

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Cottage Name: **The Old Church Lodge, St Helen's**
Cottage Ref: 001013
Cottage Category:



Introduction

A stone built, small detached single storey Victorian cottage located near to the seashore in the hamlet of Duver, close to the town of St Helens.

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor: Porch to the front of the building, sitting/dining room with open fire, kitchen, 2 bedrooms (1 double, one twin) shower/WC and a utility room accessed from the patio area.

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

- Off-road parking space is provided for 2 cars.
- Garden gate leads onto the property through the front garden.

Approach

- Gravel path of 20m up to the paved area around to the back of the cottage. Gravel is deep in places.
- It is clear where to go and the area is well lit.

Getting in (and out) of the cottage



- The key-safe is located on the left next to the back door which leads into the kitchen. 1300mm from ground.
- Small but wide 'tile' step of 400mm (d) and 170mm (h). Small weather bar to door of 50mm
- Door width is 750mm

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor: Doors throughout are 700mm clear width or more. No internal thresholds or steps. Floor covering is of carpet in the living area with ceramic tile in the kitchen and wooden floor-boards elsewhere. Vinyl sheeting is used in the shower-room. Small inner lobby.

In the local area: Good level routes to beach and shore-line. Routes will be subject to prevailing weather conditions at the time.

Kitchen



- Corded kettle
- Illumination levels are good
- Height of worktop is 920mm
- Good circulation
- Recessed plinth to kitchen units at floor level
- Electric oven and standard hob. Clear side controls.
- Microwave with clear controls and numerals
- 1 and ½ sink with mixer tap.

Kitchen leads to lobby – clear width of 750mm

- Inner Lobby area is quite small
- Maximum 730mm width between kitchen counter and the corner of the radiator
- Timber flooring with threshold strips

Shower room



Leads off from lobby above

- Moderate sized shower-room with mixer shower and linoleum flooring
- Close coupled WC at 440mm to seat, basin at 850mm with pillar taps and shower cubicle 780 x 760mm with sliding door
- Mirror over basin
- Step into the shower of 650mm
- Wall light and ceiling light
- Radiator and electric towel rail

Sitting Room/Diner



- 3 seater settee with height to seat-top of 440mm. Straight arm-rests (Soft cushions)
- Armchairs at 490mm high with firm cushions.
- Video/DVD and TV
- Table seats four
- Carpeted
- Illumination levels are good
- Wall, central and table lamps
- Open fire

Twin Bedroom



- Inner lobby with timber floor leads to this L shaped room with a small sitting area off to the side
- Single beds 600mm high to top
- Bed-side lights
- Bedside chair and chest of drawers

Double Bedroom



- King-size bed with space under (1.6m wide)
- 590mm high to top. 2.1m (L)
- Bed-side lights (Low energy bulbs)
- Door width 700mm further opening restricted by door stop
- Wardrobe and chest of drawers
- Illumination level good from the two openable windows

Garden

- Front and side, laid to lawn with paved area near to the kitchen door

Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to manage the 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 NT Contact Centre if you have any other specific access requirements in this respect.

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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