# **Access Statement for Loweswater Cottage**

We have tried to provide as much information as possible in this statement, but if you have any queries or require this information in a different format please get in touch either by email or telephone.

Crummockwater Cottages are situated in a rural location in Loweswater near Cockermouth. They are converted barns and haylofts around a courtyard.

It would be difficult to reach us without transport. There are no regular local buses and the nearest bus links are Keswick (12 miles) and Cockermouth (7 miles). The nearest train station is Penrith which is 27 miles away. Taxis are available.

# **Arrival & Car Parking Facilities**

- There is a large car parking area in the driveway to Foulsyke: it is gravelled and relatively flat.
- Access to the cottage is directly from the car park: it is about twenty paces: cars can be taken nearer to the cottage door for loading and unloading.

# The Cottage

There are two external doors. The kitchen, two bedrooms and a bathroom are on the ground floor and upstairs there is a large lounge and bedroom with en suite shower room. All internal doors are 76 cm wide. The cottage is carpeted throughout apart from the kitchen and bathrooms which are tiled or have vinyl flooring.

- Car access is approximately one metre away from the entrance
- The parking area is lit by an outside light with a movement sensor
- The entrance to the cottage under the arch has a step 8 cm high, 11 cm deep. The glass panelled door is 91 cm wide and hinged to the right. The keyhole lock is 100 cm from the ground
- The entrance to the cottage from the courtyard has a step 4 cm high, 30 cm deep. The glass panelled door is 94 cm wide and hinged to the left. The keyhole lock is 100 cm from the ground. There are hooks behind the door for coats
- There is an internal step 19 cm high in the hall from this entrance

#### Kitchen

The kitchen is accessed from the hall by the door under the arch: it is straight ahead from this door.

- There is a breakfast bar 60 x 133 cm, 77 cm high
- The worktop height is standard approximately 90cm
- Grill door is pull down and oven door side opening: the hob above is halogen at standard height.
- The sink is standard height with cupboards underneath
- Standard size front loading washing machine and tumble dryer (condenser-type) are provided
- Lighting is spotlight bulbs on walls, with under unit lighting
- Good contrast between floor, cupboards and other surfaces
- There is a fridge/ freezer and microwave

Back hall, two bedrooms, bathroom and second external door are accessed from the far end of the kitchen.

- There are two steps out of the kitchen; 20cm high, 33 cm deep and 94 cm wide.
- Smoke alarm fitted.

# Bedroom 1

- Double size bed provided
- Bed height 55 cm floor to top of mattress.
- Non feather duvets and pillows provided
- Largest transfer space available to left of bed is 49 cm
- Bed is moveable if more space is required at either side
- Bedside tables are 67 cm high

There is limited space for movement around the bedroom.

### Bedroom 2

- Two single beds are provided, width 100 cm
- Bed height 50 cm from floor to top of mattress
- Non feather duvets and pillows provided
- Largest transfer space available to left of bed is 160 cm
- Bedside table is 51 cm high.

There is plenty of space to move around.

### <u>Bathroom</u>

- Bath height is 56 cm. There is a shower over the bath. Non slip mat is provided
- Toilet seat height 45 cm
- Space to both sides of toilet is 14 cm
- The wash basin is a pedestal basin height 81 cm
- Flooring is tiled with a bath mat
- There is good colour contrast between floor, walls and sanitary ware.

There is not much room to manoeuvre.

# Lounge and en suite bedroom

The lounge and third bedroom are accessed by a hall and stairs to the left of the door under the arch.

 There are 13 stairs to the landing and bedroom and a further 5 stairs to the lounge. The stairs are 18 cm high, 25 cm deep and 85 cm wide. There is a handrail on the left.

#### Lounge

This is a large spacious area suitable for guests using mobility aids.

- Furniture is moveable
- A low table measures 104 x 107 cm and 37 cm from the floor
- There are two sofas and a chair, sitting height 40 cm which are movable with padded seats and arms
- There is a television with DVD operated by remote. There is a separate radio
- Round dining table is 117 cm diameter with height of 76 cm.

#### Bedroom 3

- Double size bed provided
- Bed height 76 cm floor to top of mattress
- Non feather duvets and pillows provided
- Largest transfer space available to right of bed is 165 cm
- Bed is moveable if more space is required at either side
- Bedside shelf is 84 cm high.

### En suite shower room

- Toilet seat height is 45 cm
- Space to left side of toilet is 20 cm and 46 cm to right
- The wash basin is a pedestal basin height 79 cm
- Flooring is vinyl with a bath mat
- Shower cubicle is 74 cm square, door is 66 cm with a step of 26 cm
- There is good colour contrast between floor, walls and sanitary ware

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# **Grounds and Gardens**

There is a picnic table on the lawn by the car park for use by Loweswater guests. This is across level gravel and lawn.

# **Additional Information**

- Heating is by storage heaters throughout. There is an electric 'look alike' fire in the lounge,
- There is a pay phone in the cottage: mobile phone reception is very limited in the area
- The cottage is no smoking throughout.
- Well behaved pets and service dogs are welcome: please inform us when booking.

# **Contact Information**

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