

Access Statement for Chideock Cottage, Chideock

Introduction

Chideock Cottage is a stone built terraced cottage located down a quiet lane off the Main Road in the village of Chideock, approximately 3 miles from Bridport.

Pre-Arrival

Our website, www.chideockcottage.co.uk gives full details of the cottage, including pictures of many of the rooms, the tariff and directions to the cottage.

Enquiries and bookings can be made directly from the website via direct on-line bookings, email or telephone.

All guests are provided with written confirmation via email and, on request, by letter.

The nearest bus stop is on Main Road, Chideock near to the George Inn, just over the road from the cottage.

The nearest railway station is Axminster, approximately 8 miles away.

This access statement is available on our website and in the 'Welcome File' in the cottage.

Arrival and Car Parking Facilities

The cottage is situated off the Main Road down a quiet lane which does have vehicular access.

Parking is available at Chideock Cottage and is accessible via the lane, at the bottom of Chideock Cottage Garden.

To access the parking area, drive down the lane to the bottom and turn left. Turn sharp left again into the gravelled, fenced area. Access to the cottage is available from the parking area through the garden or, alternatively, by walking back up the lane and using the gated access to the left of the lane. Access to all four cottages in the terrace have access to this pathway which runs along the front of each cottage,

Loading and unloading is permissible in the lane but please be prompt and be aware that other vehicles will be blocked from using the lane during such time.

Some guests may feel they do not wish to drive down the narrow lane to access the cottage parking. Alternative parking is available in the village car park, near to Londis shop, just a short walk down the road. A small daily fee is charged.

The Main Road adjoining the lane to where Chideock Cottage is situated can be very busy in high season so children should be accompanied at all times.

Main Entrance and Reception

Chideock Cottage is the second cottage in a terrace of four. The cottages are south-facing towards the sea with the back of the cottages facing the Main Road.

The cottages are accessed by a walkway which runs along the front of the terrace. The main door at Chideock Cottage is not used. To the left of the main door is a double patio door and this is used as the main entrance to the cottage. The key to the cottage opens the left patio door although both left

and right can be opened completely. The right door is lockable with the same key. Entering the cottage via just the left door allows 52 cm width and with both left and right open allows 110 cm width. There is one small step up into the cottage when using the patio doors and one step down onto a tiled step area just inside the cottage.

The key will be given to you by the owners, or their housekeeper, on arrival.

The patio doors open into the lounge area. There is a row of light switches on the right hand side, which is actually to the left of the main door, which is unused. There is a step down from the non-slip ceramic tiled area from the patio door to the lounge floor to a large mat which is inset into the wooden flooring. .

At the back of the room is a pine table with a dresser adjacent. On the pine dresser is the 'Welcome Pack' which has all details about the cottage within it.

Lounge and Dining Area

The flooring throughout the ground floor of the cottage is engineered solid oak wooden flooring.

Directly in front of the patio doors is the lounge area. To the left is the flat screen TV with remote control, and DVD player. There are two comfortable leather settees situated around a wooden coffee table upon a movable rug. The settees and coffee table are all movable.

There is a tiled hearth with coal-effect gas fire within.

There is a mains-operated carbon monoxide alarm fixed to the main ceiling beam which divides the living area with the dining area. This is checked monthly and has a backup battery. On the other side of the beam is a battery-operated smoke-alarm.

Behind the lounge area is an adjoining dining area. The pine table is 200cm in length and has four dining chairs available.

There is a pine door from the lounge to the kitchen.

Along the right hand side of the lounge and dining area, there are three pine doors leading to ample storage space.

In the first cupboard (nearest the kitchen), there is a storage area designated for the washing machine. The controls for the central heating are also located here on the left as the door is opened. Alternative cooking appliances are also stored on a shelf above the washing machine.

The second cupboard contains the Hoover, ironing facilities, stairgate and high chair.

The third cupboard contains outside chairs.

The open plan staircase leads from the lounge area and contains 11 steps.

The staircase turns left after three steps. There are balustrades and a handrail to the left side to the top of the stairs. The handrails are 110 cm above the treads.

Laundry Facilities

There is a washing machine available in the first cupboard off the lounge area. A drying rack is in the third cupboard off the lounge area. A washing line is available in the cottage garden, with pegs available in the peg bag which is located in the third cupboard just off the lounge area.

Kitchen

The kitchen has two doors leading into it, the door from the dining area and an outside door.

When entering from the dining area, immediately on the left hand side wall is a CO2 portable fire extinguisher.

To the right of the door is fridge/freezer with pine fitted cupboard over, containing Combi Microwave Oven.

Located on the back wall of the kitchen and direction opposite the door from the dining area is an AGA. This provides the cottage with hot water and cooking facilities. There are two hobs and two ovens.

The AGA is always on and so is hot to touch. A stairgate can be erected in the doorway of the kitchen if guests are concerned about small children getting near the AGA.

The main work surface is to the left with pine cupboards underneath. Further cupboard space can be found to the left of the AGA.

Crockery is provided in the cupboards above the work surfaces together with glasses and cups etc. Larger cooking items are available in the cupboards under the work surfaces to the right of the AGA and also to the left.

There is a Belfast sink positioned under the window which is to the left of the AGA. A wall plate rack housing plates and mugs is to the left of the sink area

Outdoor Facilities

Directly to the left of the walkway in front of the terrace of cottages and outside Chideock Cottage is a gate leading to the patio and garden area.

There is one step down into the patio area.

The patio is built of local stone and therefore has an uneven surface. A wooden table bench with seats, umbrella and stand, and BBQ are available for guests to use.

To the left of the patio area is a covered swinging chair which can seat four.

Beyond the patio is a large lawned area with numerous fruit trees.

Outside the kitchen is another small patio area where the outside bin can be found. To the right of this patio is a small walkway shared by all 4 terraced cottages. Along the walkway and behind the kitchen is a small open shed within the hedge and this house the four recycling bins, one for glass, one for cans, one for plastic bottles and one for paper/cardboard.

Upstairs

At the top of the stairs on the right is a full-length mirror. Above, is a mains operated fire-alarm, which is tested monthly.

Doors lead off to bedroom 1 to the left, bathroom to the right and bedroom 2 straight ahead.

Bedroom 1

Old pine door hinged on the left. Carpeted with a cream, short pile 80% wool carpet.

There is a kingsize bed with mattress, plus a mattress protector.

All bedding is cotton/polyester mix with mixture of feather and non feather pillows and non-feather duvet.

There is ample room around each side of the bed.

The main room light has a switch at the door and two separate reading lamps available by each side of the bed on a small chest of drawers.

There is a portable TV, fitted pine wardrobe measuring 75 cm in width and a small table and chairs with mirror.

There are two south-facing windows with good views towards the hills.

Bedroom 2

Old pine door hinged on the left. Carpeted with a cream, short pile 80% wool carpet.

There is one single pine bed with optional pullout full sized single bed underneath.

The bed's left hand side is against the wall..

All bedding is cotton/polyester mix with non feather pillows and duvets.

There is a reading lamp available on the pine dressing table.

There is a fitted pine wardrobe measuring 80 cm in width.

One north-facing window looking out towards the Main Road, Chideock.

Bathroom

Located upstairs off the hallway via an old pine door, which has a modern bar lock which is operated from the inside.

There is a toilet, sink bath (with overhead shower), and separate electric MIRA power shower.

The room has a wall mounted heated towel rail.

Small cupboard housing water tank.

Window is north-facing towards the Main Road, Chideock.

The flooring is engineered solid wooden flooring.

Additional Information

A Welcome Pack is available with cottage information plus all manufacturers' instruction leaflets and places of interest leaflets. These are in the drawers of the pine dresser in the dining area.

We do not allow pets at the cottage.

Smoking is not permitted in the cottage.

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