

Access Statement for Bottom Chapel, Askrigg, DL8 3HZ

Introduction

We welcome visitors to our beautiful converted chapel, which is our home and incorporates three B&B bedrooms, all with en-suite facilities. We regret that due to the chapel's historic nature we cannot accept guests who are totally dependent on a wheelchair or whose mobility would not let them climb the five steps to the front door. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us and we will do our best to help.

Pre-Arrival

- From most of Britain, the most convenient railway station is at Northallerton, from which there is a good bus service to Bedale (Dales and District No 73), which connects into a less frequent bus service to Askrigg (Dales and District No 157).
- However, the nearest (which is not the same as the most convenient) railway station is at Garsdale on the wonderfully scenic Settle-Carlisle line. The Harrogate District Community Transport bus service No 113 to Hawes meets most trains and from Hawes there is an infrequent service of buses to Askrigg (Dales and District No 157).
- The chapel is in the heart of the village, about 200 yards down the hill from the bus stop, next to the village hall.
- Details of local taxi services are given below.

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- There is limited private parking space next to the entrance steps to the chapel, and some public spaces on the opposite side of the road, in front of the church.
- Access to the chapel is via the main front door, up a flight of five steps with a handrail.
- There is an automatically operated light above the chapel entrance.
- We always offer assistance with guests' luggage.

Main Entrance, Reception & Ticketing Area

- The entrance opens on to a small, stone-flagged lobby, and thence into a corridor via a step and wide double doors.
- Guests will be shown to their rooms and we will give you a tour of the facilities.

Public Areas - Hall, Stairs, Landing, Corridors etc

- Corridors are a minimum of 1 metre wide, with doorways of at least 70cm.
- Floors are all either stripped pine, laminate or vinyl, with non-slip rugs in places.
- Bedrooms are at main door level, connected by a corridor. At the end of the corridor there are two steps down to the small double bedroom.
- The library/lounge is on the floor above, accessed via a metal spiral staircase of 180cm diameter.
- The dining room is on the floor below, accessed via the same metal spiral staircase of 180cm diameter. alternative access to the dining level can be easily arranged via the front and side doors, which are linked by a sloping roadway and stone-flagged alley.
- Where appropriate, all doors are fire doors.

Public Areas - Sitting room, lounges, lobbies etc

- There is a library/lounge on the floor above the bedroom level with a three-seater sofa, chair and softly upholstered stool. There is a non-slip rug on the floor. Book cases line the walls and there is a television.
- This room can only be accessed via the spiral staircase.

Public WCs

- All bedrooms have en-suite facilities but there is also a public WC with wash handbasin on the dining floor level at the far end of the corridor. It is unsuitable for wheelchair access and has no grab rails etc.

Restaurant / Dining Room, Bar & Bar area, Take Away & Cafe

- The dining room is on the level below the bedrooms, accessed either via the spiral staircase or externally around the side of the building.
- Its floor is laminate and it has a small (5cm) step up to it and double doors.
- Furniture is flexible and can be rearranged on request.
- Any type of diet can be accommodated. Please notify us of your special requirements when you book.

Laundry

- There is a utility room on the ground floor where wet outer clothes can be dried overnight. Please ask if you would like to use this facility. We provide an iron and ironing board free of charge.

Shop

- There is a well-stocked, friendly village shop 100m up the road, selling a selection of groceries, fruit and vegetables, general supplies and newspapers and magazines.
- A few metres further up is a good delicatessen, which serves a variety of pre-cooked meals and bread, which they cook on the premises, and small gifts.
- Between these two shops is a lovely flower shop which also sells plants and scented candles.

Treatment room/s

- Not applicable

Outdoor Facilities

- N/A

Conference & Meeting Rooms, Banqueting

- N/A

Clubs & Entertainment

- There are three pubs in the village, all of which serve good real ale and meals.

Bedrooms & Sleeping Areas

- The twin and large double rooms are immediately through the front entrance off the main corridor.
- The small double room is 50 ft further down the corridor, down a single step.
- All bedrooms have stripped-pine wooden floors and slip-free rugs.
- None of the rooms is suitable for wheelchair access.
- All rooms have main and bed-side lights.
- There is a TV and WiFi access in all rooms. Please ask for the WiFi code.
- All windows have concertina blinds. Please ask if you are uncertain how their cords work.
- Breakfasts can be brought to rooms if needed.

Bathroom, Shower-room & WC [En-suite or Shared]

- The twin and double rooms have shower rooms en-suite. The small double room has a bathroom en-suite. There is a WC with wash handbasin on the same level as the dining room.

Additional Information

- Mobile phone reception is not brilliant in the village and is limited in the chapel. Guests may use our landline free of charge for 01 and 02 numbers of relatively brief duration. They may also leave the number with friends or relatives and if we are available we are happy to pass on messages.

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Hours of operation: Check-in time is normally between 3.00pm and 6.00pm but at less busy times we can be flexible about this. Check-out time is normally 12 noon. Guests are welcome to leave luggage after this time if we are in, and they want to look around the village. Guests are loaned keys to the chapel and their rooms and may come and go as they please during their stay.

Emergency number: 07866 118315

Local public transport numbers: 0871 200 22 23 (Traveline: public transport info for Yorkshire)

Local accessible taxi numbers:

Alfa Taxis: (Catterick/Richmond) 01748 212121,
(Northallerton/Bedale) 01609 777724.

Redmire Private Hire 01969 625635/ 07950 662785

Future Plans

- We have recently (autumn 2009) completed a total refurbishment and upgrading of the property and so in the short term have no plans for further development. However, as a new business we are open to suggestions from guests on how we might improve their bed and breakfast experience and offer an even better service. In the longer term we may be able to offer a ground floor bedroom with wheelchair access.

Contact Telephone and Email Address

We welcome your feedback to help us continually improve if you have any comments please phone 01969 650180 or email ianandbetsy@bottomchapel.co.uk

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