

# Cote How Access Statement

## Introduction

Cote How is a 16<sup>th</sup> Century grade two listed building set in 4 acres of grounds in the heart of the English Lake District offering bespoke wedding events throughout the year. We have a house and barn plus extensive outdoor terraces and gardens.

## The House

The house consists of an entrance porch opening onto the dining room or first reception area. This has a wooded floor and large rug. To the right is a small bar area and to the rear on the left is the first toilet. This has one step up but can take a ramp if required. The next room is the carpeted guest lounge/music room which is accessed from the reception area via 2 shallow steps. Beyond is a small hallway with one toilet and the Fairfield ceremony room. These are both wooden floors. The ceremony room has double door access directly onto the garden. Upstairs we have three guest bedrooms on the first floor although the staircase is very wide and shallow with a hand rail. There are three steps half way along the landing which is illuminated at all times. All rooms are very large with wide doorways.

## The Barn

The barn is situated further down the garden from the house – The two are not connected internally. To access the barn, turn left out of the house and go down a gravel slope and through the gate. There is a garden gazebo to the left for serving food, photo booth or smaller ceremonies. The barn is adjacent. It has three doors, two are level. The barn has a concrete floor and the toilets are via a courtyard to the rear. There is one large step up out to the rear. Whilst we do have some electric fan heating, the barn is 10m x 5.5m and is solid slate with no insulation, and so does get cold. Warm layers of adequate clothing are required and spare warm footwear if the weather is cold.

Whilst we aim to meet the needs of all our guests there are some period features which might make access difficult for people with limited mobility.

## Arrival

- We are located 200m off the main A591 over a narrow stone bridge at the end of a narrow lane.
- The nearest shops are approximately 1 mile away.
- The nearest bus stop is just 300m away on the main A591 in Rydal Village. The buses are the 555 Carlisle/Grasmere – Lancaster/ Kendal and run hourly in the winter and every 20mins in the summer. Buses on Sundays and Bank Holidays are less regular.
- The nearest railway station is Windermere which is approximately 5 miles away.
- There are several local taxi companies; we can make bookings in advance for you.
- We have 2 dogs and regret that we do not accept overnight resident's dogs although we do welcome one well behaved dog to the wedding ceremony, but it need to be on a lead at all times.
- Unloading is on a level drive in front of the main door. The driveway is compacted road stone and may be a little rough in places. After unloading please park down on the front terrace.

- Our website [www.cotehow.co.uk](http://www.cotehow.co.uk) provides pictures of our accommodation and further information about the services we provide.

### **Main Entrance**

- The front door is very wide with a large porch and settles on each side. Please knock loudly on your arrival.

### **Overnight Residents Accommodation – Public Areas**

- The front door opens directly onto the large reception/breakfast room.
- There are 14 stairs to the first floor; there is a hand rail on one side of these stairs. The stairs are carpeted. There are 5 stairs half way along the landing to bedrooms 2 and 3.
- There are two downstairs toilets that can be made available to guests during the day. Both have a single step up.
- We have three guest bedrooms which are all on the first floor (please see section “Bedrooms” for more information).
- The house is centrally heated throughout but temperatures can be adjusted in each room to suit individual requirements.

### **Bedrooms**

- All bedrooms are on the first floor and are carpeted throughout.
- There are en suite facilities in two rooms
- The Wansfell has a private bathroom opposite, robes are provided.
- Tea and coffee making facilities are provided.
- We also provide a hair dryer and shaving plug.
- Our beds are normally made with hollow fibre duvets and pillows.
- Extra blankets and pillows are available in the wardrobes.
- There is a wardrobe, chest of drawers and dressing table in each room along with bedside tables and lamps to each side of the bed plus a radio alarm clock.
- Hand wash, shower gel and bath essence are provided in all bathrooms where necessary.

### **Bedroom 1**

#### **LOUGHRIGG BRIDAL SUITE - ENSUITE**

- Loughrigg is to the left of the stairs at the end of the landing, beyond the five steps in the middle landing.
- This room has a 6ft super king-sized bed with access from both sides.
- The bathroom is large and has vinyl floor tiles. A rolled top bath and a separate shower with step up.

#### **RYDAL ENSUITE BEDROOM**

- The Rydal Suite is to the left at the top of the stairs.
- This room has a 6ft wide super king-sized bed with access from both sides.
- There is a small en-suite with toilet sink and shower with a step up

### **WANSFELL BEDROOM AND PRIVATE BATHROOM**

- Wansfell is to the left at the top of the stairs, along the landing then up 5 further steps on the left hand side.
- This room has a 6ft wide Super king bed which can be accessed from both sides. There is also a single bed with bedside table and lamp which can only be accessed from one side.
- The bathroom is adjacent across the landing and is private for this bedroom only.
- It comprises a toilet, sink and double ended bath with a shower over.

### **Gardens**

- We have 4 acres of grounds with only some areas accessible. There are various lawned areas, gravel terracing and slopes down to the barn area. We have a wild flowers meadow (4 acres) leading directly down to the shoreline of Rydal Water and the River Rothay, which leads across a wooden foot bridge to the Glen Rothay Hotel and Rydal Church. This is on varying ground which can be slippery and wet.
- Guests are very welcome to enjoy our garden at all times.
- We have many wildlife visitors to the gardens including red and roe deer, badgers, rabbits and birds.
- Access to the garden is via the front door at the bottom of the stairs.

### **Shops**

- The nearest shops are in Ambleside with various food, clothing, newsagents and restaurants. 25min walk, 2 min by car.
- Parking is limited to main car parks with charging in place or roadside in selected areas for upto 1 hour. Parking disc are in operation between 10.00am and 6.00pm. Discs are available in the breakfast room.

### **Additional Information**

- Evening meals can be bought at the local pub from 6-8.30pm. This is situated 200m away, through the back gate, across the field and river bridge. Care must be taken crossing the A591.  
Walking boots and a good torch recommended.
- The nearest church is in Rydal Village, service times available in the breakfast room.
- There is a fire extinguisher in the back hallway and another at the top of the guest stairs.
- In the event of a fire the alarms will automatically sound and emergency lighting will automatically light the upper hallway and staircase. Please advise us if you have a hearing impairment and might not hear this.
- The building can be evacuated via the door at the bottom of the guest stairs or the double doors in the ceremony room. In an emergency there is also an exit via our kitchen which is to the left of the bar area.
- We are totally non-smoking
- We only allow children over the age of 12.
- We are happy to cater for special diets or any particular likes or dislikes. Please advise us of these before your arrival.
- We are happy to refrigerate any medication. We can also keep any perishables (such as clotted cream!) in our fridge for a limited period.

- Mobile phone reception at the house is limited, depending on your network and is best at the front of the house, but in some of the surrounding area there is no signal.

**Contact Information**

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