

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Cottage Ref: 003014

North Cottage

Middlebere

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Isle of Purbeck



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### Introduction

- North Cottage is a semi-detached cottage attached to the 16 century Farmhouse in a courtyard with The Bakehouse opposite
- The countryside immediately surrounding the group of 3 cottages is flat heathland
- North Cottage can accommodate 3 guests plus a cot
- The ground floor has a porch, kitchen with eating area, and sitting/dining room
- The first floor contains a double bedroom, single bedroom and shower room off a small landing area
- The cottage has oil underfloor heating, electric bedroom heaters and a woodburner
- Laundry facilities are in an outbuilding and shared by all three cottages
- The land surrounding the cottage is flat with a stone path by the front door
- The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Porch, kitchen/breakfast area, sitting/dining room, stairs, double bedroom, single bedroom, landing 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
- Bring a torch if arriving in dark, as there are no streetlights here

## Arrival & Parking Facilities

- The cottage is located approximately 5 miles from Wareham and is approached down an un-even single track road running through Hartland Moor
- There is parking for all three cottages at the entrance to the property
- The cottage is approximately 20m from the parking area, but cars can be driven to the front door of the cottage for unloading purposes
- The path to the cottage is level and reasonably firm although prone to being muddy in wet weather
- There is a short stone path up to the front door
- The key safe box is to the right of the front door at height of 1600mm and is operated by a push button mechanism
- A torch is recommended, especially if arriving in the dark, as the numbers on the lock can be difficult to see.

## Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The front door has a clear opening width of 850mm
- The door lock is at 1300mm
- There is a wooden threshold with a height of 110mm
- The front door leads directly into a small porch
- There is a front door and a back door in the kitchen leading to the outside



**Front Door**

## Ground floor:

- Level access
- Stone flooring in the kitchen, wooden flooring in the sitting/dining room with a large rug in place
- The first floor has wooden floors with rugs in the bedrooms

- There are internal doors from the porch to the kitchen, kitchen to the sitting room, two bedroom doors and a door into the shower room. Door widths are 880mm

## First floor

- The narrow stairs lead to a small landing, off which are the double and single bedrooms and shower room. The stairs are 720mm wide with each tread having a height of 190mm



**Staircase**

## Porch

- There is a small porch with a door through to the kitchen
- The porch has a small table and a chair

## Kitchen

- The kitchen has a window with views over the rear garden and a door to outside
- Wall cabinets, floor cabinets and worktop with a height of 920mm
- Electric oven and electric hob with controls on the top
- One ceiling light
- Fridge/freezer, microwave, cordless kettle, toaster
- Flagstone flooring with one small rug under the table
- Clear door width of 780 mm
- Small table with leg clearance of 660mm
- 2 wooden chairs with seat height of 460mm
- Under floor heating



**Kitchen/breakfast area**



**Sitting/dining area**

## **Sitting/Dining Room**

- Level wooden flooring with a large rug
- Two seater sofa with a seat height of 470mm
- One arm chair with a seat height of 480mm
- TV/DVD and CD/Radio player
- Ceiling light and 3 reading lamps
- Circulation space approximately 2300mm
- Rectangular dining table and 4 chairs with a seat height of 480mm
- Table has knee clearance underneath of 650mm
- Under floor heating and a woodburner

## **Telephone/Other Rooms**

- There is a coin operated telephone in the laundry room opposite the cottage
- There are 2 washing machines and a separate tumble dryer in the laundry room

## **Double Bedroom**

- Double bed 5'1500mm wide x 6'4"/1950 long x 25"/630mm high
- 140mm clearance under bed
- One ceiling light and 2 reading lamps to both sides of the bed
- Wardrobe with clothes rail
- Armchair with seat height of 460mm
- Window with view over the grassed rear garden
- Space between the bed and wall on the far side is 1350mm
- Space between the bed and wall on the near side is 1700mm
- Space between foot of bed and the wall is 785mm
- The ceiling slopes on both sides of the bed
- Electric wall heater



**Double Bedroom**

**Single Bedroom**

- Single bed 3’/920mm wide x 6’4”/1950 long x 24”/620mm high
- 140mm clearance under bed
- One ceiling light with a reading lamp
- Wardrobe with clothes rail
- Armchair with seat height of 470mm
- Window with view over the grassed rear garden
- Space between the bed and wall on the near side is 900mm
- Space between the bed and the wall on the far side is 600mm
- Space between the foot of the bed and the wall is 1300mm
- Electric wall heater



**Single Bedroom**

### **First Floor Shower Room**

- Directly off the small landing
- Clear opening width of door 750mm
- WC is 470mm high
- Sink is 800mm high
- Shower door open width 620mm
- Shower controls are at 1080mm ffl
- The room is small with limited space
- Electric wall heater



**Shower Room**

### **Additional Information**

- Dogs are welcome at this cottage
- 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**

In addition to the standard equipment and facilities, this cottage is equipped with the following:

- Cordless kettle



- Chair with armrests in living room.
- Reading lamps
- Large handle vegetable peeler
- Easy tin opener
- Non-slip mat for shower
- Information in alternative formats (on request)

We aim to provide these items in all cottages but please check when booking as to their availability and to check if new items have been added to the list.

### **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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**Route from the car park**



**North Cottage on the right**



**Route back to the car park**



**Car park area**

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