

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Cottage Ref. 003002

Heathlands 1

Corfe Castle



Introduction

This is the conversion of a former nurses' home which formed part of the Isolation Hospital. The building is listed and the interior is all on one level. The Cottage has a sloping drive and is suitable for ambulant disabled people as there are two twin and one double bedroom on the level with a large bathroom with shower over and WC also on the same level. Doors are generally wide and there are no internal changes of level to the key areas.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor: hall, open-plan dining/sitting room with electric fire, kitchen, rear porch/utility area, three bedrooms (2 twin and 1 double), bath with shower over and WC

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 are provided with your booking

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- The directions offered by the NT Contact Centre are good and are best followed rather than relying on the post-code alone
- The Parking area is on the drive in front of the cottage. Sufficient room for two cars, with additional space available below the cottage

Approach

- The lane leading to the Heathlands is well signed at the junction with the main road
- This is a remote spot but the surrounding area is reasonably flat.
- Heath-land around the cottage is undulating and can be boggy in places

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The entry door has a step with total height of 170mm
- The key-safe is located at high level 1750mm to centre
- Weather mat to interior
- Cottage identification is clear

Getting around the cottage

- Open plan lounge/sitting-room and dining-area
- Doors are more than 750mm clear width
- Floors are firm and level and have a vinyl covering
- Corridor is 900mm wide .
- Illumination levels good

Kitchen



U shaped kitchen with reasonable space 1.8m between cabinets

- Cabinets on walls
- Height of worktop is 920mm from floor
- Microwave, electric oven and hob
- Large fridge and freezer
- Door through to rear porch/back door and utility area containing a washing machine and work surface
- Rear door width 850mm
- Level access outside of rear door onto soft grassed area
- Radiator
- Spotlights in ceiling

Sitting/Dining Area



- Two 2-seater sofas with arm height at 690mm and seat height at 470mm
- Two arm chairs with arm height at 600mm from floor and seat height of 460mm.
- Flat screen TV
- Furniture can be re-arranged to improve circulation space
- Dining table with clearance height of 650mm
- Wooden dining chairs seating 6 people with seat height of 470mm
- Electric fire and 2 radiators
- Illumination levels good with wall lights, floor lamp and recesses spotlights

Ground floor Bathroom



- Door 750mm
- Vinyl to floor
- Bath with shower over
- Mixer shower, short riser bar and long hose
- Light over mirror and wall lights
- Sink at 800mm with pillar taps
- The close-coupled WC is at 430mm to seat

- Radiator

Front Twin Bedroom



- Two 'hospital' style white metal frame beds 1.9m long and 590mm high to top of bedding. 1m wide.
- Bed-side cabinet with lamp
- Dressing table & wardrobe
- Wall lights and ceiling spotlights
- Level access into the room
- Good colour contrast of Bakelite light switches
- Radiator

Rear Twin Bedroom



- Wooden frame beds with space under 1.9m long and 590mm high to top of bedding. 1m wide
- Level access into room
- Chest of drawers with lamp to both beds (low-energy bulbs)
- 2 wall lights, 1 reading light and ceiling spotlights
- Good natural illumination

Double Bedroom



- One 'hospital' style white metal frame bed 1.9m long and 590mm high to top of bedding 2m wide.
- Bed-side cabinets
- Dressing table
- Wardrobe with sliding doors
- Wall lights, two bedside lights and ceiling spotlights
- Level access into the room
- Good colour contrast of Bakelite light switches

Garden

- Sitting area on paving stones

Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- Up to 2 dogs accepted at this cottage
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to manage their own evacuation. 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 it may be helpful to speak to the National Trust Contact Centre if you have any other specific access requirements in this respect.

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 Accessibility 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. 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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Access for All at the National Trust

- The Access for All office works to improve access at all National Trust cottages and properties. The office welcomes comments and ideas on improving access.

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