

## **Access Statement For WHITTON LODGE**

### **Introduction**

Whitton Lodge is attached to Whitton Grange, a historic Arts and Crafts House with fine gardens including remains of the original 12 C Pele tower. The gardens and all buildings are Grade 2 listed. It lies in the Hamlet of Whitton, 3/4 mile from Rothbury. The area is a peaceful setting, no street lighting, situated on a hillside with wonderful views, perfect for hill walkers. Because of the nature of the terrain, some external access to the Lodge involves steps or uneven surfaces. A second access from the east path is on a single level and may be suitable for disabled or wheelchair use. We welcome small children here but for them and anyone unsteady on feet or with restricted visibility it is advisable that they should be accompanied or supervised in the grounds around the Lodge. The Owners are always delighted to show visitors around the gardens by arrangement. Hearing disability here is no problem, there is virtually no traffic on the approach road or drive leading to the Lodge. As we advertise as a totally smoke free, non allergenic Lodge we cannot accept smoking or pets inside the Lodge under any circumstances.

### **Pre-Arrival**

- Web site [www.cottage-northumberland.co.uk](http://www.cottage-northumberland.co.uk)
- email [maggie.monaghan@btinternet.com](mailto:maggie.monaghan@btinternet.com)
- telephone 01669 620929
- Travel instructions will be sent with booking, shopping can be delivered by previous arrangement
- Nearest train station is Morpeth (13 miles away), occasional bus services operate from Rothbury but there is no taxi service in the village. The nearest payphone is in the High Street Rothbury but most mobile phone operators work from the Lodge and the Grange owners are always willing to offer their land line in emergencies.
- The nearest RADAR toilet is in Rothbury

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

- Car parking for one car is available outside the Lodge, other vehicles can park in the grounds by the stables. All areas are concreted and flat.

- There are two entrances to the Lodge: one via three rustic steps (no hand rail) leading to a small level, gravel and paved area in front of the door. The second via a single level gravel path from the main drive. Movement sensitive Security lights cover the parking area and entrance.
- This private area, bounded by a beech hedge also contains an outdoor table and chairs for visitor use.
- The large guest garden is approached from the parking area either by stone steps (no handrail) or a longer route via a gravel path plus three stone steps (no handrail).

### **Main Entrance & Reception**

- A large, heavy oak door provides the only entrance (one step) leading to a well lit quarry tiled vestibule. Access to a cloakroom and heated laundry/boiler room is from this level (no steps).
- Through a door on the left, four carpeted steps (with handrail) on the right side lead down to the large sitting room and kitchen area, to the right of the vestibule two shallow flights of carpeted stairs (handrail on LHS) lead to the bathroom/ bedroom level.
- The sitting room is carpeted, and contains a dining table, sofas etc. All furniture complies with appropriate regulations and can be moved if necessary. This room contains the radio/CD player, DVD, video, TV, bookcases with a large selection of books and games.
- A door on the opposite side leads to the kitchen, a quarry tiled area containing all domestic facilities mentioned on the web site or brochure. There is a large second dining table and six chairs here too.
- Returning to the original vestibule, on the right hand side two shallow flights of stairs (handrail on LHS) lead up to the bedroom and bathroom area. All bedrooms are carpeted, the bathroom floor is linoleum. The landings and all walls are off white and all doors are brown wood.
- Details and pictures of bedrooms are given in the brochure, configuration is two bedrooms each with two single beds, one with a double bed. All duvets pillows etc are of hypo allergenic materials, the carpets are wool.
- The bathroom is large with a large walk in shower (small sill to step over), bath, toilet and washbasin. All furniture is white and the room is well lit.
- All electrical and gas systems are annually checked and certified. A fire notice is in the vestibule together with one of the extinguishers and

a smoke alarm.

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

- The sitting room is carpeted, and contains a dining table, sofas etc. All furniture complies with fire regulations and can be moved if necessary. This room contains the radio, DVD, video TV, bookcases with a large selection of books and games.
- A door on the opposite side leads to the kitchen, a quarry tiled area containing all domestic facilities mentioned on the web site or brochure. There is a large second dining table here too. Cooking is electric. A fire extinguisher and fire blanket are on the wall opposite the cooker.
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- The whole Lodge is heated by gas CH, an additional electric fire is situated in the sitting room.
- The emphasis here is upon comfort, although some furniture is antique, we wish guests to feel undaunted and totally relaxed during their visit.

### **Public Areas - WC**

- Two WCs are available, in the bathroom and entrance cloakroom. Neither have facilities for disabilities but are wide enough for zimmer use.

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

- Not applicable

### **Laundry**

- Washing machine is situated on the entrance level. Outdoor drying facilities are on the large guest lawn, approached by steps (see above).

### **Shop**

- Nearest shopping is Rothbury with excellent local produce is available.
- There is no petrol in Rothbury, nearest Thropton (4 miles up the valley) or Morpeth(S 13 miles) or Alnwick (W 13 miles). We always suggest arriving at the Lodge with a full tank and can then advise on appropriate station.

### **Treatment room/s**

- Not applicable

### **Leisure Facilities**

- Non on site

### **Outdoor Facilities**

- The property is situated in an idyllic quiet area but there are no gates between the entrance drive and outside lane.

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

- Not applicable

### **Bedrooms**

- see above

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

- see above

### **Self-Catering Kitchen**

- see above

## **Grounds and Gardens**

- see above

## **Additional Information**

- Centrally placed for Coast and Castle visits, Hadrians wall, many National Trust Sites, Keilder, hill walking and the Northumberland National Park.

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## **Future Plans**

- Continuous update.

**We welcome your feedback to help us continuously improve if you have any comments please phone 01669 620929 or email [maggie.monaghan@btinternet.com](mailto:maggie.monaghan@btinternet.com)**