

# Accessibility Guide - Scoresby House

Property Name: Scoresby Cottage

Property Address: Whitby

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#### INTRODUCTION

# **Description of Property:**

Don't let the quaint, whitewashed cottage appearance of Scoresby House fool you, this is a tardis ready to provide everything a family of six needs on a Whitby holiday.

Step straight into the ground floor lounge and you're following in the footsteps of Arctic Explorer Captain William Scoresby, who acquired the house in the 1800s. Such an historic home on Whitby's older East Side boasts a prime setting, with uninterrupted marina views from the upper floors.

There are steps throughout this higgledy-piggledy house, which has an immaculate use of space and features. Discover three bedrooms — a double, a twin and a master with an en suite shower room. The attractive kitchen diner has space for everyone and leads to the secluded secret garden, tucked away for sitting out and barbecuing, quite a rarity in central Whitby.

We love the New England style of the mid-level snug that comes with free Wi-Fi and Freeview channels. No one's caught short as there's a separate cloakroom and family bathroom too. In fact, there's nothing lacking throughout. Scoresby House is where history meets modern living and best of all – your dog can come too.

Use:

Self-catering holiday cottage

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

coast

Distance to nearest city, town, village:



The cottage is situated in the town of Whitby
How many bedrooms does the property have?
Are there any ground floor bedrooms – if so how many?
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
<b>Distance from nearest railway station:</b> Whitby Town Train Station is approximately 0.85km from the cottage.
Details of local bus service – accessibility, frequency, distance of bus stops from property, route numbers etc.  The bus station is approximately 0.9km from the property.
Do you offer a collection service? No
Describe the streets in the area surrounding the property e.g. paved / cobbled / level / uneven: The streets to the property are tarmacked and level.
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:

Sainsburys, 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 Access statement can be made available on line which can be viewed in large print. There is no audio version available.

A 3D model of this property is available to view on our website to help gain a better understanding of the layout.

# **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 the keys can be taken out to the visitor in their car on request:

The keys are readily accessible via the key safe so this is not required

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

A personal welcome service is not offered nor a familiarisation 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 no parking available outside Scoresby House.

Please see our parking guide for further information:



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

Describe the type of surface from the car park to the main entrance e.g. level/stepped, firm/uneven, tarmac/gravel:

If you park at the Church Street car park from the car park the streets are paved and level.

Describe any lighting in the car parking area and en-route from the car park to the property entrance: There are street lights from the car park to the cottage.

#### **ENTRANCE TO PROPERTY**

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

The street leading to the property is tarmacked. There are two small steps into the building.

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 / level access provided

What is the clear door opening width, taking into account any obstacles that may reduce the size of the opening:

The door opening is 81cm

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

You enter the building directly into the downstairs Sitting Room/Lounge which is well lit ceiling lights and table lamps.

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

The floor is a wood laminate

# HALLS, STAIRS, LANDINGS, PASSAGEWAYS

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

The stairs are accessed from the Sitting Room/Lounge which is well lit ceiling lights and table lamps.



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

There is no passageway

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

The stairs and landing have carpets with a short pile

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

There are three steps to the Kitchen / Dining area. There are twelve stairs with a handrail to the first floor Lounge making a 270 degree turn as you climb. There are three stairs to the first-floor bedroom. There are eleven stairs with a handrail to the second floor Bedroom making a 270 degree turn as you climb. There are five stairs to the third-floor bedroom.

### **GROUND FLOOR SITTING ROOM / LOUNGE**

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

You enter the Sitting Room Lounge from the main entrance

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

The opening to entrance is 81cm.

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 plenty of space between the furniture. There are two three-seater sofas and one single-seater chair. There is a central coffee table and occasional tables with lamps on.

# Is the furniture moveable?

Yes

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

No TV

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

The Sitting Room/Lounge is well lit by a ceiling light, table lamps and a standing lamp.

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

There is a wooden laminate floor and a central rug with a short pile.



# **KITCHEN / DINER**

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 Ground Floor Sitting Room / Lounge. There are three steps.

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

The door opening is 73cm.

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

The hob is 94cm high

The range oven has a drop down and side opening doors

The microwave is built into a cupboard which is 137cm high

How high is the work surface/food preparation area?

The work surface / food preparation area is 90cm high

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

The highest shelf of the Fridge is 173cm

The lowest shelf of the Fridge is 109cm

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?

There is a table with benches and three chairs in the kitchen. There is a clear height underneath the table of 62cm. The chairs do not have arms.

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 ceiling lights and spot lights

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

The wall cupboards are 142cm high. The crockery etc can be moved to lower shelves on request.

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

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

List any aids that can assist people e.g. cordless kettle revolving 360 degrees:

There is a cordless kettle that revolves 360 degrees, A separate toaster and microwave

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



The kitchen is well lit with ceiling lights and spot lights.

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

The floor is wood laminate

# FIRST FLOOR SITTING ROOM / LOUNGE

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

You enter the First Floor Sitting Room Lounge from the first-floor landing.

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

The opening to entrance is 72cm.

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 plenty of space between the furniture. There are two three-seater sofas and one single-seater chair. There is a coffee table and occasional tables.

Is the furniture moveable?

No

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

There is Panasonic TV the handset has a subtitle button.

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

The Sitting Room/Lounge is well lit by a ceiling lights, table lamp and a standing lamp.

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

There is a short pile carpet and a central rug with a short pile.

### **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?

First Floor Bedroom the door opening is  $72\,\text{cm}$ 

Second floor twin bedroom the door opening is 66cm

Third floor bedroom the door opening is 67cm

### Can furniture be moved around or removed?

No

### What bed combinations are there e.g. double, twin, zip-link?

- 1 x super king size bed
- 1 x king size bed
- 2 x single beds (twin)

# What provision is there for a personal assistant/carer or friend/family member e.g. adjoining room, sofa bed in the room or lounge:

A zed bed can be provided on request.

### How wide is the space next to the bed(s)? (for wheelchair user to transfer onto bed):

First Floor Bedroom the side nearest the door is 184cm from the wall

the side furthest from the door is 69cm from the wall

Second floor twin bedroom the bed nearest the door is 50cm from the wall and

140cm from the other bed

The bed furthest from the door is 30cm from the wall

140cm from the other bed

Third floor bedroom the side nearest the window is 50cm from the radiator

the side furthest from the window has a 72cm access gap

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

First Floor Bedroom the height to the top of the mattress is 55cm

Second floor twin bedroom the height to the top of the mattress is 59cm

Third floor bedroom the height to the top of the mattress is 62cm

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

First Floor Bedroom the bedroom is well lit by ceiling lights and table lamps
Second floor twin bedroom the bedroom is well lit by standing lamp and table lamps

Third floor bedroom the bedroom is well lit by table lamps

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

The first and second floor bedrooms have white walls and beige carpet The third-floor bedrooms have light blue walls and beige carpet Commented [JSH1]:



### Describe the wardrobe and storage space e.g. can rails be adjusted?

First Floor Bedroom has a chest of drawers and a built-in cupboard with wall pegs

Second floor twin bedroom has a chest of drawers and a wardrobe with non-adjustable rail and a linen box Third floor bedroom has two bedside sets of drawers a chest of drawers and a wardrobe with non-adjustable rail

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

The Bedrooms have short pile carpet

### 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

# Are subtitles/audio description equipment available on televisions with instructions available on how to use it?

There are no TVs in the bedrooms

### **BATHROOMS, SHOWER-ROOMS AND TOILETS**

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

First Floor Bedroom has level access to the shared bathroom

Second floor twin bedroom has access to the shared bathroom down eleven stairs

Third floor double bedroom has an en-suite facility

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

Shared toilet the door opening width is 66cm

Shared bathroom the door opening width is 67cm

En- Suite bathroom the door opening width is 66cm

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

Shared toilet there is no shower

Shared bathroom the shower is over the bath

En-Suite bathroom there is only a shower with a 90mm lip

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

Shared toilet the height of the WC is 41m

Shared bathroom the height of the WC is  $40\mbox{cm}$ 

En- Suite bathroom the height of the WC is 41cm



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

Shared toilet the height of the washbasin is 96cm

Shared bathroom the height of the washbasin is 81cm

En-Suite bathroom the height of the washbasin is 86cm

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

Shared toilet mixer tap with lever control on the washbasin

Shared bathroom there are mixer taps on the bath with separate hot and cold twist controls. On the washbasin thee are separate hot and cold taps with twist controls

En- Suite bathroom mixer tap with twist controls for hot and cold on the washbasin

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

There are no support / grab rails in the bathrooms.

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

The bathrooms are well lit by ceiling lights

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

Shared toilet cream tiled walls with black and cream wooden floor

Shared bathroom has white tiles around the bath, blue walls with black and cream wooden floor En- Suite bathroom has white walls around the shower, blue walls with black and cream wooden floor

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

All bathrooms have wood laminate floors

# GARDEN

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

There is a lawn and patio area

# Describe whether these areas are flat/undulating, stepped etc.

The areas are flat but reached by

# Give details of what seating is available:

There is seating on the patio area



### What is the width of footpaths?

There are eleven steps leading to the patio and garden, the stairs are 82cm wide

Describe the surface of the footpaths e.g. level/firm/uneven, is gravel used?

The footpaths are firm and level

### **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.

Describe the colour contrast of floors, walls and doorways throughout the property, [specify what these areas are e.g. hallway and what is the colour scheme for these]:

The kitchen/ Diner has blue cupboards, pale blue walls and wood laminate floor.

The Ground Floor Sitting Room / Lounge has light grey walls and a wood wooden floor

The First Floor Sitting Room / Lounge has light brown wood paneling with white walls above and a beige carnet

The first and second floor bedrooms have white walls and beige carpet

The third-floor bedrooms have light blue walls and beige carpet

Shared toilet cream tiled walls with black and cream wooden floor

Shared bathroom has white tiles round the bath, blue walls, a black & cream wooden floor

En-Suite bathroom has white walls around the shower, blue walls with black and cream wooden floor The towels supplied will be white.

### 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: <u>info@whitbydag.org.uk</u> Website <u>www.whitbydag.org.uk</u>

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



### **CONTACT INFORMATION**

### **Business address:**

Shoreline Cottages Ltd Brook House Main Street, Elvington YORK, YO41 4AA

Business telephone number: Tel: 01947 668888

Email: enq@shoreline-cottages.com

Website: http://www.shoreline-cottages.com

# **Business Hours:**

The contact arrangements for anyone staying in a Shoreline Cottage are as follows:

Our local Manager, Billy, and his team can be contacted on 01947 668888 (select option 2) between 9am – 7pm every day of the year. Should you encounter any problems he will be happy to help. For any emergencies that you should encounter after 7pm please call 01947 668888 and select option 3 for our out of hours emergency service.

 $\label{local Accessible Taxi-www.traintaxi.co.uk} \ \ \text{Indicate those firms that have wheelchair accessible vehicles:}$ 

### **Accessible Taxis**

Harrisons Tel: 01947 600606
Parc taxis Tel: 07900 213054
Smilers Taxis Tel: 07881 467 725
Streamline Tel: 01947 603306