 2 sets of double sockets
- Carpeted floor
- Low window with views over garden



Bathroom – single aspect

- Large roll top bath.
- Mixer shower attachment over bath
- WC with high level cistern
- Timber floorboards
- Large room with very good circulation

Garden

- Two patio areas one outside the kitchen and private gardens. One table and four chairs at the back of the cottage. One table and six chairs on the grassed area in front of the cottage.
- Route onto the main estate.
- Mostly level

Wi-Fi

- National trust free Wi-Fi

Additional Information

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.

<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 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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