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National Trust Cottages Access Statement Template



Old Mill Cottage (006001)
Brockhampton Estate
Whitbourne
Worcestershire
WR6 5UH

Introduction

- Old Mill cottage is an isolated 15th century cottage in the heart of Brockhampton Estate
- This chocolate box cottage is set in a hilly landscape with a stream running next to it
- The cottage does get quite a bit of sun, but there is plenty of shade from the trees around it, including an old willow tree in the front garden

The Cottage is arranged as follows:

Ground Floor:

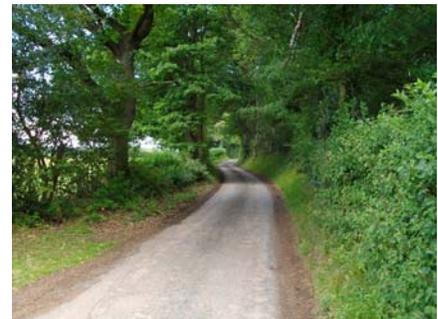
- Sitting room, kitchen / dining room

First Floor:

- Hallway bedroom, small landing with single bedroom and bathroom

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
- Arrival in daylight is highly recommended



Arrival & Parking Facilities



- You approach the cottage via a narrow country lane. The cottage is through a farm gate off this lane.
- There is a very steep farm track over the field to the cottage, due to its high gradient we do not recommend low slung vehicles to go down the track, it is approximately 0.4miles to the cottage.

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- There is another farm gate nearer the end of the track, the gate needs to be closed behind.
- There are two large wooden double gates to open to the area for parking; this is a fairly level area.
- The Parking area is 32 metres away from the cottage



Getting in (and out) of the cottage



- From the parking area, there is a gravel path that slopes down and with four separate small steps down, the highest step being 90mm.
- There is gate with an opening of 1100mm, there is just a simple chain attached to keep this closed.
- This then leads to the bridge across the stream; the bridge is 5550mm long and 770mm wide.
- There is a step at the end 150mm high on to a gravel path, the path bends and goes up and down in a half crescent shape so it is not level.
- This leads to the front door, there is a stone step 60mm high and then another step 40mm high into the cottage.
- The key safe is on the right side wall of the cottage, it is a scroll number combination safe.
- The doorway has an opening of 940mm



Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- The front door opens onto quarry tiled surface, this is throughout the sitting room and kitchen, there is a loose rug in the sitting room
- There are two doors between the kitchen and the sitting room, one has an opening of 840mm and the other is 940mm
- There is a door to the stairway 700mm wide, there are 12 steps the highest being 210mm. The stairs are carpeted, and there is a handrail on the one side.



First floor:

- The stairs lead straight to the hallway double bedroom
- There is a door with 710mm wide opening and a step 130mm up to a small landing.
- The small landing has three doors off it, the single bedroom, bathroom and a cupboard with hanging space. The door widths are 730mm with the exception of the cupboard being 600mm.

Kitchen / Dining Room

- Height of worktop is 900mm
- The kitchen tap is a mixer with separate push controls for hot and cold
- Electric cooker
- Microwave, fridge with ice box, cordless kettle and toaster
- Dining table is one that opens up, the table height is 760mm
- There are three dining chairs they all have backrests and a seat height of 460mm



Sitting Room

- One sofa with seat height of 430mm
- One armchair with seat height of 460mm
- There is a traditional rocking chair with a seat height of 410mm



Hallway Double Bedroom

- Double bed with 1500mm (5ft) wide mattress
- Bed height 610mm
- The narrowest width around the bed is 370mm

Single Bedroom

- Single bed with 900mm (3ft) wide mattress
- Bed height 600mm



Bathroom

- WC, basin and shower over bath
- The WC is 420mm high
- The sink is 800mm high
- The bath is 570mm high from the floor, it is 1500mm long and 570mm wide at the top and has a depth of 470mm with two hand rails at the side
- The taps are separate turn taps for hot and cold and lever taps are on the shower for ease of use.

Garden

- Large enclosed area around the cottage, including the stream, therefore young children need to be supervised outside the cottage.
- Picnic bench is provided, the table height is 730mm and the seat height is 460mm



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
- Hollow fibre 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 access statements 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 Access Statement

- This Access Statement 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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