

## **Mottistone Garden Access Statement**

The garden is set in a south facing valley surrounding an attractive manor house and has a Mediterranean style planting scheme including drought tolerant plants from subtropical regions.

### **Contact details**

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### **Points to note**

- There is reasonable mobile phone reception across most of the site.
- Assistance dogs are welcome throughout the property and this is signed on the Visitor Reception entrance door. There is a water bowl along the side of this building which is refilled regularly or can be filled on request.
- The courtyard and pathways are loose gravel.
- The pathways are generally steep and require a strong pusher.
- The WCs and Tea Garden are close to the reception and shop and are accessible by wheelchair with a strong pusher.

### **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

- There are brown signs within 200 metres of the property. The entrance is signed and the main car park is down a short driveway.
- The main car park surface is partly gravelled with grass parking bays.
- There are 3 designated spaces for blue badge holders, on a firm grassed surface, in the main car park. These spaces are the shortest distance from the Visitor Reception.
- Cycle racks are available in the main car park.
- A drop off facility is also available at the front gate. If the blue badge holder is the driver, please contact us ahead of your visit and we can advise you on parking.
- There is an overflow car park to the left of the entrance drive which is only used for events. This is a field usually used for grazing sheep.
- The path down the steep entrance slope to the Visitor Reception is gravel and involves steps



Steps from car park to Visitor Entrance      Pathway from Car Park

## WCs

- There are WCs next to the Visitor Reception building, including a right-hand transfer accessible WC with space to turn a wheelchair through 1000mm diameter circle. There are no adult changing facilities but baby changing facilities are available here. All the WCs have automatic hand driers, tiled floors and plastered walls and painted wooden surfaces, with led lights.



Path to toilets

## Visitor Reception and Shop

- From the car park along a gravel driveway with a slope of 1:8 towards the archway of the barn you will find the visitor reception and shop. The single entrance door is non-power operated, approx 900mm wide, opens inwards to about 90 degrees. Staff and volunteers can assist with opening the door if required.
- The surfacing in this area is stone. There is very little natural light from the doors and very small windows. Lighting is provided by a track system using spotlights.
- The reception desk is over 1000mm high but there is a lower area, approx 750mm high, which the reception team can also use for admission and membership enquiries.
- Staff and volunteers are able to assist with service here and with lifting and carrying goods if required.
- There is currently no induction loop but one will be purchased by the end of the season. There is space for a 1500mm diameter turning circle in front of the reception desk but the route should be straight to the shop, WC area or off to the Manor. There are no seats provided but the reception team can assist with this if a seat is needed.
- There is circulation space between the tables of around 1200mm and some of the goods on the central tables are reachable by wheelchair users and children. There is space here to use a powered mobility vehicle or powered wheelchair.



Path to Visitor Entrance



Visitor Reception Entrance ( Right hand door ) Exit ( Left hand door )

## The Shack

- There are 5 wooden steps each about 150mm high with wooden handrails at each side. The entrance to The Shack is a single wooden door 70cm wide that opens inwards to 90 degrees. Immediately behind that is an internal door 65cm wide opening inwards to 90 degrees. It is a small open planned room with cork tile flooring with 2 stainless steel ladders to separate bunk beds and a small en suite shower and toilet.



Steps up to the Shack



Entrance to the Shack

## Food and Beverage

- The Tea Garden is mainly level with a mixture of loose gravel and lawn with stone paving under the pergola seating area.
- Mostly outdoor seating with tables some of which can accommodate wheelchairs.
- The counter is over 850mm high. Staff and volunteer team members are available to assist with service and carrying of trays.
- The width between the tables is approximately 1000mm.
- There is no induction loop at the counter but one will be purchased this season.
- Members of visitor groups can sit at tables, if queuing is difficult, and one member of the group can ask a team member for assistance.
- Menus are available in standard print and there are large handled cutlery and straws available.



**Garden**

Step free access to the formal garden is via a fairly steep loose gravel slope.

- The garden is set in a south facing valley and within the formal garden it is designed into as a series of 'outdoor rooms', each enclosed by hedging or low walls. Each section has at least one bench and is fairly level but has some slopes. There are some steps within this area, none have handrails and most have uneven surfaces of loose gravel and lawn. It is difficult to access the garden without using steps. Path surfaces vary between gravel, paving stones and grass.

Please see the current map of the garden for more information.

**Date**

16<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## Map



### Top 5 things to see at Mottistone

- The colourful double herbaceous border **7**
- The tranquil lower garden **3**
- The Shack **17**
- The view from the View Point **15**
- The flowerpot people - for you to find!

### How much time do you have?

**1 hour:** See the double herbaceous border, enjoy a treat in the tea-garden or visit the shop in the entrance barn.

**2 hours:** Wander around the garden and explore the hidden pathways leading to the higher levels.

**3+ hours:** Have a leisurely stroll around the garden then take a short walk up to the Long Stone.

### What to do when it's wet

- Borrow an umbrella from the entrance barn.
- Look around the Shack.
- Shelter undercover in the tea-garden.
- Run around in the rain in the orchard.
- Browse inside the shop.