

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

Cottage Ref: 007013

### **Whitegates Cottage**

Mill Lane  
Bratoft  
Lincolnshire



### **Introduction**

- Whitegates Cottage is a two storey cottage dating back to 1770 constructed of traditional mud and stud walls and thatched roof. The cottage is perfectly located for exploring the Lincolnshire coastline and picturesque local villages.
- The Cottage is arranged as follows:

#### **Ground Floor:**

- Kitchen, Bathroom, Utility, Dining Room, Sitting Room.

#### **First Floor:**

- One Double Bedroom.

### **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 & Parking Facilities**

- The cottage is in the village of Bratoft and is approached via a winding country lane. The parking area is constructed from crushed limestone gravel and there is parking for one vehicle to the side of the cottage.

## Getting in (and out) of the cottage

- There is a Limestone chipping pathway and brick block path edged with lawn to the front of the cottage that leads from the parking area to the front door. The combination key safe for the front door is on the wall to the left of the door.
- There is an outside light but it is recommended to bring a torch to set the correct lock combination on arrival. Keys to be returned to safe on final departure.
- There is a 60mm threshold to the front door and a 70mm internal step down into the kitchen. The door is 830mm wide and opens inwards.

## Getting around the cottage

### Ground floor:

- Front door opens into the kitchen.
- The bathroom is located just off the kitchen and has a door which opens inwards.
- The small utility is off the kitchen and there is a small step into the dining room
- There is an enclosed, very steep and narrow staircase off the dining room that leads to the first floor bedroom. The door to this staircase opens outwards.
- The dining room then leads on through a doorway into the sitting room. The door to the sitting room opens inwards.

### First floor:

- Steep staircase leading into first floor double bedroom through an inward opening door.

## Kitchen – Dual aspect.



- Height of worktop is 940mm
- Built under double oven with ceramic hob above
- Fridge with Ice Box, Cordless Kettle, Microwave, Toaster, Washer Dryer in Utility Room
- Lever Handle Taps to Sink
- Quarry Tiled Floor with loose rugs
- 1 No. Electric Storage Heater
- 1 Small sliding sash window and 1 No. half glazed door

## Dining Room - Single Aspect room



- Dining Table – 740mm high
- 2 No. Dining Chairs – No Armrests, Seat Height 430mm
- Occasional chair – Seat Height 470mm.
- Traditional Clay Floor with loose coir rug
- Small step into dining room from utility room – height 100mm.
- Lighting supplied by 2 No. Standard Lamps
- 1 No. Oil Filled Radiator
- 1 No. small sliding sash window

## Lounge – Dual aspect.



- Traditional Clay floor with loose coir rug over
- Lighting Supplied By 2 No. Standard Lamps & 2 No. Table Lamp
- 2 No. oil filled radiators
- Open Fireplace with small grate
- 2 No. small sliding Sash
- Nest of 3 Tables
- 1 No. 2 seater settee (410mm seat H).
- 1 No. armchair (410mm seat H).
- 1 No. footstool

## Bathroom



- 730mm wide doorway,
- Quarry tiled floor
- Ceiling light.
- Electric heated towel rail.
- Mirror with light and shaver power point.
- W.C. (410mm seat H).
- Bath with shower over (Bath 550mm H)
- Wash basin (780mm H).

## Double Bedroom (First Floor) – Single Aspect



- 740mm wide doorway, leading onto steep flight of stairs.
- Restricted Head Height to both sides of room
- Wooden Floorboards with loose rugs
- Lighting from 3 No. Table Lamps
- 1 No. Oil Filled Radiator
- Sliding Sash Window
- Free Standing Wardrobe
- Chair
- Chest of four drawers
- 2 No. Bedside cabinets
- 1 Double Bed ( 1570mm W x 2000mm L x 290mm H).

## Stairway to first floor



View From Bottom of Staircase



View From Top of Staircase

- Enclosed stairway – 9 wooden treads, 690mm (W) 230mm (H) x 170mm (D)
- Handrail to one side
- Ceiling light on 2-way switch.

## Garden



- Enclosed Orchard type garden surrounds the cottage with patio area to front of cottage
- Cast Iron garden table and 2 No. chairs (Seat Height 440mm)

## 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

In addition to the standard equipment and facilities, each cottage is equipped with the following:

- Cordless kettle
- Chair with armrests in dining room and living room.
- 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)

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 Access 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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