

## **Access Statement For The Garden Cottage**

### **Introduction**

The cottage is on one level and situated in a one acre garden. There is a ramp to access the door. The garden is level.

### **Pre Arrival**

- Customers can contact the owner by telephone or email. The website has photographs of each room. There is no public transport but the owner would be pleased to get a grocery order in place for the guests arrival. The owner also gives a starter welcome pack mc: milk, teabags, coffee, fruit juice etc.
- The nearest town is Longridge and is four miles away. There is a delivery service from Sainsburys and newspaper delivery can be arranged. Access taxis are available in Longridge.

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

- There is ample-parking for two cars. There is a drop off point this is four meters from the entrance. The drop off point is onto flags and is level. There is rear access to a vehicle at the drop off point. There are electric gates to access the garden area, the owner or her agent will always be on hand to open these on arrival, from then on the guest will have their own key fob for the duration of their stay. No pets except guide allowed. If a guide dog is present it's needs will be taken care of. There is an intercom on the gate. There is no porter but the owner is always happy to help. From the car park which is gravel the ground is level and the guest can choose to walk around to the ramp to gain access or step onto a flag let into the garden almost at the door. There is no covered walk way. There are outside lights at night one can be left on at all times the others are lit by sensors. The access ramp is on a very slight incline.

### **Main Entrance & Reception**

- There is only one entrance accessed from the car parking area or a drop off point alongside the ramp. At its steepest the ramp is nine inches reducing to ground level at the drop off point. The surface material flagged and non slip except during very frosty weather, should this be the case the ramp will be cleared early each morning. Music is not piped therefore the guests choose their own volume for T V and music. There is writing paper and pens in the cottage. All lighting is uniform and there is a spare key on the wall in the cottage. There is no reception area. Door type for entry is side hung. There is an outside light and security lights. There is a porch/canopy above the entrance to the cottage. The owner or agents are available at any reasonable hour. Should a guide dog be present bowls if necessary can be provided. The dog owner would have full use

of the garden for exercising the dog, or the cottage is situated on a very quiet lane. There are no grab rails in the building.

### **Public Areas - General (Internal)**

- There are fire doors in the cottage. There is an escape route other than the door through a window this is on the ground floor and the exit is level. Guests are told of this on arrival. The floor covering is carpet and vinyl. Teletext is available on the television There are no corridors, or steps.

### **Public Areas - WC**

- The route to the WC is straight ahead from the lounge. There is no outside toilet. There are no pull cords the height of the toilet is 38cm but a raiser seat is available. The floor surface is vinyl. The toilet is situated in front of the bathroom door. The suite is white the walls are cream and the hot and cold taps are independent and have to be turned. Hooks are behind the bathroom door. There is plenty of storage in the bathroom. There are no baby or adult nappy tables in the cottage.

### **Restaurant / Dining Room. Bar & Lounges. Take Away & Cafe**

- The dining area is well lit and carpeted. The table and chairs are moveable none of the dining chairs have arms. The table and chairs have four legs. Guests have full use of the garden during their stay, there is a large stone picnic table and chairs are set around this in the summer months. it is a grassed area and level a charcoal bar-b-que is available on request when guests will be given full instructions of how to use it There is no thick handled cutlery.

### **Laundry**

- The utility room is accessed from outside the main cottage it contains a freezer for use by the guests also a front loading washing machine which is 85cm high electric iron and an ironing board which has adjustable heights. There is also a wet weather drying area with facilities for hanging wet coats and a shelf for drying wet boots /shoes etc. The ground is level but gravel access and the door opening is situated in the middle it is side hanging and opens outwards. Lighting is florescent and is uniform

### **Shop**

- N/A

### **Treatment room/s**

- N/A

### **Leisure Facilities**

- N/A

### **Outdoor Facilities**

- N/A

### **Conference & Meeting Rooms Banqueting. Clubs. Entertainment**

N/A

### **Bedrooms**

- There are no bedrooms suitable for wheelchair users. The fire alarm is central and is a siren noise. The owners do have a spare key to access the cottage and would personally alert visitors and help with evacuation. There are no TVs or telephones in the bedrooms. There are no aids for disabled guests. Lighting is uniform ceiling lights a table lamp and small torch is on each bedside table. The double bedroom has a double bed and the single room has a single bed. The beds are divans, the double has space on both sides and the single has space on one side, both bedrooms are carpeted. There are no great colour contrasts. The entrance to the rooms is level and there are no kettles in any room other than the kitchen area. A full familiarisation tour is always given on arrival. The cottage is non-smoking. Some of the pillows are feather. Dogs are not allowed in the bedrooms, guide dogs may sleep in a basket in the lounge. There is also a large dog pen outside should any guests care to use it by arrangement with the owner.

### **Bathroom Shower-room & WC (Ensuite or Shared)**

- There is one shower room in the cottage, it has a shower washhand basin and toilet, it is accessed from a central hallway. The bathroom is 11 foot by 5ft 8in the flooring is vinyl, the door is a single fire door and the width is 2ft 8in.
- There is a clear unobstructed path to and from the bathroom. The shower is on the far left corner of the room it is a corner shower with a non slip base, entry is by two sliding doors. There is no alarm system fitted. The toilet is located in the far right corner of the bathroom. A shower stool is available. There is one shower head and the tap mechanism is a mixer type. There is no bath. The washhand basin is on a solid middle leg and has two independent taps which are a turn style. The toilet is 38cm high we have a raiser seat should anyone need one. There are no hand rails. The transfer space is four square foot. There is no colour contrasting.

### **Self-catering Kitchen**

- The kitchen is situated at the back of the living area. The route is clear though the lounge, it is level and open plan. The water is thermostatically controlled and

the taps are lever. The work surface is covered composite the height is 2ft 6in and there are cupboards above them and below the space between the work surface and the cupboards above is two foot. The cooker is a halogen hob and oven there is also a microwave oven sited on the worktop. The cooking facilities are all electric. The cutlery and cookware are at various heights the cutlery drawer is three feet from the floor in a dresser some things are stored at ground level and others at five foot. The shape of the kitchen floor area is square and vinyl and is five foot by five square Lighting is uniform and light from above. There is also natural light from the window. There is a fridge under the work surface to the left of the sink in the kitchen, the freezer as previously stated is outside.

### **Caravans. Holiday Homes & Twin Units**

- N/A

### **Touring Facilities (Holiday Parks**

- N/A

### **Boats - Narrow Boat, Cruiser & Hotel Boat**

- N/A

### **Attractions (Displays. exhibits, rides etc)**

- N/A

### **Grounds and Gardens**

- The gardens can be used by the guests they are ninety % level and mainly lawned except for the shrubs and flower beds. There is a small fish pond on the patio and this at its deepest part is two feet. There is also a large wildlife pond in the garden the deepest part of this is four foot, it is clearly signed deep water. During the summer seating at various places is available for guests to rest and enjoy the garden. There are many fragrant flowers and shrubs all year round. There are no designated play areas and no hand rails

### **Additional Information**

- The cottage is well lit with natural light from large double glazed windows.

### **Contact Information**

- Address: Fairhurst Cottage, Fairhurst Lane, Inglewhite Preston PR32LJ
- Telephone: 01995 640007
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- Website: [thegarden-cottage.co.uk](http://thegarden-cottage.co.uk)
- Grid reference: Landranger Map 102 Ref 584 558
- Hours of operation: We live adjacent to the premises so we would be on call for emergency 24hours
- Emergency number: 01995 640007
- Local carers: Alston View Nursing Home
- Local equipment hire companies: Not known
- Local public transport numbers: Bowland Transit Services Traveline 08712002233
- Local accessible taxi numbers: Irelands Taxis Stonebridge Mill Longridge. 01772 481818

### **Future Plans**

- None at present.

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