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National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Stonechat, Dunwich Heath, ref. 010003

Introduction

- Stonechat is a first floor open-plan apartment within the brick-built Coastguard Cottages buildings at Dunwich Heath; the building also houses two other holiday apartments, a privately let house, tearoom and offices
- Sleeps two in one double bed
- Shower room
- Small, shared fenced garden laid largely to lawn at front of the building & gravel garden with bench adjacent to front door



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

The cottage is arranged as follows:

Front door opens onto the open plan apartment with sleeping area to the left, sitting area to the right with kitchen beyond and dining table. The shower room with toilet is situated past the far end of the kitchen.

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

- Stonechat is within the Coastguard Cottages at NT Dunwich Heath, approached via a tarmacked road

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is a designated parking space opposite the western end of the Coastguard Cottages by Heath Barn
- Vehicular access to the area north of the Coastguard Cottages is possible for unloading only – no parking here as it is a Site of Special Scientific Interest
- From opposite the parking space, a wide vehicular wooden gate gives access to a stony, grassy, broken tarmac track to the north of the Coastguard Cottages
- A pedestrian gate 850mm wide in the concrete wall gives access to a concrete path leading to the entrance door

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Entrance door to building: 700mm wide; 1.88m high; concrete step up 140mm; wooden threshold 60mm; metal threshold 20mm
- Lobby: one pendant; coir floor mat
- Staircase: 13 steps up with maximum height of 200mm; carpeted
- Upper landing: one pendant; carpeted plus a door mat
- The keysafe is on the wall to the left of the front door 1300mm high – turned barrel for keycode
- Door to apartment: 690mm wide; 1.95m high



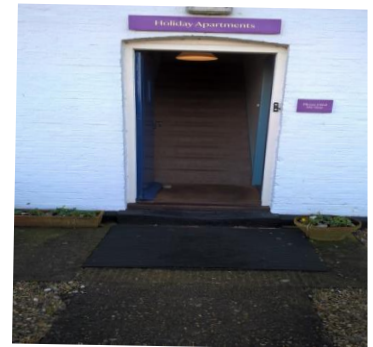
Entrance gate for vehicular loading area



Entrance track from tarmacked road



Gate from track to front door



Step, entrance door & stairs

Getting around the cottage

Sleeping area

- Divan double bed: 650mm high
- Narrowest space between bed & wall: 520mm
- One bedside cupboard: 720mm high
- Second bedside cabinet: 640mm
- Built-in cupboard: 1.2m access width, pull handle 1100mm to middle
- Electric radiator heating
- Two bedside lights
- Window to the south overlooking the heath, coast and RSPB Minsmere towards Sizewell power station
- Carpet

Sitting area

- Two fabric armchairs: seat heights 440mm; seat back heights 48mm

- Wooden table with DVD player: 520mm high
- Wall-mounted television: 970mm high at base
- One pendant light
- Carpet



Entrance to Stonechat with keysafe to left of door

Dining area

- Wooden table: 750mm high; 620mm knee space
- Two wooden chairs: seat height 450mm; seat back 420mm
- Electric radiator heating
- Carpet

Kitchen area

- Worktop height: 930mm
- Ground and wall mounted cupboards, the latter 490mm above worktop
- Oven & hob, microwave, toaster, kettle, under counter fridge with ice box, and sink with lever taps
- Two pendant lights
- Cooker hood 660mm above counter
- Storage cupboard knob handle base 660mm and wall 580mm above counter
- Window facing north over heath and coast towards Southwold
- Lino floor

Shower room

- Door: 720mm wide, 1.93m high
- Shower with sliding door: step up 190mm, then 90mm down; 400mm entrance width
- Basin height: 850mm; lever taps
- Wooden chair seat: 460mm back: 480mm
- Shelf: 1.18m high
- One flush ceiling light
- Lino floor
- Toilet seat height: 450mm
- One pendant light
- Window facing north over heath and coast towards Southwold

- Lino

Outside

- **Small east-facing fenced/walled garden with self-closing gate**, gravel with concrete path, shrubs, trees and a hedge:
 - Shared with one other holiday apartment
 - Wooden bench: 39cm seat height back: 54cm
 - Wooden table height: 72cm and three chairs seat height: 43cm back: 54cm

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 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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