

# **Access Statement for The Cottage by the Pond, Beechenhill Farm**

## **Introduction**

Our self catering cottage is a specially converted barn with level access in a level south facing courtyard with close parking. The accommodation, two bedrooms and one large accessible bathroom is all on ground level with the exception of one bedroom. The second little ensuite bathroom takes pressure off the main bathroom.

## **Pre-Arrival**

- We have email and telephone access
- We can provide our information in large print by request
- PDF black and white, large print versions of our relevant website pages are available on our website
- Access statement is available in large fonts on our website and by email or post
- Good train links to within approx 20 miles (Derby, Matlock, Uttoxeter)
- Our nearest train station is Derby 16 miles away, accessible taxis are available there and in the nearest town, Ashbourne is 7 miles away by car. There are no public transport links to our farm which is in a very rural area
- If guests can get to Ashbourne we can arrange to pick up and drop off at the bus station.
- Bus services to Ashbourne which is approximately 6 miles from Ilam.
- Taxi service available from Ashbourne
- Shop-mobility schemes are situated in the area as follows:
  - Derby (22 miles) 01332 200320
  - Stoke-on-Trent (19 miles) 01782 233333
  - Burton-upon-Trent (25 miles) 01283 515191
  - Chesterfield (32 miles) 01246 559331
- The nearest shop is a small farm shop open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays 2 miles away.
- There is a small convenience store 4 miles away at Mayfield
- On booking we send our own menu of ready meals and groceries, the list of local foods available for delivery by Peak District Fine Foods and Jays Cottage.
- We have an Oxford Major hoist for hire
- The Cottage by the Pond is most suitable for accompanied

wheelchair users as the kitchen work top heights are not flexible

- Radar Toilets with map references, all have disabled facilities, the ones requiring a RADAR key say 'key'
- Alstonefield SK 1305 5564 Key
- Binn Green SE 0175 0435
- Bowden Bridge, Hayfield SK 0487 8692 Key
- Crowden SK 0730 9930 Key
- Derbyshire Bridge SK 0185 7155
- Dovedale SK 1465 5096 Key
- Hartington Station SK 1496 6108 Key
- Hollin Bank, Stanage SK 2373 8375 Key
- Langsett SE 2110 0045
- Mapleton Lane, Ashbourne SK 1751 4734 Key
- Millers Dale SK 1385 7328
- Parsley Hay SK 1468 6371 Key
- Tideswell Dale SK 1540 7422 Key
- Tissington SK 1776 5205 Key
- Torside SK 0680 9831
- Trentabank SJ 9617 7115
- Waterhouses SK 0857 5015 Key
- White Lodge SK 1702 7060 Key

### **Arrival & Car Parking Facilities**

- Parking can be directly outside the level entrance to the Cottage by the Pond.
- The surface is solid, flat and level
- As the farm has only two holiday cottages, guests can park easily
- A named blackboard marks the parking place for new arrivals
- The parking areas are lit by PIR (passive infra red) lights with movement sensors

### **Main Entrance, Reception & Ticketing Area**

- The front door of the Cottage by the Pond (width 900mm) opens outwards
- There is a grab rail just inside the door on the left hand side
- The threshold is level and the hall floor is flat stone
- The door handles are brass levers, the doors are cream coloured and the walls are burgundy so there is a good contrast

- The hall widens opposite the front door to allow easy turning access for the door.
- The hall has several wall lights and switches 170mm high

### **Public Areas - Hall, Stairs, Landing, Corridors etc**

- There are no steps in the hall or ground floor
- There is a gentle slope upwards between the front door and kitchen
- There is a wall mounted telephone with large number pad

### **Public Areas - Sitting room, lounges, lobbies etc**

- Accessed through a sliding doorway 880mm wide
- The sitting room has no steps and a solid wooden floor
- Switches and sockets are 170m high
- Furniture is moveable and there are no feather cushions or furnishings
- There is an electric riser/recliner chair, two sofas, a small firm wing chair and two firm armed wicker chairs
- The padded dining chairs are stackable for spaciousness and have no arms
- The digital TV and music centre have remote controls

### **Outdoor Facilities**

- Immediately outside the Cottage by the Pond is a hard, flat surfaced courtyard with moveable garden furniture
- The farm yard beyond is level concrete
- The nearby garden (20 metres away) is gently sloping grass, with some steeper areas.
- There is an outside chess set accessible across a further 10 m grass
- A patio area, with moveable garden furniture is approximately 30m away from the Cottage by the Pond down a gentle grass slope

### **Conference & Meeting Rooms, Banqueting**

- The Haybarn is available to guests
- This has three level entrance doors to a ground floor of underheated stone
- An accessible toilet

- An ambulant staircase to first floor with wooden planked surface and glass fronted balcony
- First floor wheelchair access is available with pre arranged assistance via a ramp to the back fire escape door of the building

### **Bedrooms & Sleeping Areas**

- Bedroom 1 on the ground floor has a level entrance door 880mm wide
- The bed can be either one super king size or two full size singles
- All furniture is moveable
- There is a fitted wardrobe with a low rail and full length mirror
- Bed blocks are available to raise the bed to allow use of the Oxford Major 190 hoist
- The ensuite bathroom (can be shared with other ground floor room) is small and not wheelchair accessible
- Light switches and sockets are at All 170mm high

### **Bathroom, Shower-room & WC [Ensuite or Shared]**

- Large bathroom door 880mm wide
- Non-slip floor, non-slip, shallow bath, rim 445mm high. Toilet seat 445mm high, left-hand transfer, pull down hand rails both sides. Flat floor shower, mobile shower chair/commode available on request.
- En-suite door 75mm wide with shower, WC with static handle and washbasin.

### **Self-Catering Kitchen**

- Kitchen: Fridge freezer, dishwasher, washer/dryer, microwave, electric cooker.
- A length of low worktop with space under
- Other work tops at standard height
- Two adjustable perching stools
- Cooker controls on front of cooker
- Lever taps on sink, with narrow gap under sink
- Microwave with touch controls

## **Additional Information**

- Staff have 'welcome all' training and some sign language awareness
- Oxford Major 190 hoist for hire, mobile shower chair, commode, bath board all available
- Dogs are not generally accommodated as many guests have allergies, however service dogs can stay in hard floored areas by arrangement
- There is no smoking in the Cottage by the Pond
- Because mobile coverage is sporadic, there is a telephone in the Cottage by the Pond

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Hours of operation: Open all hours

Emergency number: 999

Local carers: The Doctors Surgery Dig Street, Hartington  
01298 84315

Local public transport numbers: Local buses:

Staffordshire County Council- 01785 276741 or 01785 276733

Traveline Information on times/routes only 0871 200 22 33

0700-2100 (7 days a week)

Public/Community Transport Derbyshire County Council 08456  
058058 (Office hours)

Local accessible taxis:

Dovelin Cars at Doveridge (near Uttoxeter) â€“ 01889 567055

### **Future Plans**

- The heating system is currently being altered to use wood instead of oil

### **Contact Telephone and Email Address**

**We welcome your feedback to help us continually improve if you have any comments please phone 01335310274 or email [beecehill@btinternet.com](mailto:beecehill@btinternet.com)**