

DILSTON MILL ACCESS STATEMENT

General Description

Dilston Mill Bed and Breakfast aims to be as accessible as possible given the limitations of an historic building. There has been favourable feedback from those with restricted mobility using both The Private Suite and The Studio. Last year a wheelchair user and partner enjoyed their visit to the Studio, finding the accommodation comfortable and convenient.

The area around the house is gravelled. Cars can be pulled up directly outside the entrance doors to unload passengers and baggage before being parked at the side of the house. Automatic outside courtesy lighting is triggered by movement to provide good visibility as required.

Guests are always met on arrival and shown the accommodation, fittings and safety features. The walls are white and the skirting is in the contrasting colour of varnished wood; the carpeting is dark green in the Private Suite and honey-coloured seagrass in the Studio, also providing a helpful contrast with the white walls.

The Studio was converted from the Mill's laundry/storage room to provide easy access accommodation on the ground floor. There is one step up to the entrance door; (a ramp is now being considered). Inside it is step-free. Doorways were made wider than usual where possible and there is extra space on either side of the kingsize bed. There is a nightlight plugged into an electrical socket to provide background lighting after dark. A torch is on a bedside shelf. The bathroom has an extra large shower (4'x3') with a grabrail just outside the entrance to it next to the wide, one-step up access into it. It has a textured base with a non-slip suction mat also available. The bath has built-in grip rails on both sides and a 'telephone' style rinsing hose. An adjustable height waterproof seat is available and usable in either the shower or in/next to the bath.

The Private Suite is on the first floor. There is one step up into the hallway from outside and a straight flight of 17 steps with a sturdy wooden banister. The accommodation is all on one level once up the steps. The shower is large (4'x3') with a textured base and a non-slip suction mat also available. The shower is at floor level with only the rim (5" high) to get over. An adjustable, waterproof seat is available to put in the shower. Nightlights are plugged into electrical sockets in the hallway to provide background lighting after dark. There is a torch in each of the bedrooms in the bedside chest.

Access Statement: Further Details

The bus stops (3 buses per hour in each direction) are .2 and .3 miles from the house. The railway station (a couple of train per hour in each direction) is 1.2 miles, Corbridge is 1 mile and Hexham is 2 miles from the house.

The Private Suite

Front door: 34in wide, 5in high slab, 3.75in high step

17 stair steps, 32.5in wide, to first floor, risers 7in high, banister 28.5in high, 2.75in wide.

All rooms are on one level.

Hall: 36in wide

Twin bed room: Door-29.5in wide, 24in between beds, twin beds 23in high

Double bedroom: Door 29.5in wide, bed 22.5in high, 18in on either side of bed

Breakfast room: Door 25in wide, kitchen counter 34.5in high, chair seats 19in high, table 28in high, bench seat with cushion 90in wide, 21.5in high

Shower room: Door 30in wide, shower entry 34in wide, 5in high rim, pedestal sink 30.5in high, toilet 16.5in high.

The Studio

Front door: 39in wide, slab 2in high, step 5in high, all on one ground floor level

Door to Studio 28.5in wide

Kingsize bed: 22.5in high, 27.5in on left side, 40in+ on right side,

Kitchen counter 35.5in high, table 26.5in high, chair seats 17.5in high

Bathroom: Door 28in wide, bath 20.5in high, sink 32in high, toilet 17.5in high, shower entry 33in wide, wooden entry step 36in wide, 7in high, 8.5in deep, rim into shower 6.5in high.