

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.

Access Statement for Self-catering property Best Practice

Introduction

Abbotts Ball Farm Cottage is situated on the southern edge of the village of Potterne, two miles from the market town of Devizes, and commands outstanding views across the surrounding countryside towards Salisbury Plain. Its central position in Wiltshire makes it an ideal centre for touring and, with many peaceful local bridleways and byways; it makes an ideal area for walking. Within a couple of miles, access can be gained to Salisbury Plain.

The spacious cottage sleeps up to five people and is tastefully and comfortably furnished to a high standard, making it a real “home from home”.

Abbotts Ball Farm is a working smallholding with a horse livery yard. The Cottage overlooks a large flower- bordered lawn, whilst at the rear there is a gentle slope leading to a half acre lawn with several benches and seats, giving our guests magnificent views across the beautiful Wiltshire countryside, and where children are welcome to play ball games safely. There is a patio area which can be accessed from the lounge front door by one shallow step, which has a wooden table and chairs with a parasol, and barbeque available for our guests.

Locally, there are excellent golf courses and fishing availability, a leisure centre in Devizes with heated swimming pool and a variety of indoor and outdoor sports. Canal boat hire is also available from Devizes on the Kennet & Avon Canal.

Hazel and John look forward to welcoming you to our lovely part of the country and hope you enjoy your holiday here at Abbotts Ball Farm Cottage.

Pre-arrival

Rural buses between Trowbridge and Devizes pass the gate. It is a “request stop” service. Buses to Bath and Salisbury depart from the Village Post Office approximately half a mile away. Time tables are available.

The C246 Worton Road outside the Cottage has no footpath to the village until approximately the last 100 yards where there is a narrow, fairly steep pathway to the main A360.

There are several local companies that supply equipment for hire; details available on request.

The nearest Shopmobility is in Swindon, approximately 20 miles away.

Shopping can be ordered and delivered to the Cottage in time for your arrival via local supermarkets, Tesco, Sainsbury and Iceland.

Key collection, Welcome and Car Parking

The Cottage is attached to the owner's property and Hazel or John will meet you on arrival to give you the key and to show you around the Cottage and familiarise you.

Parking for two cars is available on a gravelled area approximately 20 yards from either front or rear Cottage entrance doors.

The parking area leads to three steps to the paved front pathway (although these steps can be avoided by using a lawn area to the side of the steps). Alternatively the parking area leads to a slightly sloping path to the back door of the Cottage.

The area is lit by motion sensor lights.

Entrance to Property

There is one shallow step from paved pathway to the front door, which leads into the lounge/diner. Alternatively a step-free access entrance is available to the rear door.

Entrance is well lit.

Carpet to floor in lounge.

Front door is 32.5"/800mm wide.

Lounge/Diner

Situated on the ground floor, with a shallow step from front pathway into lounge, and with level access to or from the kitchen.

The room has a mixture of seating with a sofa, easy chairs and a higher chair with arms.

Nest of coffee tables and a single low table with table lamp.

Digital television DVD/video player with remote control and.

Dining area has a table (height 30"/760mm) and dining chairs without arms.

Sideboard holding extra cutlery, table mats, table cloths, glasses, bowls, books and games.

Oak cupboard with cleaning equipment and iron, together with games, under the stairs. Plus ironing board under stairs.

Furniture can be moved.

Various lighting - two ceiling lights, two wall lights, table light and standard lamp.

Carpet to floor.

Door widths:-

Front entrance door – 31.5"/800mm

Kitchen sliding door – 31.5"/800mm

Bedroom 3 door – 31.5"/800mm

Bedroom 3

Situated on ground floor off the lounge.

Single 3' divan bed (height 22.5"/570mm)

Chest of drawers.

Chair.

Towel Rail.

Ceiling light, plus bedside lamp.

Carpet to floor.

Door width 31.5"/800mm.

Kitchen

Situated on ground floor, with level access from back door and from lounge/diner.

Electric four-ring cooker; drop down grill door; side opening oven door (height of appliance 36"/920mm).

Sink and worktops (height 36"/920mm).

Fridge/freezer (height 48"/1220mm).

Front loading washing machine (under worktop).

Microwave.

Rotating cordless kettle.

Glasses and crockery can be moved from wall cupboard to lower cupboards on prior request.

Strip fluorescent lighting.

Vinyl floor with non-slip rug.

Door widths:-

Back door – 29.5"/750mm

Sliding door to lounge – 31.5"/800mm

Stairs and Landing

The staircase leads off lounge to first floor. There are 13 steps with wide treads and shallow risers. Hand rails to both sides.

Landing has a single storage wardrobe, a Z bed incorporating table, and a chair.

There is also Information literature on top of table.

Bedroom 1

Double 4'6" divan bed (height 22.5"/570mm)

Pine furniture – 2 chest of drawers; 2 bedside cabinets and a walk-in wardrobe (hanging rail 6'/1840mm)

Two bedroom chairs.

Travel cot available on request.

Central lighting and two bedside lamps.

Carpeted floor.

Door width – 29.5"/750mm. A light room with two windows, and glorious views.

Bedroom 2

Double 4'6" divan bed (height 22.5"/570mm).

Chest of drawers with mirror.

Bedside table.

Chair.

Central lighting, and two table lamps.

Carpeted floor.

Door width 29.5"/750mm.

Bathroom

Wash basin (height 32.5"/820mm)

Toilet (height 16.5"/420mm)

Bath with handles and non-slip bath mat.

Over bath electric shower with curtain.

Storage cupboard, and worktop with wall mirror (height 36"/910mm)

Shaver point.

Towel rail.

Net curtains and blind to window.

Central pull cord lighting.

Vinyl floor. Non-slip floor mats.

Door width 29.5"/750mm

Additional Information

Dogs are very welcome, and visitors are requested to use doggy bags and to dispose of them in the bin provided.

We encourage the use of recycling bins.

Mobile telephone reception is good.

Nearest local general hospital with A & E Minor Injuries Unit is Trowbridge (with a 24 hour service) Telephone 01225 711329 (approximately 10 miles), or Chippenham (with 7.00 a.m. to 1.00 a.m. service) Telephone 01249 447100 (approximately 10 miles).

Larger General hospitals:-

Royal United, Bath Telephone 01225 428331 (approximately 20 miles)

Salisbury District Hospital Telephone 01722 336262 (approximately 20 miles)

Great Western Hospital, Swindon Telephone 01793 604020 (approximately 20 miles)

Local Doctors' surgeries in Devizes:-

St. James' Surgery Telephone 0844 4778648

South Broom Surgery Telephone 0844 4778657

Lansdown Surgery Telephone 01380 722278

Pharmacies:-

Morrisons, Devizes

Boots, The Brittox, Devizes

Rowlands, Market Square, Devizes

Contact Information

Address: Abbots Ball Farm, Worton Road, Potterne, Devizes, SN10 5PW

Telephone: 01380 721661

Website: www.abbotsballfarm.com

Hours of Operation: Open all year round

Local taxi: Cobra Cabs 07939 501300; Devizes Taxis 01380 723129

Local trains from Westbury, Chippenham and Pewsey

Alternate telephone numbers are provided on arrival.
