

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Chert  
001010  
Isle of Wight

### Introduction

- This house is a unique mirror image 1970's house situated in St Lawrence
  - It is positioned against wooded cliff with wonderful seaviews
  - This coastal area is very hilly
  - This is a very light house as large windows across the whole of the front of the property
- The Cottage is arranged as follows: **Ground Floor:**
- Entrance with downstairs toilet and utility only
- First Floor:**
- Central spiral staircase leading to central hallway with 2 identical wings leading off
  - Sitting room, dining room, 2 kitchens, bathroom and shower room

### 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

### Approach

- Winding and steep road leads to Chert. Ventnor and St Lawrence are very hilly with steep paths and roads giving spectacular sea views

### Arrival & Parking Facilities

- There is off road parking in front of the house for 2 cars





## Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- Drive and pathways are concrete slabs with mosaics set in so are uneven
- Pathway around right hand side with steps leading directly to first floor where narrow path running along back of house – this can be slippery
- Left hand side path passes a pond and then leads to entrance door which is situated in open garage

## Getting around the cottage

### Ground floor:

- Enter main door (width 760mm ) onto concrete flooring into spacious utility housing washing machine and tumble drier
- Work top height is 920 mm
- Metal threshold leads to sliding door into downstairs toilet
- WC 420 mm high
- Small carpeted lobby leads to further doorway which leads to staircase
- Metal staircase with fixed handrail and corkscrew in design with turn of 270 degrees
- 13 steps with tread of 190 mm
- Top of staircase is narrow gated opening of 560mm

### First floor:

- Spacious landing with large recessed spot light with access to balcony
- Area leading to balcony has small circular table 710mm high and 2 x metal/wire chairs 470mm high with no arm rests
- Central point for accommodation
- All flooring is lino so no thresholds all flat

- Doors into dining room, sitting room, x2 bedrooms and kitchen all have double folding doors so spacious openings 1250mm
- Other doorways i.e. into bathroom and shower room have narrow door widths of 540 mm and narrow corridors leading to them of 580 mm

## Kitchen



- Height of worktop is 910mm
- Twisting taps (not pillar)
- Electric cooker
- Fridge/freezer height 135 mm
- Kettle not cordless
- Toaster

## Second kitchen

This is not fully equipped as only really for 'show'

- small gas hob inset into worktop (910 mm) -
- sink with twister taps (not pillar)

## First floor Bathroom



- WC, basin and bath
- Doorway is 540 mm wide
- The WC is 340 mm high - push flush

- Bath taps twist (not pillar) and are inset into side panel of bath 330 mm off floor (1970's bath)
- Side of bath 510 mm high
- Inset basin 810 mm high

## Sitting Room



- Doors into sitting room are double folding doors so very wide opening of 1250 mm
- Sofa 420 mm high
- 2 swivel armchairs with armrests 420 mm high
- 1 footstall – angled – 340mm-390mm
- Circular glass table 450mm high
- Table angle poise lamp and floor angle poise
- Central large recessed spotlight (1970's style)
- TV and DVD player

## Dining Room



- Table 750 mm high with leather and chrome chairs 430 mm high with narrow arm rests
- Ceiling light – as sitting room
- Angle poise table lamp

## • Shower room

- Doorway narrow 540mm
- Basin recessed into work top 820mm high with 1970's twisting taps
- WC 420mm high with push flush
- Electric shower with 170 mm step up

## Twin Bedroom



- Divan bed 460 mm high
- Table lamp positioned between beds which are against wall with space around both sides

## Double Bedroom



- Divan king size bed 480 mm high positioned against wall with space on both sides
- 2 table lamps (low energy) either side of bed

## Garden

- Front of house paved and used for parking
- No lawn
- Pond to side of property
- Rear has narrow path with steep bank
- Large balcony (off landing on first floor) to front of property with sea views with 2 outdoor synthetic wicker chairs, 1 x 2 seater synthetic wicker sofa and circular coffee/drinks table.
- Step leading to balcony 130 mm with sliding doors

## 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 NT 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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