

## National Trust Cottages Accessibility Guide

High Hazels  
Hardwick Hall  
Chesterfield  
Derbyshire

Ref: 007010



### Introduction

- High Hazels is a cottage sleeping 11 people located in the former brewhouse of the Elizabethan Hardwick Hall estate.
- The cottage has 3 double bedrooms and 2 twin bedrooms and is spread over three floors. There is also a sofa bed in the sitting room on the ground floor.
- The cottage has oil-fired central heating and a multi-fuel stove in the main sitting room.
- There is direct access from the cottage to the surrounding Hardwick Hall estate, which includes an accessible Garden route.

The cottage is arranged as follows:

#### **Ground floor:**

- Entrance hall leading to kitchen, sitting room, dining room and shower room with lavatory

#### **First floor:**

- 2 x double bedrooms, 1 x twin bedroom, 1 x bath/shower room with lavatory & 1 x lavatory

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> floor:**

- 1 x twin bedroom, 1 x double bedroom, 1 x single bedroom & large landing area with sofa

### Pre-Arrival

- See the main webpage for booking and location details.
- Please contact us prior to booking if you have any specific access requirements.
- Directions provided with booking
- Please bring torch if arriving in dark, as there are no streetlights here

## Approach



- The Hardwick Hall estate is well signed from the main approach roads. The cottage is approached on a tarmac road and firm surfaced route through the Hardwick Hall estate.
- The parking area is through the stone archway to the right immediately outside the cottage.

## Arrival & Parking Facilities



**Parking area**



**Entrance to Numbers 7 & 8**

- The parking area is in the stable courtyard directly in front of the cottage. There is parking for three cars here (for this cottage).
- The cottage is the first building to the right as facing with back to the car park area
- It is signed with both the Number 6 and the name “High Hazels”.
- The surface of the parking area is reasonably firm but may be slightly less so in wet weather conditions.
- The keysafe is in the lobby area behind the door between Numbers 7 & 8 (to the left of High Hazels). See photo above.

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- The door to this lobby area is 910mm wide and there is a level space 700mm wide in this area in front of the key safe
- The key safe is at 1300mm from floor level
- The main (and only) entrance door to the cottage is on the opposite side of the cottage to the parking area. This can be accessed through the door from the parking area or via a side gate, which is back through the archway.
- The more accessible route is via the side gate. The route from the door off the parking area has steps and a narrow path.



## **Approach to cottage door through doorway off parking area** The entrance door is to the right hand side of the 3<sup>rd</sup> photo (above)

- The stepped approach to the cottage is through the doorway off the parking area.
- The door is 890mm wide
- There are two steps down here - 200mm and 180mm high – onto the flagstone floor
- There are two steps up out into the garden from here. One is 80mm high and the other slightly lower than this. The second doorway out to the garden is 680mm wide.
- The path from this doorway is level and firm and 380mm wide
- This joins the larger path (1200mm wide) which leads to the front door.





## **Approach to cottage via side gate back through archway**

This is a level access route apart from the low step at the entrance door. Visitors can be dropped off at the side gate but the gate needs to be unlocked from the garden side.

- The level approach to the cottage is via the side gate which is just back through the archway and to the left.
- The side gate has to be unlocked from the inside.
- The route to the side gate is reasonably level and firm
- The gate is 1030mm wide with level access.
- The latch is at 1340mm
- The path in the garden is 1200mm wide and is level to the front door.

## **Getting in (and out) of the cottage**



- The front door is 900mm wide
- There is a stone step here that is 120mm high
- The door leads straight into the entrance hall with doors off to the kitchen, sitting room, dining room and shower room and stairs to the upper floors.

## Getting around the cottage

- The cottage occupies three floors. Apart from the stairs between the floors, there are no changes of levels within the floors themselves.
- There are fitted carpets throughout the cottage apart from in the hallway, kitchen, bath/shower rooms and lavatories where there is vinyl, tiled flooring or similar.
- The staircase to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor is a straight staircase with 15 stairs and handrails either side.
- The staircase to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor has 3 winders at the bottom and a banister to the left side (ascending) starting at the 4<sup>th</sup> stair.
- This staircase is 600mm wide at the narrowest point
- There is good circulation space in most areas

## Hallway



- Spacious carpeted area with coat stand
- Doors off to kitchen, shower room, sitting room and dining room

## Sitting Room



- 800mm wide door with level access through into the room



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- Large room extending the full width of the cottage with multi-fuel stove, sofas and views over garden and the wider estate.
- 3 x large sofas (3-4 seaters) with seat height of 450mm
- One of these sofas is a sofa bed. When opened out, the sofa bed is 1800mm long x 1500mm wide x 500mm high
- Ceiling lights and 1 standard lamp
- TV and built-in and freestanding cupboards.

## Dining Room



- Door from hallway is 780mm wide and has a level threshold
- Spacious room with long wooden table, 12 wooden chairs and built-in cupboards
- Table is 775mm high with 590mm clear knee space underneath
- Chairs are 470mm high and have wooden backs and upholstered seats
- The room has a ceiling light and two side lights

## Kitchen



- This is just off the hallway and next to the dining room.
- The door into the kitchen is 750mm wide.
- The width of the space between the units is 900mm
- The worktops are 910mm high. The kitchen includes a washer/dryer, dishwasher, electric cooker, microwave, fridge & freezer.

## Shower room & lavatory



- Door into shower room is 780mm wide
- This is a large room (2530mm x 2330mm) with good circulation space and a vinyl floor. It comprises a walk in shower, washstand and WC with high level cistern.
- The shower area is 1470mm long x 760mm wide and has an electronic shower with flexible hose. The controls are at 1400mm from floor level (ffi)
- The riser rail extends from 590mm – 1040mm ffi
- There is a wash stand with inset bowl which is 850mm ffi.
- The WC is 420mm high

## 1<sup>st</sup> floor landing



- At top of staircase
- Doors off to 2 double bedrooms, 1 lavatory & 1 bathroom with bath, shower and lavatory.
- Stairs to 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

## Bedroom 1 (double bedroom at top of stairs)



- Door into bedroom is 800mm wide
- Bed is 2000mm long x 1500mm wide x 660mm high
- There is 320mm clearance under the bed
- Bedside lights
- Free-standing wardrobe and dressing table

## Lavatory



- This is a separate lavatory. The room is 1400mm wide x 2300mm long
- The WC seat is 420mm high
- The sink is 810mm high



## Bedroom 2 (Twin bedroom)



- Door is 800mm wide
- Spacious room with twin beds with antique wooden bedsteads
- Beds are 1900mm long x 900mm wide x 700mm high.
- Clearance under beds is 360mm
- Shared bedside light, dressing table and built-in wardrobe

## Large bath/shower room



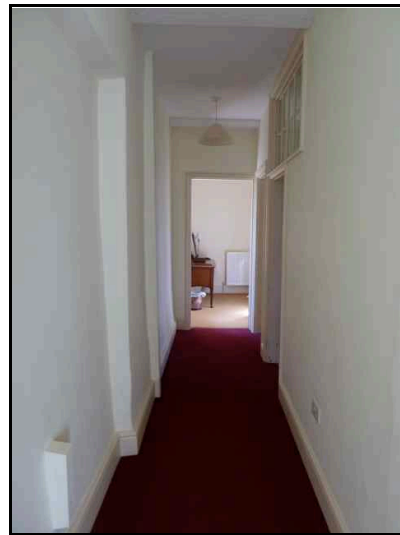
- This comprises two basins, WC, bath and separate walk-in shower unit.
- Basins are 800mm high
- WC seat is 430mm high
- Free-standing roll top bath is 730mm wide x 590mm high x 1630mm long
- Shower has a 160mm step up into the shower area
- The shower area is 750mm x 1000mm and has a monsoon style fixed shower head
- The shower controls are at 1200mm from the shower base level

## Bedroom 3 (double bedroom)



- Wooden bed with canopy
- Free-standing wardrobe & dressing table
- Bedside lights
- Bed is 1900mm long x 1500mm wide x 660mm high
- There is 300mm clearance under the bed
- Views over the garden

## 2<sup>nd</sup> floor landing



- Spacious area with sofa and sideboard
- Door (760mm wide) through to top corridor and three bedrooms
- Corridor is 900mm wide
- 2 steps up to external fire exit

## Bedroom 4 (twin bedroom)



- Door is 800mm wide
- Beds are divan beds and are 1900mm long x 900mm wide x 660mm high
- 50mm clearance under the beds
- Chest of drawers, wardrobe and shared bedside light

## Bedroom 5 (single bedroom)



- Small room with single bed, dressing table and clothes hooks on the wall.
- Divan bed 1900mm long x 900mm wide x 660mm high
- 50mm clearance under the bed
- Bedside light

## Bedroom 6 (double bedroom)



- Spacious room with double divan bed, table, armchair & chest of drawers
- Clothes hooks on the back of the door
- Bedside lights each side of bed
- Bed is 2000mm long x 1500mm wide x 650mm high

## Garden



- Private garden to back of cottage, level and mainly laid to grass.
- Wooden picnic tables (710mm high) with wooden benches (390mm high) with backrest and arms

## Additional Information

- Assistance dogs are welcome at all our cottages
- In the event of a fire, it is the responsibility of the guests to evacuate themselves. Vibrating fire/smoke detectors are available if requested at time of booking. Please contact us if you have any other specific access requirements in this respect.



## Facilities at all cottages

The National Trust aims to expand the list of accessible /equipment/items available at each cottage and these may include

- Cordless kettle
- Hollowfibre bedding
- Chair with armrests
- Good reading light
- Large handle vegetable peeler
- Easy tin opener
- Non-slip mat for bath/shower
- Non-slip place mat
- Easy jar opener
- Information in alternative formats (on request)

Please note that we cannot guarantee that all items will be available at the time of your visit. Please enquire at the time of booking regarding any particular requests.

## Specialist equipment

Other specialist equipment such as wheelchairs, bath seats, toilet frames etc may be available for loan or purchase from the local Red Cross loan centre. Please check this out before booking the Cottage and contact us if you require further information.

<http://www.redcross.org.uk/standard.asp?id=89425>

## Future Plans to improve Access to National Trust Holiday Cottages

We are currently in the process of writing accessibility guides for all our holiday cottages and improving access over time for all our guests. All feedback is very helpful in informing us of ways in which we can improve access to all our cottages. We welcome any comments or ideas from you about access at this cottage and thank you for taking the time to do this. Please do this in the most convenient way for you. See contact details below or information on website.

## About the Accessibility Guide

This Accessibility Guide is intended to provide key information about the cottage that may be particularly relevant to guests with disabilities. It is reviewed annually. Please contact us prior to booking if you would like more detailed information and we will be happy to oblige.

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