

Access Statement for Hazel Cottage, Trevalgas Cottages, Poughill Nr. Bude EX23 9HH

Introduction

Hazel cottage is one of 14 cottages in a complex which has communal leisure facilities including a swimming pool, games room and playing field (a separate access statement is available for the communal facilities). Some of the cottages are conversions of farm buildings and some, like Hazel, are purpose built. Although modern Hazel has been designed to give a “cosy cottage” feel. Hazel cottage is all on one level from the car park. Access to the garden is more difficult due to the slope. The only steps in Hazel are from the sundeck to the garden.

Pre-Arrival

- We have a comprehensive website and are also listed on a number of internet directories.
- Bookings/enquiries can be made via email or phone.
- The nearest bus stop is by the post office in Poughill village (about half a mile) – the bus service is not frequent.
- There are a number of taxi services available locally. Here are three: Seagull Cabs 01288 356761, Bill’s Taxis 07875 720413, Bea-Line 07747 196090.
- There isn’t an easily accessible train service – Bodmin is the nearest station (30 miles away) and Exeter is about 50 miles away.
- All guests are provided with written directions to the cottage (available in different font size and dyslexia friendly font).

- The nearest toilet with facilities for the disabled is in Poughill, opposite the church in the main street.
- This access statement is available in the “welcome folder” in the cottage.

Arrival and Car Parking Facilities

- Luggage can be unloaded at the front of the cottage only.
- There is parking for two vehicles at the end of the level concrete path which leads to the cottage. Additional parking is available in a large car park near the entrance to the complex. This is about 100m from the cottage down a gravelled incline.

Main Entrance

- The front door is approached by a level concrete path which is 11ms long and 1m wide (avg.).
- The entrance at the front has a step up which is 20cms from the path. The lip down to the floor is 5cms high. The door is 77cms wide and is hinged on the right. The keyhole is 105cms from the ground.
- The front door opens into the kitchen area. The light switch is on the left above the work surface. There is a non-slip mat inside the door, the floor covering in the kitchen area to the left is vinyl and the living/dining area straight ahead is carpeted with a twist pile polypropylene carpet.
- There is access from the parking area to the rear of the cottage via a concrete path. There is a sliding door at the rear leading onto a small deck area. There are 3 wooden steps down from the deck to the side path and garden.

Public Areas

- Not applicable

Kitchen

- The front door leads directly into the kitchen area which is to the left as one enters. The worktops make an “L” shape and measure 2.7m long along one side and 1.8m along the other. There is a minimum 1.2m X 1.8m of free space available.
- The worktops are 92cms high and 60cms deep.
- There are 2 wall cupboards used for crockery and some food items.
- The electric oven door is drop down. The electric hob is 94cms high.
- The sink is 92cms high. There is no free space under.
- The larder fridge is floor standing and has a freezer unit over. The fridge is 82cms high and the whole unit is 136cms high.
- All electrical switches are at the rear of the worktops at a height of 20cms above the worktops.
- The flooring is vinyl.
- The kitchen is lit by modern low wattage spotlights.
- There is a fire extinguisher and fire blanket on the wall by the fridge.

Open Plan Living/Dining Room

- The kitchen area adjoins the Living/Dining room.
- The overall size of the room is 5.65m x 4m. The largest free space measures approximately 2.3m X 2.5m.
- The carpet is plum coloured. It is twist pile polypropylene.
- There is one armchair and one two seater setee(with arms).
- The TV with digital topbox, VCR and DVD can all be controlled remotely.
- There is an electric flame effect woodburner- style stove on a tiled hearth on the wall to the left as one enters the room.
- The dining table is 135cms X 75cms with legs at each corner. It is 74.5cms high with 63cms of free space under.
- There are 4 dining chairs with cushions.
- There are 3 double and 1 single power points which are 30cms (avg.) from the floor.
- A sliding door leads out onto the deck. The maximum width when open is 72.5cms and the height 192.5cms. There is a 5cm lip at the bottom. The keyhole is 1m above the floor.

Laundry

- There is a communal laundry available on the site equipped with washers and dryers (see separate access statement).

Shop

- Not applicable

Conference Facilities

- Not applicable

Hallway

- 120cms long and 90cms wide.
- Doorway to bedroom and bathroom.

Bedroom

- One double bedroom
- Freestanding wardrobe and chest of drawers with mirror.
- All duvets and pillows are non feather.
- All sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases are poly-cotton.
- Carpet is twist pile, polypropylene.
- Double bed 1.4m X 2.02m. Bed height is cms.
- Room 3.53m X 3.22m overall
- Access to right of bed 53cms – to left 70cms
- Distance from foot of bed to furniture is 90cms
- Maximum free area 1.06m x 1.4m
- 2 bedside lights, 2 double power points

Bathroom

- The door measures 74cm x 1m.
- Maximum size 2.42m x 1.22m. Free space immediately inside door measures 1.15m X 1.08m.
- The floor covering is vinyl.

- The toilet seat is 43cm high. There is 40cm space to the left of the toilet and space to the right is 34cm.
- Wash basin is 80cm high.
- There is a bath with grab handles on both sides. Available space at side of bath is 80cm.
- There is a shower with curtain over the bath – the shower controls are 1.5m above the bottom of the bath.
- The bath measures 135cms X 46cms internally. It is 54cms high.
- Pull switch for light.
- Heated towel rail operated by pull switch
- Cupboard containing hot water tank and hot water timer.

Outside

- There are outside lights back and front which operate automatically.
- The garden is on three sides of the cottage and at the rear is quite steeply sloping. It is mainly grass with an apple tree at the rear.
- The deck measures 2.45m x 1.26m. It is made from treated timber; the slats are 9cms wide and the gaps 1cm.

- **Additional Information**

- Heating is from electric night storage heaters. Additional heating is available from the electric stove. All storage heaters have a timer which is set so that they provide heat in the mornings and from late afternoon onwards.
- There is good mobile phone reception
- A “wifi” internet connection is available

Onsite Facilities and the Leisure Building

The indoor heated pool

- The Leisure Building is three cottages away from Bramblewood, (approx 35 metres) and is reached across the stone chipping car park, then up a concrete ramp along the side of the leisure building with side handrail on the outer side of the path.

Main Entrance Area:

- The indoor heated swimming pool is situated in the main Leisure Building.
- The main entrance can be reached by a concrete ramp, with handrail on the outer side of the path.
- The main entrance door is 78cm wide with a step 10cm high. The door has is locked from the outside, and a Yale key is provided to unlock this. The keyhole is 107cm above the base of the door. It is weighted to close automatically.
- Children less than 15 years of age can only be admitted to the pool area with an adult to supervise them.
- The entrance hall is 186cm wide, 380cm long and has a door 80cm wide to the main corridor, and is carpeted with a short pile carpet.
- The main corridor (120cm wide) has changing areas, shower cubicle, relaxation area, and entrance to pool off this. There are pale walls, contrasting with deep blue rubberized flooring

Shower Area:

- The shower is off the main corridor. There is a 13cm step into the shower cubicle that is 90cm wide by 90cm deep. There is a shower curtain and the shower control is a push button (single warm temperature) that is 167cm above the floor of the shower tray.

Relaxation Area:

- There is a table and four plastic chairs in an area 220cm wide by 270cm long just outside the pool room door.

Ladies' Changing Area:

- The door to the ladies changing room is 70cm wide and the changing area has slatted wooden benches around two sides at 50cm high and 40cm wide.
- There is a doorway (76cm wide) to the ladies' toilet that contains a washbasin and WC. The free space in this WC is 50cm by 70cm.
- Toilet seat height is 40cm, and there is 25cm of space between the toilet and both walls.
- There are pale walls and a pale coloured suite, contrasting with deep blue rubberized flooring
- The space under washbasin is free of obstructions, such as pipes

Men's Changing Area:

- The door to the men's changing room is 70cm wide and the changing area has slatted wooden benches around two sides at 50cm high and 40cm wide. There is a doorway (76cm wide) to the ladies toilet, which contains a washbasin and WC. Free space in this WC (free of doors and furniture) is 110cm by 80cm.
- Toilet seat height is 40cm
- There is 30cm of space between the toilet and both walls.
- There are pale walls and a pale coloured suite, contrasting with deep blue rubberized flooring
- Space under washbasin is free of obstructions, such as pipes

Pool Room:

- The door to the pool is 89cm wide and swings open.

- The flooring is pale paving slabs and there is an area around the pool of between 125cm and 300cm wide.
- There are slatted wooden benches along one wall (50cm high) 38cm deep.
- There are two sets of metal stepladders into the pool - one at each end.
- The pool is virtually all one depth, being 1.25m at one end, and 1.27m at the other.
- There is a safety pole mounted on one end wall of the pool room 153cm above the floor.

The Games Room

- The Games room is reached from the concrete ramped pathway alongside the Leisure building. The games room door is always unlocked, and the lights operate on a movement sensor after dusk.
- The door is 80cm wide and has one step of 13cm high into the short pile carpeted games room.
- There is a standard coin operated pool table. It is 84cm high, 120cm wide and 215cm long. Two 20p coins are needed to release the pool balls.
- Cues are provided
- The table tennis table is 154cm wide, 274cm long and 76cm high. Table tennis bats are provided. This is free to use. There is 131cm wide clearance around both the pool and table tennis tables

Laundry

- There is a laundry room in the main Leisure building.
- There is a step into the laundry room of 13cm high.
- A night-light is always left on in this room, by the wall-mounted coin-operated telephone, (though calls to the emergency services are free of charge). The phone is positioned 150cm above the floor.
- The lights to the remainder of the laundry room are on a

movement sensor and will automatically switch on when the laundry room is entered from dusk onwards. The lights remain on for 30 minutes once triggered.

- There are three washing machines and two tumble dryers, with control dials 110cm above the floor, and there is also a sink that is 90cm above the floor.

Outdoor Facilities - The Meadow and Play Area

- The Meadow reached by the path behind the leisure building and is a large area of grass with herbaceous borders along the boundary and the Play Area at the top.
- The Play Area in the meadow behind the leisure building is an area covered by wood chips, with 2 rope swings (40 & 49cm high) with an inside diameters of 40 & 42cm, and a course of climbing frame, stepping stones (or rather logs) and wobbly plank with chain link handrails.
- There is also a pyramid-climbing frame (made by TP Toys). There is also a Wendy House.
- The Wendy House has a step at the open doorway of 14cm high and 61cm wide.

Future Plans

- We plan to construct a separate play area for under 7's (Spring '09)
- We are also considering incorporating some Solar Panels on Leisure Building to provide some renewable energy towards our Pool heating (Autumn '09)
- We hope to have our Welcome Pack available in dyslexia friendly large print by Easter 2008.
- We plan to introduce kitchen aids to help with opening bottles and cans and a liquid alerter to indicate when vessels are nearly full.

Contact Information

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We welcome feedback to help us continuously improve. If you have any comments please phone or email or write.

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