

## **The Guggle Disability Access Statement**

The accommodation in this self-catering 12th Century Cottage arranged on three levels. Please note that due to the age of the cottage and it's Grade 2\* listing the property is NOT suitable for those requiring the use of a wheelchair.

Access to the property is via a stone step to the front door Please note however that reaching the cottage from the car parking area involves a 20-yard walk to the front door. The entrance door is 3ft wide.

We aim to provide appropriate and relevant information in this statement but if you have any queries please do call us on 01242 890394

We look forward to welcoming you.

### **Pre-Arrival**

The nearest shops are a one-minute drive or a 500 yard walk along a pavement.

The nearest bus stop is about 50 yards from the cottage.

We can arrange for shopping to be delivered for your arrival and can provide information in large print on request.

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

The parking area is at the front of the cottage and is on road (there is no driveway). The car parking area and pathway is level

### **The Accommodation**

The front door is a standard 30 inches wide and opens inwards to a small hallway with one stone step and has stone and terracotta tiled flooring.

Mains powered, smoke alarms are fitted in the entrance hall. Emergency lighting is available.

Due to The Guggle's Grade 2\* listing status, the only area suitable for wheelchair use is the entrance hallway, all other doorways are too narrow, with several being constructed of the original Cotswold stone.

### **Sleeping accommodation Ground Floor**

One double bedroom. Lights are controlled by switches at both the entrance door and the bedside. The two bedside cabinets (and lamps) are moveable to. The room is fitted with a carpet. Other obstacles include a wardrobe and a towel rail.

There is a shower room ensuite with tiled floor.

### **The Kitchen/Diner**

There is an open plan kitchen and dining area.

Furniture is moveable. The rectangular oak dining table has legs at each corner and comes with eight chairs. There is a stone floor.

A radio/CD player in the lounge has a remote control device.

Wall mounted storage cupboards will present access difficulties for wheelchair-bound guests. Similarly, the extractor hood for the hob is out of reach to those in a wheelchair.

### **Lounge**

The lounge has an open fireplace with a 2" high brick hearth protruding into the room by approximately 14". Furniture consists of two double sofas, two coffee/lamp tables and a digital TV and DVD player (with remote control devices). Light switches by the door control both the wall-mounted lights and the table lamps. The room is carpeted.

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

All of the doors are less than 20 inches wide and open inwards from the hall. The hall is 3' 6" wide along its length. Décor is light and contrasting with stone or terracotta floors, painted doors and skirting. Floors are slippery in socks or bare feet.

Door furniture is black, wrought iron rim-lock. Windows are wooden, double-glazed variety with key locks. Keys are provided but the windows are NOT designed to open fully. They should NOT be regarded as a point of exit except in cases of absolute need. They will not allow passage to anyone who is disabled or of above average weight.

### **Staircase**

There is a carpeted spiral staircase to the first and second floors, these are NOT suitable for use by those with mobility difficulties

### **Sleeping accommodation First Floor**

One double bedroom and a twin room are situated on the first floor. Lights to both rooms are controlled by switches at both the entrance door and the bedside. The two bedside cabinets in each bedroom (and lamps) are moveable. The rooms are fitted with carpets. Other obstacles include wardrobes, chest of drawers and towel rails.

There is a shower room with tiled floor.

The shower cubicle is 750mm square and is fitted with 8mm and 6mm toughened glass panels and a stone resin tray. The glass door opens outwards. The taps and temperature control are 48 inches from the floor of the tray. There are no hand support rails for the bath, shower or toilet. The two light switches are of the pull-cord variety.

### **Sleeping accommodation Second Floor**

One double bedrooms. Lights are controlled by switches at both the entrance door and the bedside. The two bedside cabinets (and lamps) are moveable. The room is fitted with a carpet.

### **Bathroom**

The bathroom has a close-coupled toilet, pedestal sink, a steel bath of 1700mm length and of standard height. Mixer taps and a hand-held shower unit is provided. There are no hand support rails for the bath, shower or toilet. The two light switches are of the pull-cord variety.

### **Boiler Controls and Fuse Box**

The oil-fired central heating and hot water boiler provides hot water on demand and is fully programmable. The fuse box is next to the front door and is not accessible to someone in a wheelchair.

### **Gardens**

The lawns slope upwards and away from the house. There are three stone steps which allow access to the lawned area.

### **Additional Information**

Smoking is not permitted anywhere inside or near the cottage.

There is limited mobile phone reception in the area but there is a telephone with honesty box for guests to use in The Guggle.