

Access Statement for Arden Cottage

Introduction

Arden Cottage is a 4-bedroom, sympathetically restored thatched Grade 11 listed building, and built in 1450C. 3 of the 4 bedrooms are used as bed and breakfast guest accommodation. All of the bedrooms are on the first floor; one room has en-suite shower facilities, whilst the other two share a private shower; these rooms work well as family accommodation. There is a ground floor wet room, should anyone require it. If furniture needs moving we are happy to assist you. Breakfast is served in the dining hall around one large antique pine table that seats 6. The house is suitable for wedding parties, weekend breaks and individuals. Regrettably due to its Grade 11 listing we are unable to alter the rooms to accommodate wheel chair users. All rooms are totally no smoking.

Public transport links

The nearest main line station is Taunton that runs between London Paddington and Plymouth or via Taunton to the North/Scotland. A taxi from Taunton station would take approximately 40 minutes and costs £35. There are a number of local taxi services who operate in the area which have accessible taxis if required, we can supply contact numbers so that you may make booking requirements in advance if necessary.

Pre-Arrival

Please advise us of your anticipated time of arrival so that we can be sure to be here to welcome you with tea and home made cake.

Our website - www.ardencottagewilliton.co.uk provides a selection of pictures of our guest accommodation together with further information about the services we provide and the surrounding area.

Special diets

Guests with special dietary needs can be accommodated with advance notice. All food is prepared in-house, using locally-sourced ingredients where possible.

Approach & car parking

Arden Cottage is situated approximately 15 metres from the road side and access is up a gravel driveway.

There is a gravel parking area for up to 3 cars with turning space and a paved area which leads from the car parking area to the conservatory door at the rear of the house. The walk way to the front door is graveled. Both entrances to the house are via 1 step. We are happy to assist guests with luggage.

Main Entrance & Reception

The front door is generally locked but there is a door bell and door knocker to get our attention, unless of course we are in the garden and then you may need to come around the back of the house to find us!

The front door frame measures 89cm (35") wide.

Dining area

There is a porch at the front of the house protecting the front door. You walk directly into the Dining area with a red tiled floor. This doorway measures (63ins) wide. Guests eat at one large antique pine table that seats 6.

All guests are required to complete our registration form.

Downstairs rooms

The dining area, guest sitting room, conservatory and wet room are all situated on the ground floor. From the dining area there are two steps. One leads down into the conservatory and the other leads down towards the staircase. Each step measures between 10cm (4") and 20cm (8").

All Guest Bedrooms are on the first floor. The 11 wooden steps have normal risers measuring 19cm (7.5"). Wireless internet connection is available in all public areas.

The premises are not licensed for the sale of alcohol.

Internal doors vary between 52cm and 85cm due to its age and various extensions during its history since 1450!

Guest living room

The Guest living room has a sofa, footstool and upright arm chair, as well as a table. A large selection of books is available for guests to browse. Maps and information of local walks/attractions are provided in the Living Room. There is also a TV and DVD available for guests to use and a selection of DVD's are available on request.

Bedrooms

The stairs, landing and Guest bedrooms all have solid oak floorboards. All have a hospitality tray, DAB radio and hairdryer.

Each guest bed room has hanging space, wardrobe as well as bedside table, chair and lamp.

Duvets are filled with siliconised polyester clusters giving the feeling of goose down but are hypo allergenic. All have duvet protectors.

Both feather and synthetic pillows are used, again with anti-allergy protectors.

Dog room

At the top of the 11 stairs we have our special room for dogs. There are 2 steps down into this circular room, which has an arched window that looks down into the Inglenook fireplace, as well as another large window looking onto the parking area. The floor is oak and the door has 6 glass panels. We provide 2 dog bowls, doggie bags and treats for pets that stay with us.

Upstairs landing

This is a large square area with oak floorboards. The ensuite bedroom leads off this landing. All lights are on sensors in the corridors upstairs.

Ensuite bedroom (1)

Our ensuite bedroom can be set up as either twin beds or clipped together to provide a super-king size bed. It has a luxury pocketed mattress comforter to create a soft and comfortable sleeping environment. Bed height is 63cm (25"). The en-suite shower room is compact with low level WC and washbasin, with mirror, lights and shaver socket. The floor is tiled. There is a 7cm (3") step up into the shower room from the main bedroom and the door measures 59cm (23ins) wide. The step into the shower is 23cm (9"). There is no seat in the shower or grab rail. The shower controls are set at a height of approx 122cm (48").

From the upstairs landing there is a 23cm (9") step up into another corridor. From this corridor there is a further step up measuring 10cm (4") into the corridor leading to the other two bedrooms. All the floorboards in these corridors are oak. We also have a 4ft pine cot that small children or babies can use.

Mahogany sleigh bedroom (2)

This bedroom has a six foot mahogany super-king-size bed, chest of drawers, bedside cabinets, lamps and a wicker chair. The door into this room measures approximately 79cm (31"). The bed height is 48cm (19"). There is a short walk to the shower room down a corridor that has sensory lighting. We allow dogs to stay in the corridor outside this bedroom or in the special 'Dog room'.

Private shower room

The door into the private shower room measures 61cm (24"). The floor is tiled. There is a hand basin, WC and shower cubicle. The step up into the shower is 26.5cm (10.5ins). There is no seat in the shower cubicle or grab rail. The shower controls are set at a height of approximately 122cm (48").

Single bedroom (3)

Our single room has 3ft 6in single bed, chest of drawers, bedside cabinet, lamp and wicker chair. A built-in hanging rail is available for clothes. The door into this room measures 66cm (26.5"). The bed

height measures approximately 48cm (19”).

Bedroom 2 and Bedroom 3 share the private shower room. These 2 rooms make fabulous family accommodation. The corridor has 3 stained glass windows, which allow natural light into the room.

Outdoor Facilities

Guests are welcome to use our garden. From the Conservatory there are 7 brick steps up onto the lawn. There is another gentler gradient of 11 slate steps up to the garden at the other end of the patio onto the lawn. The garden has 4 mature trees: Copper Beech, Sweet Chestnut, Meddler and Yew. Access to the garden is via a gravel path which surrounds the house.

Laundry

Laundry facilities are available locally in Williton. There is the use of an iron should you require one, just ask one of us.

Shops

Williton is only a couple of minutes walk away and has two convenience stores/newsagents, Post Office, hairdressers, Estate Agents, Pet Shop, Fruit Shop, Hardware Store and several other interesting shops.

Eating Facilities

Williton has four pubs within easy walking distance for evening meals.

Additional Information

Fire extinguishers are situated in the kitchen and upstairs landing. There is a Fire section in your Guest's Information pack in your room and a laminated copy of the emergency procedure is in your room. If you need assistance in this kind of emergency (e.g. hearing or sight impairment) please let us know on arrival and we will ensure that you are evacuated safely. In case of a power cut torches are available in the corridors outside bedroom 1, 2 and 3.

There is a folder in each Guest Bedroom which gives tourist information about the surrounding area.

Mobile phone reception is generally good.

The house is totally non smoking but you may smoke in the garden but please extinguish cigarettes safely.

Contact Information

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If you require further details or have any comments to make regarding the services we provide, please do not hesitate to contact us.