

## **Access Statement for East Leigh Cottage**

### **Introduction**

East Leigh Cottage is a split-level cottage with a good many steps and doorways that might be a challenge to people suffering severe mobility problems. Having said this, our parents coped quite well with it into their eighties and with very little assistance. For much of the year, this is our home and not a holiday cottage, so it is as pleasant as we can make it. We should like to share it with you and provide a comfortable and enjoyable stay so that you will come back to the glorious South Hams again.

### **Pre-Arrival**

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### **Arrival & Car Parking Facilities**

- There is private parking space immediately in front of the cottage, sufficient for 3 or 4 cars. The surface is 20 mm gravel that is quite firm.
- The entrance porch has an exterior door that is up a shallow step, opening inwards to a tiled floor.
- The interior door into the spacious sitting room opens inwards and there is a step down 700mm into the room.

### **Hall, Stairs, Landing, Corridors etc**

- A door at the end of the sitting room leads up three tiled steps to the stair well. This is a tiled area with a rough faced tile that has quite good purchase. The steps up to this area have a handrail on the wall.
- The stairs are open with matt sealed wooden treads and a carpeted landing half way up. A sturdy handrail is attached to each flight.
- The upstairs landing is split level but covered with a short weave carpet that is easy to walk on.
- Both bathrooms are tiled but being relatively small the internal furniture provides 'hand holds' for crossing the room.
- The upstairs bathroom has a shower in the bath cubicle. The bath is 500mm high with grab handles set into the rim.

### **Sitting room, kitchen etc**

- Beside the door from the porch into the sitting room is a hook mounted on the door frame. We suggest you hang the door keys here at night so that if there were a fire you may quickly access them to let yourself out.
- The sitting room has a sealed wooden floor that is less slippery than polished wood but it is less effective in wet shoes.
- Located off the sitting room/diner the kitchen is a traditional country design. It is a compact area with standard worktops set at 900mm. Below the work surfaces there are two refrigerators, a freezer and dishwasher.
- There is a carousel storage area and cupboard for pans below the hob. On three sides storage cupboards are arranged above the worktops with the extractor fan over the hob. There are two under unit strip lights above the worktop. The sink unit is set in front of the window.
- The floor has glazed tiles that are very clean but also slippery when wet or when wearing wet footwear.
- There are numerous power points at the back of the work top for mixers, blenders and the toaster.
- The Consumer Unit is in the cupboard in the corner by the storage heater. It is new and exceedingly sensitive and if a bulb blows it will trip out. There is a torch in this cupboard and in the bedside units in each bedroom.
- A fire blanket is hung on the unit next to the sink and by the door to the conservatory is a fire extinguisher. As I am sure you know NEVER use the extinguisher on a fat fire - it will blast burning oil everywhere. Use the blanket first to smother it.
- The conservatory/amenity room contains a second sink unit, ideal for cleaning up after the beach or muddy footwear. Under the worktop are the washing machine and the tumble dryer. The units in this area are also 900mm. like the kitchen the floor has glazed tiles that are very clean but also slippery when wet or when wearing wet footwear.

### **Additional Information**

- Please use the garden. It is a wonderfully secluded and a very pleasant area to enjoy a meal. The chiminea and barbeque are at your disposal but please read the information about using them in our welcome pack. Extra chairs and a folding table are in the green house by the main patio.
- The slate paths and patios are slippery when wet. There is a handrail on the main flight of steps from the conservatory patio to the rest of the garden.
- The pond is in the centre of a raised bed and does not present a problem to someone with limited sight from the patio. Care should be taken on the lawn above it and, of course, children should be supervised in this area at all times.
- Mobile phone signals are not good downstairs in the cottage but usually all right upstairs and outside.
- The nearest bus stop is one mile away in Harberton village.
- The nearest station is at Totnes, 4 miles away.
- Taxi services are available from Totnes and a number is included in the welcome pack.