

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

## Access Statement for Walkers Farm Cottages

### Introduction

Walkers Farm Cottages are four self catering cottages converted from stabling and old Somerset brick barns to provide superb (4 Star) quality holiday lets. We are situated in the heart of Somerset with wonderful views over the Somerset levels and the surrounding hills.

Walkers Farm is located in the quiet hamlet of Stathe between Burrowbridge and Stoke St. Gregory. we are located on a small hill which is 100m above sea level. We have 3 entrances to the Cottages the main entrance to the Hackney stable and Tallet has a steep approach.

Each of the 4 cottages have 2 bedrooms, The Hackney Stable is situated on the ground floor and has a M2 rating as it is suitable for people in wheel chairs. The Tallet is a M1 rating as it has 4 steps up to the cottage, inside the cottage it is all on 1 level.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01823698229 or email [info@walkersfarmcottages.co.uk](mailto:info@walkersfarmcottages.co.uk).

### Pre-Arrival

- For full details and map of how to reach us please see the direction section of our website. we also post you directions from the M5 and A303 after we have received your deposit.
- Alternately you can plan your journey using Google Maps. Simply enter your post code and ours, which is TA7 0JL to get directions.
- the nearest railways are Taunton (11miles) and Yeovil (approx 20miles).
- Taxis are available at the station, if you require a pre booked taxi this can be arranged by us.
- We have 1 bus stop which is approximately 2 miles away, Service number 51 runs from Taunton to Stoke St Gregory and takes

approx 45mins, this runs Monday to Saturday every 2hrs, please contact somerset county council for up to date bus information on 0845 3459155.

- We do not have a collection service but might be able to help out on individual bases.
- The streets in our surrounding are level but unpaved.
- We are happy to receive equipment, oxygen etc before your arrival so you can enjoy your holiday, The Red Cross at Red Cross House, Taunton can deliver any equipment you might need their number is 01823373700
- food can be delivered on the day of arrival, please contact us to let us know rough time it will be delivered and we will endeavor to put it into a fridge for your arrival,
- the Cook shop will deliver food from Taunton, the frozen food looks and tastes like it has been home made, contact them on <http://www.cookfood.net> or 01823 323001

### Key Collection, Welcome and Car Parking

- Normally there is some one to welcome our guests to Walkers Farm Cottages, We ask you to contact us the day before arrival to give us a approximate arrival time so we can be around to welcome you. otherwise we will give you directions to the cottages and leave the key in the back of the door.
- There are parking area outside each of the cottages, enough space for 2 cars, the area is gravelled except outside the Hackney stables which is paved.
- if you require any further parking spaces please let us know as there is space near to the main farm house.
- there is lighting outside each of the cottages and if you are intending to arrive late we will put this lighting on.

### Entrance to Property

- The Dairy and Parlour both have 3 steps to the front door, there is no hand rail,
- Each of the cottages have wide entrance doors,
- The Hackney Stables entrance has no steps and a wide entrance for people with reduced mobility.
- The Tallet has 4 steps into the cottage with a hand rail on the right side.
- There is lighting on the outside of each cottage entrance which we will turn on if you are arriving after dark.
- Outside the Dairy and Parlour there is a flag stone path which runs the length of the building.
- Outside the Hackney Stables there is a wide paved patio area with a small garden in front of the living room and bedroom.

#### Halls, Stairs, Landings, Passageways

- Each of the hall ways are wide and have ample space to hang coats etc and store welly boots etc.
- The passageways are over 800mm/31.5inches wide,
- The lighting in the entrance hall ways is a single pendant.
- Each of the cottages have coconut matting on the floor inside the door and then tile flooring, apart from the Tallet which has a short pile carpet.
- The Dairy and Parlour have a wide wooden staircase leading to the 1st floor, there are approximately 14 steps and a hand rail on one side.

#### Sitting Room/Lounge

- In the Hackney stable there is a open planned sitting room/lounge, dining and kitchen area which is situated on the ground floor with level entry from the hallway and front door.

- The Tallet has a open planned sitting room/lounge, dinning and kitchen area which is situated on the 1st floor with level entry from the hallway and front door.
- The Dairy and Parlour has a large open planned sitting room/lounge, dinning and kitchen area which is situated on the 1st floor.
- in each of the cottages the room has a mixture of seating with sofas and soft chairs with non-feather cushions as well as some high chairs with arms, together with a low coffee table.
- Furniture can be moved.
- the Dairy and Parlour flooring is wooden, the Tallet has a short pile carpet and the Hackney Stables have tiled flooring.
- There is a wide-screen digital television in each of the cottages with remote control, subtitles, and a DVD player.
- Lighting is overhead and wall lighting as well as table lamps around the room.

## Dining Room

- Each of the cottages has a large level open planned dining/ kitchen / sitting area.
- The hackney stables has ample space around the table for wheel chairs,
- There are upright chairs with and without arms.
- The dining table is movable and has legs in each corner except the Parlour which has a round table with a central leg that sprays out.
- There is free space around the table.
- Chairs (all movable) – 4 chairs with padded seats that have no arms, 2 chairs with padded seats with arms. There are further chairs in the lounge if needed.
- Lighting is natural daylight with wall lighting, overhead lights and table lamps around the room.

## Kitchen

- Each of the cottages has a large level open planned dining/ kitchen / sitting area.
- In each of the kitchens the doors to the ovens open to the side.
- Microwave is situated on the kitchen work surface,
- Each cottage has a under unit fridge/ freezer,
- The Dairy and Parlour there is a single mixer tap with twisting taps, the Hackney Stables and Tallet have a single mixer tap with lever taps.
- Cordless kettle and toaster provided
- Glasses and crockery can be moved from wall cupboards to lower cupboards, if required, please request this when booking.
- Large cutlery and utensil can be provided if requested before arrival.
- The kitchen is evenly lit with spotlights above work surfaces.
- Flooring is wooden in the Dairy and Parlour, tile in the Hackney Stables and laminate and carpet in the Tallet.

## Bedrooms and Sleeping Areas

- The Dairy and Parlour has 2 double bedrooms on the ground floor, with step free level access from the hallway.
- The Dairy has 1 room with twin beds and 1 room with a double bed, the Parlour has 1 bedroom with a zip link double bed and 1 room with twin beds.
- The Hackney Stables has 1 bedroom with a zip link double bed and plenty of room around the bed to maneuver and 1 bedroom with a single bed and a pull out bed which can make the bed into a small double bed, both of these bedrooms are on the ground floor, with step free level access from the front door and hallway.
- The Tallet has 2 twin bedrooms with step free level access from the hallway.
- the flooring is Tiles in the Hackney Stable, Dairy and Parlour and carpet in the Tallet.

- 3 of the cottages have built in wardrobes, each of the larger rooms has a dressing table and each of the smaller rooms have a table.
- Furniture can be easily removed or rearranged in each of the bedrooms.
- Lighting is natural daylight and at night overhead lighting. Bedside lamps are also provided in each room.

### Bathrooms, Shower-rooms and Toilets

- the Hackney Stable has a wet room with non slip laminate flooring, handrails around the shower and toilet area.
- A shower seat and seat raisers are available, please ask when booking.
- the Parlour has 2 bathrooms, 1 on each floor, both bathrooms have showers and non slip laminate flooring.
- The Dairy has 2 bathrooms, 1 on each floor, 1 with shower and 1 with shower over a bath, both have non slip laminate flooring.
- the Tallet has 1 bathroom with a shower over the bath and non slip laminate flooring.
- Well lit with overhead lights.

### Laundry/Utility Room

- Each of the cottages have a washing machine,
- The Function room has a tumble dryer which takes 20 pence pieces to dry clothes, alternately each of the cottages has use of a outside washing line and pegs.
- The function room also has a sink, and dish washer that is available when the function room is being used by bigger parties.
- The entrance to the function room has gravel on the outside a small step up into the room,
- The room is carpeted with a short pile carpet.
- The kitchen / laundry area in the function room is small and narrow with a small step up.
- The lighting is over head lighting and a table lamp,

## Garden

- We have extensive gardens for people to use and enjoy,
- The Hackney Stables, Parlour and Dairy have small areas of gardens outside each of the cottages,
- The Tallet has a walk down approx 14 steps to reach the gardens,
- The gardens are flat, to get to the main garden you cross a gravel area
- There is garden furniture, some individual wooden chairs with no arms and some benches with arms.

## Additional Information

- Well behaved dogs are welcome, please inform us when booking the cottages, there is a small charge for dogs, we have stables available for dogs when guests leave the dogs during day trips as dogs are not allowed in the cottages on their own.
- We have 2 Doctors surgerys locally, Langport 01458 250464, North Curry 01823 490505,
- Our local hospital with a 24hr Accident and Emergency is Musgrove park hospital in Taunton, 01823 333444.
- Please see our welcome folder for more information about hospitals etc.
- Our website has a extensive list of local attractions and direct links to their web sites.
- There is good mobile phone coverage.

## Future Plans

- We are planning a review of our website next year to make it more accessible, your comments are welcome to assist us with this project.
- We are planning to be reassessed by the national Accessible Schme to improve our rating for people with limited mobility and visual and hearing impaired people.

## Contact Information

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Hours Of Operation: owners on site,

Local Carers: Way ahead care 01823321123

Local Equipment Hire: The Red Cross, Red Cross House, Taunton,  
01823273700

Local Accessible Taxi: A1 Taxis, 01823 332211

Local Public Transport: 0845 3459155