

Accessibility Guide – Howdale Cottage

Property Name: Howdale Cottage

Property Address: Whitby

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INTRODUCTION

Description of Property:

.Amid the chocolate-box village of Fylingthorpe is detached, stone built Howdale Cottage. It's within walking distance of one of our favourite places, Robin Hoods Bay.

Park right outside on the road and enter the house via the fabulous kitchen, into a traditionally styled holiday cottage. We love the cosy, beamed lounge and guests tell us the sofa bed is really comfy, so its ideal for families with children.

From the sitting room you can step outdoors into the barbecue dining area and enclosed garden. Being southwest-facing it's wonderful for sitting out well into the evening.

Careful, there are steps throughout the cottage including a winding staircase to the double room, which has low beams – it all adds to the superb character of the place! Even the bathroom is a delight, with its separate shower and Jacuzzi roll top bath for soaking in after a day at the beach.

The icing on the cake is the garden hot tub. Extra towels and robes are provided and it's totally private. Romantic breaks in Yorkshire don't get any better!

Use: Self-catering holiday cottage

Location Description e.g. city centre, countryside, coast: coast / countryside

Distance to nearest city, town, village: The cottage is situated in the little village of Fylingthorpe
How many bedrooms does the property have? 1

Are there any ground floor bedrooms – if so how many?

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What internet access is available? Is it charged or free?

Internet access is available and is free

Mobile phone reception?

Yes

PRE-ARRIVAL

Name of nearest railway station:

Whitby Town Station

Distance from nearest railway station: Whitby Town Train Station is approximately 7 miles from the cottage.

Details of local bus service – accessibility, frequency, distance of bus stops from property, route numbers etc.

There are frequent buses available from the local bus stop, approximately a 1 minute walk from the cottage,

Do you offer a collection service?

No

Describe the streets in the area surrounding the property e.g. paved / cobbled / level / uneven:

On a slight hill

Information about local services for disabled people e.g. equipment hire, wheelchair repair, Shopmobility, RADAR toilets:

Equipment Hire

Whitby, Scarborough and Rydale Disability Action Group

Church House Centre, Flowergate, Whitby. Tel: 01947 821001 email: Whitbydag.org.uk

Wheelchair repair

All Care Medical Ltd

Unit B3 St Hilda's business Centre

The Ropery
YO22 4 ET
01947 825 555

Shopmobility

Scarborough Shopmobility
5, Somerset Terrace, Scarborough YO11 2PA Tel: 01723 369910

Details of local stores where shopping can be ordered in advance for collection or delivery:

Sainsbury's, Tesco and Asda all deliver to this area.

What information do you offer in alternative formats, such as large print and audio? E.g. Access Statement, brochure:

The Accessibility Guide is available online which can be viewed in large print. There is no audio version available.

KEY COLLECTION, WELCOME & CAR PARKING

State where visitors need to go to collect the key i.e. the property, an office, elsewhere or sent by post:

The key is collected from a key safe located outside the property

State if someone is available to welcome guests. If so, state whether a familiarization tour of the property is offered:

A personal welcome service is not offered nor a familiarization tour.

State whether parking is available on site or nearby and give the number of spaces available and distance to the property entrance:

There is on street parking

Please see our parking guide for further information:

[Shoreline -Whitby-Parking-guide.pdf \(shoreline-cottages.com\)](#)

ENTRANCE TO PROPERTY

How many steps, if any, to the entrance and is there a handrail(s)?

There are three steps to access the building along with a handrail.

Describe any ramp available at the entrance; are there handrails on one or both sides of the ramp? State if no level access is provided:

There is no ramp .

What is the clear door opening width? NB Provide all measurements in millimeters and inches, taking into account any obstacles that may reduce the size of the opening:

The door opening is 78cm at the narrowest point.

Describe how well/evenly lit the area is and what type of lighting is provided e.g. ceiling spot lights:

Equipped with an outdoor light that illuminates the steps to the entrance

Describe the floor surface e.g. tile, wood, rugs, carpet (thick/short pile):

The entrance lobby and hallway have a carpet with a short pile.

HALLS, STAIRS, LANDINGS, PASSAGEWAYS

Describe how well/evenly lit the area is and what type of lighting is provided e.g. ceiling spot lights:

Ceiling lights and wall lights

How wide are the passageways? Minimum width for wheelchair/zimmer frame/pushchair is 75cm, 80cm preferred:

The hallway is 85cm wide at the narrowest point.

Describe the floor surfaces e.g. tile, wood, rugs, carpet (thick/short pile):

The entrance has laminate flooring in the entrance.

Describe the stairs e.g. Number of steps, landings, handrail(s):

There are fifteen steps to the first-floor landing that rotate 180 degrees as they climb. There are fifteen steps to the second-floor landing which again rotate 180 degrees as they climb. Both sets of steps have vertical handrails.

SITTING ROOM / LOUNGE

Describe where the dining room is situated and how you access it i.e. is there level access, ramp(s) or step(s)? If steps, how many?

Access comes from the kitchen to the sitting area including 2 steps.

What is the clear door opening width, taking into account any obstacles?

The door opening is 80cm wide from the hallway and 80cm wide from the kitchen. Both from the narrowest points.

Describe the layout within the sitting room/lounge. Is it level or are there steps? Are there large spaces between furniture, what type of seating and table are there e.g. high/low tables, couches, easy chairs?

The sitting room/lounge is level with space between the furniture. The sitting room/lounge has a two-seater sofa and an armchair.

Is the furniture moveable?

Yes

Where there are TV's are subtitles/audio description available?

Yes

Describe how well/evenly lit the area is and what type of lighting is provided e.g. ceiling spot lights:

The area is well lit from a ceiling light and table lamps

Describe the floor surface e.g. tile, wood, carpet (thick/short pile)

The floor surface is carpet with short pile

DINING ROOM

Describe where the dining room is situated and how you access it i.e. is there level access, ramp(s) or step(s)? If steps, how many?

The dining area is part of the kitchen

What is the clear door opening width, taking into account any obstacles?

See above

Is there space around the table for a wheelchair?

Yes but please take into accounts the steps to enter the cottage

State the clear height underneath the dining table:

The clear height is 72cm

What type of seating is there? e.g. upright chairs with/without arms:

The seating consists of four wooden chairs without arms around a wooden table.

Describe how well/evenly lit the area is and what type of lighting is provided e.g. ceiling spot lights:

The area is well lit by ceiling lights

Describe the floor surface e.g. tile, wood, rugs, carpet (thick/short pile):

The flooring is carpet with a short pile

KITCHEN

Describe where the kitchen is situated and how you access it i.e. is there level access, ramp(s) or step(s)? If steps, how many?

The kitchen is accessed from the cottage entrance

What is the clear door opening width, taking into account any obstacles?

62cm at the narrowest point from the hallway

80cm at the narrowest point from the sitting room/dining room

State the height of the oven, hob and microwave. Does the oven have a drop down or side opening door?

The hob is set into the work surface 82cm high

The oven is in a built in unit on top of the work surface with a drop down door

How high is the work surface/food preparation area?

The work surface / food preparation area is 82cm high

State the height of the highest shelf and lowest draw of fridge/freezer:

The highest shelf of the Fridge is 48cm

The lowest shelf of the Fridge is 31cm

Describe any places to eat e.g. is there a table and chairs in the kitchen? What is the clear height underneath the table? Describe the type of chairs, with/without arms?

The kitchen includes the dining table and dining chairs

Describe how well/evenly lit the area is and what type of lighting is provided e.g. ceiling spot lights:

The kitchen is well lit with spot lights

State the height of wall cupboards containing crockery, glasses etc. Can these be moved to lower-level cupboards on request?

There wall cupboards are 132cm to their lowest point. Crockery, glasses etc can be moved if the request is made on booking the accommodation.

Describe the sink taps e.g. single mixer lever tap:

The sink has a mixer tap with separate hot and cold with twist controls

Describe the floor surface e.g. tile, wood, rugs, carpet (thick/short pile):

The floor is tiled

BEDROOMS AND SLEEPING AREAS

Do you have any ground floor bedroom? If yes, how many?

No

What is the clear door opening width, taking into account any obstacles?

Double bedroom 72cm door from widest point

Can furniture be moved around or removed?

No

What bed combinations are there?

1 x double bed

What is the height of the bed(s) to the top of the mattress?

43cm

Describe how well/evenly lit the area is and what type of lighting is provided e.g. ceiling spot lights:

The bedroom is well lit by ceiling lights and table lamps

Describe the colour contrast of the floor, walls and doorways:

The bedroom has a neutral colour scheme with a touch of burgundy.

Describe the floor surface e.g. tile, wood, rugs, carpet (thick/short pile):

Bedrooms have short pile carpets.

Give details of any non-allergenic bedding that can be provided:

For non-allergenic bedding to be made available the request must be made six weeks prior to the date of the visit.

BATHROOMS, SHOWER-ROOMS AND TOILETS

Is there level access from the bedroom to the en-suite or shared facilities i.e. no steps?

One shared bathroom on first floor up a flight of stairs

What is the clear door opening width, taking into account any obstacles?

The door opening width to the shared bathroom is 62cm at the narrowest point.

Describe the shower – is it separate or over the bath? Level entry with no raised lip?

The shower is separate to the bath in a cubical.

What is the height of the WC from floor to seat?

43cm

What is the height of the washbasin? Is there clear space under the sink i.e. no pedestal?

85cm

The washbasin has a pedestal

What type of taps are on the washbasin and bath? e.g. lever:

Washbasin has Separate taps with turn controls. Bath is a mixer tap

Give details of what support/grab rails are fitted where e.g. bath, shower, WC:

There are no support / grab rails.

Describe how well/evenly lit the room is and what type of lighting is provided e.g. ceiling light, fluorescent tube shaving light:

The bathroom is well lit by spot lights

Describe the colour contrast of the floor, walls, doorways and towels. What is the colour scheme for these?

Champagne and Cream

Describe the floor surface(s) e.g. non-slip, laminate, tile, wood, rugs, carpet (thick/short pile):

Beige floor tiles

GARDEN

Describe the garden area that guests have access to e.g. patio and lawn:

Patio area with outdoor seating and outdoor dining table and chairs.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

State that you welcome assistance dogs. What facilities are offered to assistance dogs e.g. run area, water bowls?

Assistance dogs are welcome in all Shoreline properties. There is outside space at the cottage which is accessible to a dog. A water bowl can be provided.

Give details of local attractions and if they have an access statement:

Whitby Disability Action Group (DAG) have information on local attractions and their access arrangements on their website, their contact details are as follows:

Telephone: 01947-821001

E-mail: info@whitbydag.org.uk

Website www.whitbydag.org.uk

Whitby DAG have information leaflets on Mobility Equipment Hire, Where To Go, Getting Around Whitby and Where To Eat.

CONTACT INFORMATION**Business address:**

1A Victoria place

Business telephone number: Tel: 07812010655

Email: ahohome@live.co.uk

Website:**Business Hours:**

Contact us from 8am until 8pm

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