

Access Statement for Visitor Centre, Fowlescombe

Introduction

The Visitor Centre is part of an architect designed barn conversion with 2 holiday cottages on a working farm. We have tried to provide as much information as possible in this statement, but please get in touch if you have any queries.

Pre-Arrival

- We have an extensive website with photographs of many of the access aspects. The website font used is verdana, a dyslexia friendly font, and guidance is provided on how to easily alter the font size if needed. The property is also referenced on a variety of other websites.
- Bookings / enquiries can be made directly from the website via email, or via telephone or by letter.
- Visitors are given directions to the farm on the website (available in printed form in different font sizes if required).
- The nearest bus stop is in the village of Ugborough 1 ½ miles away.
- Totnes railway station is 9 miles away with taxis usually available and Plymouth station is 16 miles away.
- This access statement is available on our website.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

On arrival visitors can be dropped off at the pedestrian bridge leading to the double doors at the east end of the main hall. At other times vehicles should be parked as instructed by farm staff. There is also a small visitors' car park some 40m from the main hall. A gently rising ramped path (tarmac with a fine gravel finish across the lawn then stone slabs) leads to the groundfloor of the centre. From this car park you can also go up the gentle slope of the house drive and into the main hall as mentioned above.

	
Ramp into courtyard gives access to both cottages and Visitor Centre	Access from car park, round to the left of Visitor Centre and into the courtyard

Main Entrance

- The entrance to the main hall through double doors across a slatted wooden bridge (max gap between planks 2.5cm) almost level (2mm lip up) with the drive with a 1cm metal weather strip across the doorway.

Layout of centre

- See detailed floor plans – to come.

Main Hall

- Standard Gopak tables, 70cm table height, 7cm clearance underneath, 154cm max. between legs. Mainly standard stackable armless chairs with metal frames and moulded polythene shells and some armless conference chairs. Furniture arranged (or removed) as required.
- Walls white throughout.
- Upstairs floor level semi-polished concrete with mixed colour stone finish.
- Windows in dark wood stain. Upstairs windows to floor level, with safety locks.
- Wide staircase between floors in natural wood with inlaid metal strip for high visibility, handrail on both sides, min. width 102cm with 90° turn on flat landing.
- 110cm high banisters at end of hall above the stairwell.

Downstairs lobbies and toilets

- See floor plan.
- Entrance to staircase hall from garden/terrace 73cm wide (door opens out), with a 1cm metal weather strip across the doorway and a 1cm dip into a mat well 120 x 80 cm area
- Downstairs floors black slate with slightly uneven surface.
- 77cm clearance through door to rear lobby.
- 71cm wide door +5cm projecting handle to courtyard off this lobby, with a 1cm metal weather strip across the doorway.
- 87cm wide door to disabled toilet/shower room, coloured tiles, white sanitary ware and paintwork, black slate floor with very slight slope down to the drain to take water from the shower, door opens outwards. Safety lock and alarm. Basin top to floor 70cm.
- 67cm wide door to second toilet, door opens inwards. Basin top to floor 84cm.

Kitchen

- 76 cm wide door from rear lobby.
- Heights: worktop 91cm, sink 91.5cm (sink depth 18cm), handwash basin 90cm with 76cm clearance below.
- Cooker with gas hob and ovens under. Hob height 91cm.
- Underworktop fridge with highest shelf 64cm, lowest drawer 26cm.

Outdoor Facilities

- Cottage garden with picnic tables and benches accessed on the level or via a gentle ramping path.
- Barbecue accessed by wide steps 2 of 182cm deep and 9 of 149cm or via a longer route 120m with a gentle slope (but this does involve travelling along part of the farm lane). An alternative route of some 20m has 9 wide shallow steps (6cm deep) with a hand rail.

Additional Information

- Full fire alarm and safety lighting system.
- Cleaning materials used are environmentally friendly.
- Poor mobile phone reception but access to telephone in farm office available in an emergency. Internet connection available.

Contact Information

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