Guest Information Access Statement

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

Introduction

Little Thatch is an ideal haven for relaxation with secluded garden, the beach and town centre only a 5 minute walk away.

Little Thatch sleeps up to 6 people and has 3 bedrooms, one being on the ground floor with an adjacent wet room that can be used as an en suite if desired. The bedroom and wet room has a step free and level entry.

The cottage was built in circa 17th Century but has been fully refurbished to make your stay as comfortable as possible. As such the existing stair case is narrow and would cause negotiating problems for people with greater accessibility requirements.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01243 211102 or email enquires@sealislandholidayretreats.com

Pre-Arrival

• The nearest bus stop is at the top of the road about 150 yards from the cottage, our bus drivers should be asked to stop at the Fishermans Joy Public House. There is no a shelter or seating here. All buses can accommodate one wheelchair. Buses to and from Chichester run every 15 to 30 minutes during the week and every hour on Sundays. Bus times can vary, for further details see the bus operator’s website www.stagecoach.co.uk.
• The main road outside the cottage has a narrow tarmac path that is uneven in places.
• A local company supplies equipment for hire, contact Keith Jay Care Centres 01243 607224.
• The nearest Shop mobility is 8 miles away in Chichester, contact 01243 816616 between 9:30am and 11am.
• We can arrange for shopping to be delivered in time for your arrival, please let us know your requirements when booking on the pre arrival questionnaire, this will be sent to you with your booking confirmation. Alternatively, you can place an order directly with Waitrose, Tesco or Asda on their online grocery ordering websites. Budgens in the High Street will deliver, shopping purchased in store if your order is over £25.
• Our brochure with hire rates for Little Thatch and this Access Statement are available in larger print on request.

Key Collection, Welcome and Car Parking

• The keys will be ready for your arrival, and we do ask you to either txt 0779 1857445/ 07817967908 or call either of these numbers when you reach Selsey in order that one of our representatives can meet you and assist you on arrival.
• Parking is on the street and generally available for 2 cars outside the cottage, there are no dropped kerbs.
• There is a level path to the side of the property and just a small threshold to the front door.
• Outside lights will be left on for you if you arrive during the hours of darkness.
**Entrance to Property**

- The front door is 750mm/29.5ins wide.
- There are no steps to the front door and no handrails.
- There are two alternative entries from the rear decking that is accessible from the path and through a gate, giving access opening of 6feet/1800cm
- The floor covering inside the entrance and most of the cottage is solid oak, and all carpets can be removed upon request in the downstairs area for your comfort during your stay. Please advise us in the Pre-arrival questionnaire.
- The hall, stairs and landings are well lit using a combination of ceiling and wall lights.
- All downstairs Passageways and doors are 800mm/31.5ins wide.
- The staircase to the first floor has 14 steps and broken with a small half landing after 6 steps. Being the original cottage staircase, it is quite steep but there is a handrail to one side.

**Sitting Room/Lounge/Kitchen & Dining Area**

- The sitting room/lounge/Kitchen & dining area is situated on the ground floor with level entry from the hallway.
- The room has a mixture of seating with sofas and soft chairs with feather cushions as well as some high chairs together with low coffee tables.
- Furniture can be moved.
- There is a widescreen digital television CD & DVD player with remote control and subtitles.
- Lighting is natural daylight and by night levels are controlled by various lighting combinations with overhead lighting.
- The flooring is solid Oak.
- The kitchen is accessed on the level with a slight slop to a tiled surface. The Dining Area is situated on the ground floor and is all open plan. A full floor plan is included on the rear of the Pre-Arrival questionnaire.
- The dining table (moveable side to side) is a gate leaf table and easy to adjust and is 650mm/25.5ins from floor to lowest point of table (under space) and is 800mm/31.5ins high.
- There is limited free space around the table.
- Chairs (all moveable) – 6 chairs with padded seats that have no arms.
- The door of the oven drops down and the handle is 950mm/37.4ins above the floor. The hob is 930mm/36.6ins above the floor.
- Worktop and sink are 930mm/36.6ins above the floor. Fridge freezer available, highest shelf in fridge 870mm/34.25ins and lowest drawer in freezer 1200mm/48.4ins.
- Glasses can be moved from wall cupboards to lower cupboards, if required, please request on the Pre-Arrival questionnaire.
- Cutlery and utensils and cordless kettle rotating 360.
- The kitchen is evenly lit with halogen spotlights above work surfaces and under cupboard lighting.

**Bedrooms and Sleeping Areas**

- There is 1 bedroom with a King-size double bed, on the ground floor, with step free level access from the front door and hallway. On the first floor there are 2 rooms with a king size beds which are reached by the stairs only.
- All the doors to the ground floor and upstairs rooms are 800mm/31.5ins wide.
- Furniture can be easily removed or rearranged in the ground floor room.
- The height of all beds from the top of the mattress to the floor is 600mm/24ins.
- Lighting is natural daylight and at night overhead lighting can be controlled in various combinations. There are bedside lamps or courtesy lights in each room.
- All bedrooms offer good colour contrast between the floor, walls and doors, Oak flooring, Duck & down-feather bedding, widescreen digital television/CD/DVD with remote control, subtitles, and audio.
**Description facilities.**

- Only the downstairs bedroom has ‘on the level’ bathroom access that with the use of a curtain can be made into an en suite at night.
- All the downstairs rooms have level access and to the garden decking area via large French doors.
- A level entry, step free wet room with shower.
- Toilet 400mm/15.7ins high.
- Wash basin 800mm/31.5ins high.
- Standard taps on all the washbasins and bath.
- Well lit with overhead lights and a fluorescent light in the mirrors.
- Non-slip shower mats are provided in all bathrooms.
- There is a standard size front loading washing machine.

**Garden**

- We have a decking area that is on level to all the downstairs rooms and a level threshold over both sets of the French doors.
- The decking area may be accessed via the ground floor via the French doors or the side path via a side gate.
- We have a uneven paved patio area which can be accessed from the path via concrete inclined slope. All paths and outside areas are fully lit by wall and under path lighting.
- On the patio there is a Cast Metal table which is 650mm/25.5ins from floor to lowest point of table (under space) and is 800mm/31.5ins high. Wood Steamer chairs are available for the decking area that are easily adjusted and are 450mm/18ins to the seating position and have two arms and adjustable backs.
- The decked area is in an L shape around the rear of the property and is 2 metres in depth, it has one narrow wooden step to the patio, shingle and planted area.
- The Garden and patio area has uneven surface and may not be suitable for wheelchair access.

**Additional Information**

- Assistance dogs are welcome and we provide bio degradable waste bags for their waste in a dispenser that it easily accessible from the main path. Waste is disposed of in the grey bin in the bin storage area.
- The mobile phone reception can be poor on the T Mobile and Vodafone networks.
- The nearest General Hospital with an A&E unit and walk in NHS is 8 miles away in Chichester and the nearest Doctor’s surgery is 1 mile away.
- Further information is in the welcome folder, in our information centre in the cottage and on our web site (www.sealislandholidayretreats.com).

**Future Plans**

We constantly review our website to make it more accessible, your comments are welcome to assist us with this project.

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