



Access Statement for The Old School B&B - Version 1.2 - 4 February 2011

Introduction

The Old School B&B is located in Coveney near Ely in Cambridgeshire. It is located in the former village school, which has been converted to a residential building from the 1990's onwards. It has been operating as a Bed and Breakfast since 1997.

It currently provides B&B accommodation in 3 bedrooms: a double en-suite and a suite of two twin rooms with a bathroom (not en-suite) and a sitting area. All bedrooms, bathrooms and the breakfast room are on ground floor level, while the residents lounge and the garden are accessed via some steps.

Please contact us to discuss your particular needs and we will do everything we can to establish if we are able to accommodate you.

Pre-Arrival

- We are situated in a semi-rural area and the use of a car is highly recommended.
- There is no public transport serving Coveney.
- The nearest train station is at Ely.
- There is a taxi rank at the station and in the City of Ely.
- Our Website contains information about our property in text and images.
- We can be contacted by phone, mobile (calls and text), fax or e-mail, or enquiries can be made via our Website or in person.
- We would recommend that guests with mobility, visual or auditory impairments are accompanied during their stay.
- This Access Statement is available on request.
- You can also download this Access Statement directly from our Website .

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- There are several name signs in the school yard and on the wall of the property.
- PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SCHOOL HOUSE AT 10 MAIN STREET IS A SEPARATE PROPERTY AND NOT PART OF THE B&B !!!
- There is a pedestrian gate and a double gate for vehicular access into the school yard.
- Please park your car in the school yard and NOT on the layby, especially not in front of 10 Main Street.
- Come into the school yard and proceed to the glassed entrance area. Please shut the gate behind you.
- There is a door bell to the right of the glass door.
- The tarmac surface of the school yard is lit at night, until

arrival of guests.

- Upon request, cars can be parked directly in front of the entrance door.

Main Entrance and Reception Area

- The entrance leads into a porch, the threshold is 12 cm high.
- The porch is 1.25 m deep, with a second door leading into the hall.
- There is a 5 cm threshold from the porch into the hall.
- The door from the outside into the porch opens into the porch, the door from the porch into the hallway currently opens also back into the porch.

Public Areas - Hall and Corridors

• The entrance hall is at the junction of two corridors. The one straight ahead leads to the guest bedrooms, bathroom, breakfast room, B&B kitchen and a number of private rooms.

The second corridor extends to the left and goes up 4 steps. Please note: This part of the house is strictly private.

Public Areas - Breakfast / Dining Room + Sitting Room / Lounge

- Access to the breakfast room is from the corridor through a pair of French doors. The total opening is 85 cm wide at its narrowest point (door knobs).

- The residents' lounge is accessed from the breakfast room. There is 1 step, then a small landing area with a turn to the right and 3 more steps to reach the lower floor level.

There is a bannister on the left hand side of the landing and the three steps.

- Access to the garden from the lounge is through a pair of patio doors. The overall height difference between inside and outside is about 25 cm.

Public WCs

- There are no public toilets. However, the bathroom belonging to the suite consisting of Rooms 2 and 3, the bathroom and an area with a coffee table, is accessed directly from the corridor.

Laundry

- No self-service laundry available in-house.
- Guests with laundry that needs washing should approach the manager, who can advise on local laundrettes or wash the items on the guest's behalf.
- Ironing board and iron are available on request.

Shop / Treatment room(s) / Leisure Facilities

- N/A

Outdoor Facilities

- There are a number of chairs and tables in the garden, that are available for the use of guests.
- The sunken garden with coffee house style round table and chairs is currently undergoing renovation [see future plans].

- The patio area in front of Room 1 is currently undergoing renovation [see future plans].

If you would like to use the garden please let us know. We prefer to bring our own dogs in, should they be out, so that you can enjoy the garden undisturbed.

Canine Facilities

- There are a number of local walks close by where guests with pets can take their dog(s) for exercise and to relieve themselves. Please clear up after your dog - poo bags for dogs are available and are located near the entrance door.
- Please do not let your dogs run loose in the garden and always check with me first to make sure our own dogs are not in the garden at the same time.
- Twin dog kennels are available on request.

Conference & Meeting Rooms

- We are in the process of creating a guest office with table and chairs, telephone, fax, laptop computer
- Internet access is available via WiFi hotspots. Please ask for your user name and password.

Clubs & Entertainment

- The Coveney Village Hall is 5 mins walk away and features a coffee morning, carpet bowls and special events.
- Ely, Newmarket and Cambridge Tourist Information Centers offer up-to-date information about current events.

Bedrooms & Sleeping Areas

- Room 1 has a wall lamp each over the bed and the table.
- The table can be folded down to provide more space in the bedroom.

- All rooms have a pink wind-up torch in case of power failure, which can be found on the bedside table.

- Rooms 2 and 3 have lamps on the bedside tables.
- The bed in Room 1 is 60 cm high, in Rooms 2 and 3 62 cm.
- All bedroom floors are carpeted.
- Please note the Fire Action Notices that are located in each room - please familiarize yourself with both sides.

Bathroom, Shower-room & WC [en-suite or non en-suite]

- Room 1 has an en-suite shower room with toilet, wash basin, storage cupboard, shelf unit and shower with shower curtain.
- The shower is 115 cm wide and 74 cm deep.
- The door to the en-suite is 75 cm wide.
- The toilet is 43 cm high.
- The wash basin is 88 cm high and is built into the storage cupboard, so there is no free space underneath the sink.
- There is an electric razor socket behind the shelf unit.
- The floor is tiled with anti-slip tiles.

- The bathroom belonging to the suite consisting of Rooms 2 and 3, the bathroom and a sitting area with a coffee table and chairs is accessed directly from the corridor.
- The bathroom has a toilet, pedestal twin sinks, a bath and a shower surrounded by a shower cubicle.
- Access to the bath and shower are via a 18 cm high step.
- The floor is vinyl, bath mats are provided.

- The toilet is 43 cm high, with 50 cm space in the front and 22 cm on the left towards the wall.

Self-Catering Kitchen

- There is no-self catering available, but I can heat up ready meals in the oven or microwave for you, should you not wish to go out for a meal.

Some local take-aways have a delivery service available. The breakfast room can be used for consuming meals. No hot food in the bedrooms, please.

Grounds and Gardens

- The garden can be accessed from the residents lounge or via a large metal gate. This gate is usually locked and can only be used on request.
- In the garden there is a large eucalyptus tree, twin dog kennels, a duck pond with a number of small white Call ducks and a number of areas where you can sit down.
- The garden is on a slight slope and can be quite uneven, so please do take extra care.

Additional Information

- Please familiarize yourself with the Fire Action Notice that is located in each room. Please study both sides.
- One side contains a floor plan of the building with evacuation routes. The other side gives written instructions on what to do in case of a fire.
- Please consult the Visitor Information folder located in each room for further information about the local area and events.
- This is a **strictly non-smoking** establishment. Please refrain from smoking on the entire property, inside the

building and outside.

This means:

- Do not smoke just outside the building, since this is a fire hazard - the boiler room and oil tank are nearby.
- Please do not leave any cigarette butts behind - anywhere in the grounds of our property or on the pavement.

• We welcome dogs of all shapes and sizes, breeds and ages. We own 5 terriers, so no cats, hamsters, ferrets, birds or other animals please (ducklings by arrangement).

• Cyclist and Walkers: Wet clothes can be stored and dried in the porch. We also have storage for bicycles available.

Address:

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National Grid Reference: TL 4896582109

Hours of operation: Normal hours: 07:00 - 22:00

Other hours by arrangement.

Emergency number: To contact owner: +44-(0)7802-174541
In case of emergency: please dial 999

Local carers:

Angel Care
Grovemere House
Lancaster Way Business Park
Ely, Cambridgeshire CB6 3NW
Tel. +44-(0)1353 - 665443

Local equipment hire companies:

INDEPENDENCE LTD
95 Main Street
Witchford
Ely Cambridgeshire
CB6 2HQ
Tel. +44-(0)1353 667 722, +44-(0)1353 668 778
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Web: www.independence.ltd.uk

Local accessible taxis: The following taxi services offer wheelchair access, larger and adapted vehicles:

Alan's Taxis: +44-(0)1353 667 518 or 665 050
A10 Taxis: +44-(0)1353 661 010 or 666 150
Fencabs of Ely: +44-(0)1353 669 966

Future Plans :

An advisory visit by an assessor from Quality in Tourism took place on 4 December 2010.

We are hoping to address a number of issues to make The Old School more accessible for guests with a range of impairments.

We are in the process of applying for a grant from the Fen Adventurers Programme to help finance the necessary measures such as an accessible bathroom (wetroom), improved entrance area, outdoor decking area and an accessible Website.

Other future plans include :

- Guest office with meeting room, telephone, fax, access to laptop [2011]
- Renovation of patio in front of Room 1 [2011]
- Renovation of sunken garden [2011]
- Creation of additional shower room, walk-in wet room [2011/2012, if grant application is successful]
- Replacement of entrance doors and porch [2011, if grant application is successful]
- Make Website accessible according to W3C standards.

Contact Telephone and Email Address

We welcome your feedback to help us continually improve our services.

If you have any comments, please write to us at the above address, phone +44-(0)1353-777087 or e-mail us at info@TheOldSchoolBandB.co.uk.

Thank you for your feedback.