

# **Access Statement For Hayloft Self Catering unit** **Bodenham Forge**

## **Introduction**

The Hayloft first floor only self catering unit was converted from existing agricultural buildings in 2000.

We have tried to provide as much information as possible in this statement, if you have any queries please do call.

We look forward to welcoming you.

## **Pre-Arrival**

- We have a website [www.bodenhamforge.co.uk](http://www.bodenhamforge.co.uk) and are listed on [www.visitherefordshire.co.uk](http://www.visitherefordshire.co.uk) and other holiday websites.
- We are advertised in the Hereford & Wye Valley Visitor Guide 2008 which is available in Tourist Information Centres.
- Bookings / enquiries can be made via email, phone or post.
- All guests are provided with written directions to the cottage in dyslexia friendly font.
- The local 426 bus (Leominster to Hereford) can be requested to stop at the front gate.
- The nearest RADAR toilets are in Leominster 5 miles away (Bridge St car park, bus station or East Street car park)
- The nearest train station (Leominster) is 5 miles away; there are accessible taxis at the station or the no. 426 bus travels from the station to the front gate.
- We have a wheelchair, cot and high chair which may be borrowed. Please reserve when booking.
- We can arrange for shopping to be delivered, please advise of your requirements.

## **Arrival & Car Parking Facilities**

- A car can be parked immediately behind the cottage on gravel. There is a gravel access path 12m long by 3.5m wide to the access staircase.
- There is ample additional car parking on gravel standing on the entrance drive.
- The front gateway is uneven to prevent entry of surface water.

## **Main Entrance & Reception**

- There is a wooden staircase to a sundeck outside the front door.
- There are 6 steps 75cm wide to a half landing, then another 8 similar steps to the sun deck which is 190cm by 300cm. There are double handrails up the stairs and a handrail around the sundeck. There is a metal table and four chairs on the sun deck but these may be removed if required to improve access.
- There is a 2cm step up to the door and a further weather board 2cm high which is 2cm above the floor level inside the door.
- The door is 80cm wide, 195cm high and hinged on the left. The keyhole is 94cm high.
- Inside the front entrance there is a kitchen area with 170cm by 160cm clear space.
- The kitchen and bathroom flooring is cushionfloor and remainder is short pile carpet.

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

- Not Available

## **Public Areas - WC**

- Not Available

## **Kitchen / Dining Room / Sitting area**

- Kitchen worktop height 92cm.
  - Oven door is drop down, height of lowest shelf 35cm, can be accessed from the side
  - Sink is 92cm high
  - Hob is 94cm high
  - Good contrast between floor, cupboards and other surfaces
  - Under worksurface fridge.
  - Microwave oven and toaster on worksurface.
  - Free space in kitchen area 170cm by 160cm
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- Dining table ( moveable ) – Four legs, max width between legs 109cm, 64cm floor to lowest point of table (underspace), 73cm high
  - Chairs (all moveable) – 4 chairs with padded seat which have no arms.

- Two double seater settees are moveable and there are plenty of non feather cushions provided.
- TV/VHS combi provided with remote control.
- Radio/CD provided.
- Free space in sitting area 110cm by 320cm

### **Laundry**

- There is no separate laundry but there is a washing machine provided in the cupboard in the twin bedroom. The open fronted garage of the main house, accessed over a gravel drive, has washing lines, clothes pegs provided and a tumble drier.

### **Shop**

- Not Available

### **Leisure Facilities**

- Fishing in the River Lugg is available free of charge for those staying in cottages.

### **Outdoor Facilities**

- There is a rose garden immediately behind the cottage with a picnic table and benches. The surface is gravel and grass. This provides a view of the adjacent River Lugg. There is also a walk through our field to an area down a sloping grass bank where one can sit by the river.

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

- Not Available

### **Double Bedroom**

- Accessed from the living area by a 23cm step down to a door width 70cm, left hinge.
- Bed height 65cm, 4ft6in bed, space left side of bed 120cm and right 70cm.
- Free space in bedroom 110cm by 210cm
- Sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases are cotton or poly-cotton.

## **Twin Bedroom**

- Accessed from the living area
- Door width 70cm, right hinged
- Twin 3ft beds (moveable), bed height 56cm, space to left of beds is 40cm, between beds is 40cm and to right of beds is 60cm.
- To the right of the beds is a door, 65cm wide and right hinged, to a cupboard containing a front loading washing machine with a small freezer on top.
- Free space in bedroom 115cm by 320cm
- Sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases are cotton or poly-cotton.

## **Bathroom & WC**

- Reached from the Kitchen / Dining Room / Sitting area by a door width 75cm right hinged.
- Bath height (step over) is 55cm, length is 165cm and there is a wall mounted shower.
- Toilet seat height 43cm
- Space to right of toilet is 15cm, 13cm to the left, 70cm to the right.
- There are no support rails available.
- Hand basin height 88cm
- Free space in bathroom (free of furniture) is 110cm by 110cm.
- Cushion flooring.
- Release mechanism on outside of locked door.

## **Additional Information**

- We will normally show you round the cottage on arrival.
- A Welcome Pack is produced in dyslexia friendly font, plus separate manufacturers instruction leaflets and places of interest leaflets.
- Mobile phone reception is good for Orange and Vodafone. There is no signal for O2 or T-Mobile.
- Pets are not permitted.
- The premises are non Smoking.
- Heating is by gas central heating with programmed time clock.
- Radiators have thermostatic radiator valves, except in bathrooms.
- Additional door keys can be provided eg for use by relatives or carers.

- Broadband wireless internet connection is provided with an access code.

### **Contact Information**

- Address: The Forge, Bodenham. Hereford HR1 3JZ
- Telephone: 01568 797144
- There is no Fax or Textphone:
- Email: [stay@bodenhamforge.co.uk](mailto:stay@bodenhamforge.co.uk)
- Website: [www.bodenhamforge.co.uk](http://www.bodenhamforge.co.uk)
- Hours of operation: We live on site and are open all year.
- Herefordshire Disability Living Centre 01432 379100
- Local equipment hire: Chandos Pharmacy 01432 272065
- Local public transport numbers: Bus 01568 612759, Train 0845 6050 600
- Local accessible taxi numbers: Blueline (Hereford) 0500 574574  
Leominster Taxis 01568 616964
- Tourist Information Centres: Hereford 01432 268430, Leominster 01568 616460, Queenswood (summer only) 01568 797842.

### **Future Plans**

Improvements will be concentrated on the Granary, which is the most suitable unit for disabled access.

**We welcome your feedback to help us continuously improve if you have any comments please phone 01568 797144 or email [stay@bodenhamforge.co.uk](mailto:stay@bodenhamforge.co.uk)**