

Access Statement for Ty Gwyn B&B, Crickhowell

Ty Gwyn was originally built at the end of the 18th century complete with stables, servant's quarters and domestic cottages in the grounds. The house is Grade 11 listed.

Many adaptations have been made over the years, but a considerable amount of the essential character of the property remains as it was when built. This refers to the main house as the stables and cottages etc have all been washed away or pulled down.

One cottage remains housing the original baker's oven but is currently waiting renovation.

Whilst we have done as much as we can to make our house as accessible as possible for all, we are unable to alter some aspects without making fundamental changes to the structure.

For example, all the bedrooms are on the first floor and it is impractical to install lift access to these. Therefore we may not be able to accommodate those with any mobility impairment. However, other changes have been made and we hope that you will find the following information of assistance.

As a small business, we are able to provide a personal service to meet specific needs if required - please let us know at the time of booking to enable us to do what we can for you.

Pre-Arrival

You may contact us by post, by phone (01873 811625) or by e-mail (tygwynbandb@btinternet.com).

Arrival and Access to the House

The entrance to Ty Gwyn is directly off the main A40 - *a very busy road*.^{*} Great care is required when turning right or left into the driveway as the stone gateway is very narrow. The entrance can accommodate a large vehicle providing the angle of entry is as straight as possible from the A40 road!

^{*} Guest rooms are located to the rear of Ty Gwyn so road noise is minimal

If you are arriving by bus, the stop is in the centre of Crickhowell - an easy, slightly downhill, 5 minute walk. We are happy to collect you from the bus stop if you let us know in advance of your arrival time.

The nearest train station is Abergavenny (6 miles away) and the bus stop for Crickhowell is at the train station

We are not aware of any of the local buses or taxis being adapted for ease of access at this time.

- Our car park has spaces for five cars. Although not individually marked out, the spaces are easily identifiable. The surface is tarmarked and is all on one level.
- Lighting in the car park during the evening is activated via a security light which comes on automatically when anyone is in the area.
- Guests are greeted upon arrival and escorted to their room.
- Porterage provided
- Guests are given their own key for access throughout their stay.
- From the car park, there is gateway access (width 90cm) down a small step (6cm) onto mainly level flagstones. A further step down (12cm) under the arch then again through the Guest Entrance (step 12cm, door 75cm width/ 182cm height). Flooring here is red brick tiles with matting (non slip)
- The Guest entrance is usually locked with a standard Yale type lock.
- Access to main Reception area is via another small door - 62cm width / 176cm height)
- The Garden Room (Guest Lounge and Breakfast Room) are on the Ground Floor, although accessed via 4 stone steps (12-13cm).
- There are good colour contrasts throughout the house and it is well lit during normal operating hours.
- All bedrooms are on the first floor which is accessed via flight of 12 stairs
- The Stairs has short pile carpet and a rope handrail on one side leading to a small brightly lit landing.
- Landing is carpeted but with uneven surface i.e. a step down (16cm) into 2 of the rooms
- 1 bathroom is carpeted, the other 2 have solid wood floors
- Shower mats available
- Doorways to bedrooms - width 75cm / height 190cm
- Each bedroom is on one level. 2 have bathrooms with small step up (10cm)
- Good lighting levels and colour contrasts throughout
- Remote control colour tv; cd, radio and alarm clock; kettle in each room
- All controls and switches easy to use.
- Most plug points at ground level
- Moveable seating

- Fire exit clearly defined
- The main house is not suitable for wheelchair users

Exterior

- Patio with a level surface of paving slabs; table and chairs
- Open access to stream which runs under the house
- Further garden area accessed up small grassy incline
- Bench with arms for seating

Additional Information

We welcome registered assistance dogs, when notified at the time of booking. No other pets are allowed in the property or grounds.

We cater for our registered guests only and, in order to maintain their security and comfort, we are not open to non-residents at any time.

Mobile phone reception is good in all parts of the house

As a small concern, we endeavour to meet your needs as far as we are able, but the house is not permanently manned throughout the day, nor are we able to provide specialist care. If you have any concerns or queries, please contact us to discuss these.