

Access Statement for Shelt Gill, Coniston, Cumbria

Introduction

We hope that everyone who takes a holiday in our cottage will enjoy themselves. The following pages aims to tell you as accurately as possible about the physical arrangements at the cottage.

In summary, the cottage is built into a hillside so the living / dining room, bathroom and kitchen are on the entry level, but the two bedrooms are downstairs.

There is a steep lane and steps up to the front door, so it would not be possible to get into the cottage in a wheelchair. We think that even a part time wheel chair user is likely to find the cottage difficult.

Anyone with limited mobility should consider whether the access is suitable for them. We are sorry about this, but the history and geography of the cottage make it difficult for us to make access easier. There is a photo of the access to the front door on the Photo Visit part of the Website to help you make your own decision.

If you have any specific questions please feel free to contact us and we will try to help.

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Before you arrive

- * People usually arrive at the cottage by car. There is a map on our website www.sheltgill.co.uk or directions on a printed leaflet that we can send you.
- * The nearest railway stations are Windermere (10 miles) and Ulverston (15 miles), where there are usually taxis waiting. You can get details from www.nationalrail.co.uk or telephone 08457 48 49 50 (textphone 08457 60 50 600)
- * Coach services from London (Victoria) go to Ulverston,

Ambleside and Windermere. More details are available from www.nationalexpress.com or telephone 08705 808080

- * Bus services to Coniston are not frequent. Details can be found through www.traveline.info or 0871 200 22 33 (add 874 for Cumbria)
- * There seems to be no taxi service in Coniston, but telephone numbers of Ambleside and Ulverston taxis are available at the cottage
- * Kendal and South Lakes Shopmobility offers the loan of wheelchairs and scooters at the Westmoreland Shopping Centre and have single scooters at a number of other locations. Telephone 01539 740933 or contact www.shopmobilityuk.org

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- * On arrival you can stop outside the garage and fetch the keys from a close location which we will tell you about in advance
- * Noone will be there to meet you, but we usually leave out a tea tray
- * There is a garage for one car and parking space for another.
- * A lane runs between the garage and the front door. Although the distance is only 10 meters, it is quite steep (there is a photo on the Photo Visit part of the Website). The lane is only used by local traffic but cars can come down quite fast. Also the farmer uses it so there is sometimes mud on the surface and it can be slippery. Conston Village is about 15 minutes walk along the old railway line
- * There is space in the garage for bicycles

Main Entrance

- * The shallowest approach to the front door has 4 steps, 18 cm high, 82 cm wide and 28 cm deep. There is a handrail on the right.
- * On entry into the cottage there is a hallway 4.2m by 1.5m. There is a seat in the hallway

General Information (Internal)

- * The lounge, kitchen and bathroom are on the entrance level; the bedrooms are downstairs
- * The stairs have 12 steps, 80cm wide, 20cm high. with a tread of 26cm deep. There is a bend of 180 degrees and a handrail.
- * There is short pile carpet in the hallway, lounge, stairs and bedrooms; the kitchen and the bathroom have vinyl flooring
- * Walls are white or cream and flooring is mid green (terracotta in the kitchen)
- * There is a smoke alarm in the hallway
- * A highchair and cot available on request

Living / Dining Room

- * The living / dining room has a sitting area at one side and a dining area at the other
- * Overall dimensions are 4.2m by 5.7m
- * All furniture is moveable – though some is quite heavy!
- * The sitting area has a suite with a three seater settee and two chairs; the seats are 44 cm high
- * There is a Teletext TV provided with remote control, that incorporates a DVD player. At present only the four main channels can be reached
- * The dining chairs are wooden with cushion pads. Two have arms and four do not. The seats are 45cm high

Self Catering Kitchen

- * Free floor space is 100cm by 200cm
- * There is a sliding door 73cm wide
- * Worktops, sink and cooker hob are 91cm high
- * Most cupboard space is underneath the worktops, but there are also wall cupboards at a height of 146cm
- * The fridge stands on the floor, but the freezer compartment on top is at 82cm
- * There is a walk in cupboard where the rubbish bin is kept
- * The kitchen is lit by a fluorescent tube

Bathroom

- * Door width 72cm, inward opening
- * Free floor space clear of door is 53cm x 75cm
- * The bath edge is 54cm high
- * The shower is over the bath.
- * The toilet is 44cm high

Bedrooms

- * There are 2 bedrooms on the lower floor, a larger and a smaller

Smaller bedroom

- * The door width is 72cm, inward opening
- * There is a double bed (4' 6") 59cm high to top of mattress
- * Non feather duvets and pillows; alternatively there are blankets
- * Bed linen is not provided
- * The space either side of the bed is 45cm wide; the bed is moveable if more space is required to one side
- * Largest free floor space clear of door, fitted wardrobe and furniture is 100cm by 200cm

Larger bedroom

- * Door width 71cm, inward opening
- * There are two 3' single beds on opposite sides of the room; one bed can be expanded to create a double bed or provide a third small (2' 6") single bed
- * The beds are 53cm high to the top of the mattress
- * Non feather duvets and pillows; alternatively there are blankets
- * Bed linen is not provided
- * The beds are against the wall, but can be moved if space is required on both sides
- * Free floor space clear of door is L shaped with maximum dimensions 210cm by 160cm

Grounds and Gardens

- * There is a large garden with a rocky beck forming one boundary. Access to the beck is quite steep so children should be supervised.

- * The other boundaries are dry stone retaining walls; the garden is higher than the lane that runs round the garden, so there is nothing to keep dogs or children in.
- * The grass is kept trimmed and there is a flat area with a bench outside the patio window door which has a step out. The garden can also be reached by a flat path from the front door

Laundry

- * Nearest laundrettes are Ambleside or Ulverston

Shop

- * Nearest shops in Coniston Village

Additional Information

- * Mobile phone reception is generally good
- * There is no telephone at the cottage

Contact Information

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