

## **BARCLAY BARN BED & BREAKFAST**

### **ACCESS STATEMENT**

We advise that guests or visitors with mobility difficulties should telephone us on 01580 292626 in advance of arrival. This to ensure that there is somebody available to offer assistance if required and to meet any personal requirements. We will always assist disabled guests with their booking and during their stay here, with empathy.

We will be delighted to assist you with any pre-booking or pre-arrival queries you may have, or to make dining or taxi arrangements for you.

### **General**

Power points are generally set at a height of 30cm and light switches are generally 130cm from the floor and are of the rocker type. In the guest bedrooms, the ceiling light and bedside lights can be operated from a wall switch accessible from the sleeping position. There is colour contrast between the dark oak floors/skirtings and the off-white painted, rough-plastered walls.

All guest bedroom doors are fire-rated and have fire door closing springs but none are excessively difficult to open. All door handles are painted black against the dark oak doors and all door apertures, with the exception of the shower room doors at first floor level, are 80cm. Guest room names are painted black and are raised from the surface.

All bedrooms are equipped with bedside telephones which can be used to summon assistance. Calls can be made between bedrooms at no charge.

All guest rooms have a TV with text and sub-title facilities. All TVs and freeview boxes have remote controls.

Except for the ground floor guest bedroom, "*Barley*", there are no grab handles fitted to shower enclosures. None of our WCs are modified for disabled use.

As far as we know, all mobile phone services work in guest bedrooms although signal reception is occasionally a little weak.

We do not have enlarged print guest information folders but we will be pleased to read through and explain this literature if required.

Guide dogs are welcome although no other pets can be accepted.

A smoke alarm is located in each guest bedroom and at the upper landing.

The emergency evacuation procedure is set out in the welcome folder in each guest bedroom.

There is a mini-refrigerator in each guest bedroom, suitable for medications.

The staircase has a handrail on one side only, away from the wall.

## **Transport**

The property is situated on the main A262 Tenterden Road, 1km south of the village, at the junction with Benenden Road. The nearest Town is Tenterden , 4 miles to the south. Our nearest town with ShopMobily is Ashford, 12 miles to the East. See

[http://www.ashford.gov.uk/news\\_and\\_events/latest\\_news/new\\_home\\_for\\_shopmobility.aspx](http://www.ashford.gov.uk/news_and_events/latest_news/new_home_for_shopmobility.aspx)

Our Ordnance Survey Grid Reference is TQ 851 374

Latitude 51.1057 (51 degrees 6.3 minutes North), Longitude 0.6438 (0 degrees, 38.6 minutes East)

## **Public Transport**

### **Bus**

Barclay Farmhouse is in the country and most guests arrive by car. There are no footways beyond the village, and it is too dangerous to approach by foot or wheelchair. However limited public transport is available from bus stops (both directions) located adjacent to Costcutters Store in the centre of biddenden Village .

Arriva Kent and Sussex (Route No 12, Maidstone to Tenterden via Headcorn and Biddenden):

[http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/uploadedfiles/Services/Southern\\_Counties/SCMD12\\_100509\\_260409.pdf](http://www.arrivabus.co.uk/uploadedfiles/Services/Southern_Counties/SCMD12_100509_260409.pdf)

Clarks Minibus (Route 12RL, Tenterden to Headcorn via Biddenden): peak hours only, Monday to Friday.

Kent Top Travel (Route 523, Ashford to Biddenden): Monday to Friday (4 trips), Saturday (2 trips)

### **Train**

The nearest railway station is HEADCORN, providing Southeastern services to London and to the south coast via Ashford International. The London service requires accessing the north-bound platform across a footbridge. National rail enquiries:

<http://www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations/hcn/details.html>

There are taxi services available from the station and bus services, as shown above.

## **Car Park and approach to the Building**

We have a 100m long gravel drive, so the barn accommodation is set well back from the main road, facing open countryside.

Barclay Barn has a designated parking space for each guest room. The parking space for the ground floor bedroom, “Barley”, is situated at the side of the accommodation and provides easy access to the hard-paved entrance for wheel-chair users to the accommodation without the need to negotiate raised door thresholds.

The external surfaces are level and flat, with low kerbs and no gradients, except for a slight incline to the entry door. The external approaches are lit at night.

Assistance with luggage is always offered.

## **Main Entrance and Reception**

The main entry door opens directly into a small hallway, but with ample turning for wheelchair users into the ground floor guest bedroom, “Barley”, to the left and into the “Granary” dining room, to the right.

Guests are shown to their room and the facilities are fully explained.

## **“Barley” - Ground-Floor Disabled Access Guest Bedroom**

Our ground floor room, “Barley”, is double-bedded, with an ensuite shower-room. There is ample space to manoeuvre in the room and into the shower-room. All door openings are wheelchair friendly.

It is necessary to step up 22cm into the 65cm wide shower enclosure, but there is a firm grab-rail inside. A call-for-assistance pull-cord is provided in the shower room.

## **Hall, Stairs, Landing, Dining and Guest Bedrooms**

There are two levels of accommodation. The 80cm wide staircase to the first floor accommodation is immediately opposite the main entry door, with two flights of seven 25cm wide by 20cm high steps and a half landing.

With the exception of the stairs, which are carpeted, there are solid wood floors throughout.

There is ample lighting in the common areas and also in each room, which may be controlled to meet individual requirements. A torch is provided in each guest room, in case of power-failure.

Background classical music is played quietly during breakfast. It will be muted by request, if preferred.

The First floor accommodation, guest bedrooms “Wheat” and “Rye”, are king-size bedded, with ensuite shower rooms. The rooms are identical but handed

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## **Future Plans**

We regularly re-assess our access plan. We welcome your feedback to help us continually improve.

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