

HOLLY HOWE COTTAGE AMBLESIDE

ACCESS STATEMENT

Holly Howe Cottage is a mid-Victorian terraced house built over three levels plus a cellar in the days when easy access was not considered a priority. Information about the cottage is available on our website www.hollyhowecottage.co.uk or Email jane-tookey@talktalk.net or telephone 01749676006 and we shall be pleased to give you any further help or advice. Guests will also find, on arrival, an information pack with house notes and local information. There is a telephone for incoming calls and local calls only but it can also be used for long distance calls with a BT Chargecard.

Parking for Holly Howe Cottage is for one car in a reserved space on the private road immediately in front of the house and 5 metres from the front door. The front door is approached via 8 steps; mostly 8cm high, though some are a little less. Like other outside steps these steps are of local slate and can be slippery in wet weather. The key will be found in a key safe by the door, which is opened with a four-digit code notified to guests, with the directions for finding the cottage, by post in advance.

The cottage Floors are mostly wall to wall carpets with no loose rugs. However there is vinyl on the floors of the kitchen and bathroom and the cellar floor is paved with the original flagstones.

The Doors in the cottage are not less than 73cm wide with the exception of the airing cupboard, which has a sliding door of only 50cm.

Rooms Holly Howe is on four levels including the cellar. On the ground floor are the sitting room, dining room and kitchen. On the first floor are a double bedroom with king-size bed, the walk in airing cupboard and the bathroom. On the second floor there are two bedrooms, one with two single beds (3ft wide), the other with a double bed (4ft6" wide and extra long).

Stairs Each of the two flights of stairs comprises 15 steps of 20cm and each has a u-turn. There is a banister throughout on the left side going up. The staircase is carpeted. There are 12 x 20cm stone steps to the cellar with a right angle turn and with one banister on the left hand side going up.

Laundry There is a front-loading washing machine and tumble dryer in the cellar. A clothesline is provided in the back garden.

Bedding is all allergy free.

The Bath is surrounded by tiled walls on three sides and is provided with handles. The shower is over the bath. The **toilet** is in the bathroom and the seat is at a height of 43cm.

Switches Light switches are at a height of approximately 130cm. Sockets are mainly at skirting height except in the kitchen. All beds have a bedside light. The cooker is gas, one piece (no eye level grill). The two gas fires have low level controls but there is full central heating (automatic but with over-ride). You should know that the electrical circuits are protected with a sensitive trip that will switch off the power if a fault occurs and also, usually, if a light bulb blows. It is simple to reset the trip but the consumer unit is in the cellar. However torches are provided on both the ground floor and the first floor.

Back Door Steps There are 3 x 20cm steps and 1 x 9cm step from the back door to the back lane. There are then a further 7 x 20cm steps to the garden. These steps can be slippery when wet.

The garden is fairly steep; mostly grass with a paved terrace and summerhouse at the top (some 20 metres from the house).

The footpath to the town centre runs from the front of the cottage and includes both steps and quite a steep path, which can be very slippery in frosty or even wet weather. It is only 200 metres but the ascent can be hard work. The town has a comprehensive variety of shops, cafes, pubs &c and is also the nearest point to catch a bus.