

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Springwell
Twice Brewed
Hexham

Ref: 017002



Introduction

- Springwell Cottage is a two-storey cottage that sleeps six. It is detached and lies surrounded by a small walled garden beyond which are fields in undulating landscape close to Hadrian's Wall.
- On the ground floor there is a twin bedroom and bathroom with WC, bath & shower, an open plan kitchen/diner, and a sitting room. On the first floor there is a double bedroom and a twin bedroom.
- The Cottage faces south. All the bedrooms and the sitting room have views over the countryside to the south side of the Cottage.
- It is heated by oil-fired central heating and has an open fire in the sitting room.
- The bathroom is due to undergo some alterations in the near future so please check with the Contact Centre as all the existing facilities may not be in place.

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 torch if arriving in dark, as there are no streetlights here.

Arrival & Parking Facilities



- There is a firm, tarmac off-road parking area for the Cottage immediately outside the Cottage.
- There is level access from the parking area through side gates to the front door and back doors.
- The key safe box is within the gate to the front door to the left (as entering).

Route from parking area to back door

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The back door has a clear opening width of 730mm and a level threshold apart from the metal rainbar at 30mm
- The Yale lock is at 1380mm
- Inside the back door is a hallway area with integral doormat and coat hooks on the wall and easy access into the kitchen/dining area
- The front door has a clear opening width of 710mm and a level threshold apart from a rainbar at 30mm
- There is a 90 degree turn left into the sitting room through a doorway with a clear opening width of 850mm



Back door entrance



View to front door from sitting room

Getting around the cottage



- Level access throughout the ground floor. Straight staircase to the 1st floor with 13 carpeted stairs and banister rail to right side (ascending).
- Wooden flooring to kitchen/dining area
- Carpet floor in sitting room and bedrooms
- Vinyl flooring in bathroom/WC
- Good circulation space in all living rooms and around the ground floor

Kitchen/Dining Room



- Height of worktops is 900mm
- Free-standing electric cooker with ceramic hob
- Microwave, dishwasher, fridge/freezer, washing machine, dishwasher, toaster and cordless kettle
- Lever taps to sink
- One overhead, one hob light and one strip light under wall unit
- Separate shared laundry facilities on-site – washing machine and dryer
- Fluorescent overhead spotlights and light in cooker hood
- Oval dining table at 750mm high with 715mm leg space underneath
- Six wooden chairs with back rests

Bathroom



- WC, basin, bath
- The WC is 430mm high
- Bath is 1680mm long, 550mm high and 680mm wide
- The basin is 681mm high and has cross head taps
- The shower runs off the mains and is over the bath with a glass bath screen
- The shower controls are 1190mm high from the ground

Sitting Room



- Two large two-seater sofas with seat height of 480mm
- One winged armchair with seat height of 450mm
- Open fire (for coal or wood)
- TV/DVD and CD and Radio player
- One central light and three table lamps
- Reasonable circulation space

Ground floor Twin Bedroom



- Door into room is 760mm wide
- Beds are 660mm high, 3' wide and 6' long with 50mm clear space under the beds
- Space beside the beds is 1400mm to one bed and 1000mm to the other. The space between the beds is 500mm wide and to the foot of the beds is 1100mm wide
- There are reading lamps beside each bed on bedside table/chest of drawers
- There is also a free-standing wardrobe, armchair and wooden towel rail in the bedroom

Twin Bedroom (first floor)



- Two single beds
- Firm mattresses – 3ft wide and 6'3" long
- Bed height 500mm
- 50mm clear space under beds
- Two wall hung lights which can be operated from one of the beds or from the doorway
- One small low armchair, one free-standing wardrobe and chest of drawers

Double Bedroom



- 5' wide double bed which is 6'3" long
- Bed height 530mm
- Reading lights to both sides of bed on low bedside chest of drawers
- Freestanding antique wardrobe and chest of drawers
- Window seat

Garden



- Small walled garden laid to grass with one wooden bench. Garden is to south and west side of Cottage.

Additional Information

- Oil-fired central heating
- Open fire with sufficient fuel to get it started. Further fuel to be obtained by guests.
- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- Pets other than assistance dogs cannot be accommodated here
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves. Please contact us if you required any 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
- 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 and commodes 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>

The nearest centre is at:
Croft House
Western Ave
Newcastle-Upon-Tyne
NE4 8SR
Tel: 0191 273 7961

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 main webpages for details.

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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