

**The Priest's House, Sissinghurst Castle Gardens, Biddenden Road, Sissinghurst,  
Kent TN17 2AB**

Cottage Ref: 021007



## **Introduction**

Sitting on the edge of Sissinghurst Castle's gardens, this is the perfect spot for garden lovers.

Priest's House is a stunning detached brick property, believed to be part of the Elizabethan mansion that made up Sissinghurst Castle. Completely renovated, but with reams of original features, the property boasts mullion and leaded windows, inglenook fireplace, wooden beams and brick flooring. Sitting on the edge of the White Garden, it's a must-stay for garden lovers or those just after a bit of peace and tranquility.

Rise early and explore Sissinghurst Castle. Discover its diverse history; from the astonishing time as a prison in the 1700s, to being a home to the women's land army. You'll also have 450 acres of the wider estate to explore too.

The accommodation comprises the following:

### **Ground floor**

Kitchen/dining room with multi-fuel stove, sitting room with multi-fuel stove, snug sitting area, utility room.

## First floor

Three bedrooms (one large double with steps to en-suite bathroom with bath and separate shower cubicle, two twins - one with 6' bed, which can be a double on request), shower room with lavatory.

## 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 and Carparking

There are 2 designated carpark spaces behind the restaurant. The area is tarmac however uneven with potholes. As you make your way down the hill past the restaurant and barn, the gravel track is very uneven and can be muddy in wet conditions as you come past the shop and towards the garage where the gate for the holiday cottage is located.



## Arrival

Guests can unload/load outside the cottage, thereafter they will need to park at the rear of the restaurant in two designated spaces. For further parking guests can use the visitor's car park.



## Getting in (and out) of the cottage

There is a ramp down to the gate (with holiday cottage sign on it) which has a small step to the right and around the side of the garage, the gate is 850mm wide and the path is 920mm wide. A sharp turn at the end of the path leads to 4 steps up to the cottage door and where the key safe is. There is a step into the cottage and into the utility room- the step is 200mm wide and the doorway is 900mm wide.

The site can be dark, there is exterior lighting by the keysafe, by the bin storage area, however, there is none by the carpark spaces or down the hill via the track to the gate for the cottage so a torch will be needed.

## Outside space

There is no private garden but out-of-hours access to the main gardens including the White Garden.

Outside the cottage under cover is the recycling area and refuse bin- there is a small step up and potentially need to duck ahead under the beam.



## Getting around the cottage

## Ground floor

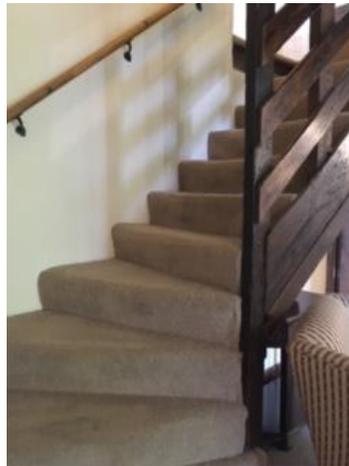
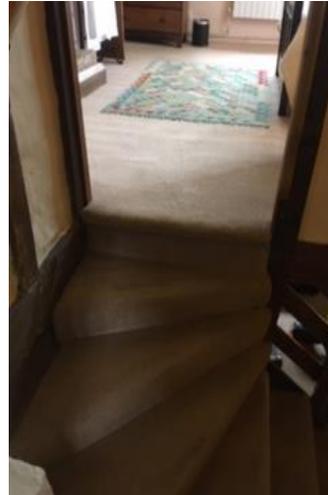
- There are 2 internal doors 1.65m apart once inside the utility room which head onto the sitting room, the first door is 740mm wide and the second door into the sitting room is 720mm wide.



- Floor coverings; vinyl in the utility room, carpet throughout and brick in the kitchen
- There is a large rug in the snug and another in the master bedroom
- There is only 1 step in the kitchen- running the length of the room, and the kitchen wood burner is up a step into the inglenook fireplace- this is a fire guard around the woodburner



- Carpeted stairs with 16 treads and a wooden handrail on left hand side turn as you leave the sitting room, they lead straight into the master bedroom at the top on the right, and onto a corridor to the left with the 2 smaller bedrooms . The width of the stairs is 870mm. The treads are 220mm deep and each step is 180mm high.



## First floor

- The main stairs lead straight into the master bedroom
- The bedroom floor coverings are carpet and there is vinyl in the bathroom.
- There are 3 steps down into the en suite bathroom, the doorway is 970mm wide, the height of each step is 150mm and the depth of each tread is 250mm. There is a step of 250mm into the shower



- Out of the master bedroom, there are 3 steps down and onto the corridor ahead. This doorway is 850mm wide, the height of the steps are 200mm and make a triangular shape- 340mm wide narrowing to 60mm.
- The corridor outside the twin bedrooms is 880mm wide, and leads to a bathroom at the end- which has 2 steps down into the room
- The bedrooms and corridor are carpet and bathroom vinyl
- The bathroom has a sloping ceiling above the toilet



## Kitchen:

- Main light switch is to the right of kitchen door at a height of 975mm.
- There are 4 pendant lights across the kitchen, one above the dining table and 3 over the worksurface area along the wall. There are also 2 wall sconces and a tall lamp in the corner.
- Two windows, one over the sink looking out of Delos garden and towards the tower, the larger to the right of the door has net curtains for privacy.
- The door behind the curtain is currently not being used for access due to the Delos project- the 2 access doors are the back door and down the steps and a second behind curtain in the sitting room and out into the white garden- small step down.
- Height of worktop is 910mm from floor level and up a step of 100mm to the flat area of 840mm wide where all the worksurfaces are.
- Dining table with knee clearance of 310mm, six kitchen chairs, no arms and are 620mm tall.
- Chairs have seat depth of 425mm and back height of 550mm.
- Built in electric cooker with 4 oven/ grille compartments and 6 ring ceramic hob. No cooker hood.
- Stainless steel sink with single arm lever tap.
- Tall integrated Fridge freezer.
- Integrated dishwasher.
- microwave plugged into wall socket with controls at a maximum height of 190mm above the counter top
- Kettle and toaster and coffee machine on worksurface and plugged into wall sockets
- Brick floor surface can potentially be slippery in socks. Non slip mat behind curtain by door



## Sitting Room

- Main light switch is to the right hand side.
- Lighting comprises 4 wall sconces, 1 tall standing lamps and 1 table lamp.
- Green velvet three-seater sofa with seat height 410mm and back height of 310mm.
- Two high wingback chairs with arms with a seat height of 470mm and back height 700mm.
- Gold love seat which sits 1-2 people with seat height 440mm and back height of 380mm.
- Is a woodburning stove on brick hearth- tools provided and logs stored outside.
- 28"TV with integrated DVD player
- Large window overlooking north garden and out onto countryside
- Door behind curtain out onto white garden- step of 110mm, the doorway is 800mm wide





## Snug

- Lighting comprises of ceiling track with 4 spotlights and table lamp
- Is a radio and tv (which doesn't play DVDs but does have a card reader), large collection of books
- Curtain can be drawn across the room



## Utility room

- Large built in cupboard to the left as come in which houses the heating. Heating controls are on the wall outside the cupboard
- Washing machine on the right as you step into the cottage
- Vinyl floor with non slip mat by threshold
- Behind second door is large cupboard for caretaker supplies on the right. On the left is useful equipment such as high chair, laundry airer, iron, ironing board, ladder and hoover are also in this space on shelves.

## Master Bedroom

- Main light switch is to the left of bedroom door at a height of 800mm.
- Central ceiling light and 3 wall sconces.
- 5'/1500mm bed, 600mm high and 2000mm long.
- Two bedside cabinets with bedside lamps.
- Four drawer chest of drawers and a mirror.
- Freestanding wardrobe with a hanging rail at a height of 1400mm.
- 2 large leaded windows with view to garden.

## En suite bathroom

- Enamel Bath is 5650mm high, inside measures 600mm wide and 1480mm long.
- WC is 400 mm high with push flush.
- Hand basin is 840 mm high with twist taps.
- Mirror and shaver point and light.
- Electric shower with glass doors, with hand controls at a height of 1350mm.
- There is a large window looking over the garden and towards the shop



## Twin Bedroom-can be made into double (purple)

- Main light switch is to the right of the bedroom door at a height of 1200mm.
- 2 wall sconces and bedside lamps
- Large window with view to garden.
- 2 beds 3' /900mm, 560mm high and 1880mm long.
- Bed heads are against one wall.
- Built in wardrobe with a hanging rail at a height of 1600mm.
- dresser and an integrated mirror. Wooden seated chair with a seat height of 450mm and a back height of 450mm.

## Twin bedroom (green)

- 2 beds 3' /950mm, 600mm high and 1880mm long.
- One bedside table between the beds with lamp
- Dresser and mirror and built in wardrobe



## Bathroom

- Main light switch is on the landing to the left of the bathroom door before you go down the steps
- Central circular light on ceiling and mirror light.
- Electric shower with glass doors, with hand controls at a height of **1700mm**
- WC is **400 mm** high with top of cistern push flush.
- Hand basin is **850 mm** high with twist taps.
- Mirror and shaver point and light.
- There are exposed brick on 2 walls, a small low window with net curtain in corner of room
- Heated towel rail





## Additional Information

- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves. There are fixed wired fire/ smoke detectors in all rooms and emergency lighting. The on site duty manager will attend and will investigate if it is a fire- 999 needs to be called.
- There are members of staff around every day between 8-6 if you need any assistance they can be contacted, and the information folder provides numbers for contacting the on site duty manager.
- Duvets and pillows are made of hollowfibre and anti allergy
- Cushions are hollowfibre or man-made.
- The site is secured at night via security gates down the main drive. There is a fob on the keys for the property which lets you in and out and the gate code is provided as well.
- The central heating is fuelled by oil in a boiler in the garage. The immersion heater for the kitchen hot water is in the attic above the purple bedroom and can be switched off if too noisy by a switch outside the bedroom- more info in the welcome folder.

## Facilities at all cottages

- Chair with armrests in sitting room.
- Good reading light.

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