

National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Cottage Ref: 003012

The Bakehouse

Middlebere

Arne

Isle of Purbeck



Introduction

- The Bakehouse is a detached cottage in a group of three with The Farmhouse and North Cottage opposite
- The cottage is situated in a level heathland area
- The ground floor is open plan with the lounge, dining area and kitchen forming the ground floor
- The first floor contains the only bedroom and shower room
- The cottage has oil central heating and a woodburner
- Laundry facilities are in an outbuilding and shared by all three cottages
- The land surrounding the cottage is flat with a brick path by the front door
- The cottage is arranged as follows: sitting/dining room, kitchen, double bedroom, 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 situated approximately 5 miles from Wareham and is approached via an uneven single track road 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 brick path up to the front door
- The keysafe 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. The keys should be returned to the keysafe on departure

Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- The front door has a clear opening width of 880mm
- The door lock is at 1450mm
- There is a wooden threshold with a height of 110mm
- The front door leads directly into the open plan ground floor
- There are no other doors leading to the outside

Getting around the cottage

Ground floor:

- Level access
- Stone flooring throughout the ground floor with a large rug in the lounge area
- The first floor has wooden floors
- There is only one internal door in the cottage leading into the shower room with a width of 780mm

First floor:

- The stairs lead directly to the large open plan bedroom and shower room, and are 690mm wide with each tread having a height of 180mm

Kitchen

- Once inside the cottage there are no internal doors on the ground floor
- Wall and floor cabinets, with a 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
- Radiator



Kitchen

Sitting/Dining Room

- Level flooring
- Two seater sofa with a seat height of 460mm
- One arm chair with a seat height of 460mm
- Woodburner in an inglenook and radiator
- TV/DVD and CD/Radio player
- Ceiling light and 2 reading lamps
- Circulation space approximately 1900mm
- Rectangular dining table and 4 chairs with a seat height of 450mm
- Table has knee clearance underneath of 650mm



Sitting/dining room

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

- Open room from the top of the stairs
- Double bed 5'1500mm wide x 6'4"/1950mm long x 25"/630mm high
- 90mm clearance under bed
- One ceiling light and 2 reading lamps to both sides of the bed
- Wardrobe with clothes rail
- Chaise & upholstered stool
- Small low window with view over the courtyard area and second window overlooking the moor
- Space between the bed and wall on the far side is 1350mm
- Space between the bed and wall on the near side is 1430mm
- Space between foot of bed and top of stairs is 224mm
- Radiator
- The ceiling slopes on both sides of the bed
- There are supporting beams running from the floor up to the ceiling



Double Bedroom

First Floor Shower Room

- Directly off the bedroom
- 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 lamp
- 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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- 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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Car park area for Middlebere



Courtyard with The Bakehouse on the left

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