

Access Statement For Safe Haven, Aberporth

Introduction

Safe Haven is a newly refurbished bungalow in the pretty seaside village of Aberporth in West Wales. The property was completely redesigned and refurbished in 2008, specifically to accommodate guests in wheelchairs.

It has been tastefully decorated throughout to provide high quality accommodation to visitors using wheelchairs as well as those with limited mobility.

There is not a single step in the whole place!

The beautiful sea views from the luxurious living area and from the lovely garden and deck area of the property are breathtaking and any holiday spent at Safe Haven will prove good for the soul!

We are only a few minutes walk away from sandy beaches with wheelchair access and the fabulous Ceredigion coastal path which links us to several nearby coves, such as Tresaith, Penbryn and Llangrannog.

Pre-Arrival

Our comprehensive website has information on the layout of the property together with photographs of the living areas and surroundings

Contact details are posted online and on advertising brochures and enquiries can be made directly from the website via email, or via telephone or letter

Availability can be seen online together with tariff information

Written directions are provided on payment of deposit. These are available in large print if requested

Information on local transport is available at the property and special arrangements can be discussed when you contact us

The centre of the village of Aberporth is a short walk away; amenities include a general stores, hairdresser, launderette, ironmongers, chemist and café. There is also a good Chinese Takeaway, a pub and other eateries within easy walking distance as well as a church and a chapel with regular Sunday services. There are two RADAR key operated toilets in the village. Information on all the above, and more, can be found at the property together with a map of the area

The town of Cardigan is a few miles away and has a Shopmobility scheme; shops here include Tesco, Focus, Somerfield, Aldi, Spar, WH Smith, Boots, Seconds Ahead, QS, Oxfam, Barnados, Shoe Zone, Richleys and many smaller individual shops ranging from sports shops to those selling kitchenware, homewares, underwear, furniture, jewellery, Welsh items or fishing gear, to name a few. There are three RADAR key operated toilets in the town. There is a market hall and car boot sales are held regularly in the area over the spring and summer months. Details on the location of all the above provided at the property.

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

There is off road parking for two cars directly in front of the property on a tarmac drive with easy, level access to the main entrance

There is good side and rear access to a vehicle once it is parked

The tarmac drive merges into a dropped curb with access onto the quiet road

The property is available from 2pm on the day of arrival

Arrangements for arrival discussed at time of booking

Main Entrance & Reception

The entrance is a large wide double glazed doorway with low threshold and no step for ease of wheelchair access

A magnetic doorstop holds the door open while you enter

There is a sensor light above the doorway which is activated by movement when dark

The main fuse box, light switches, coat hooks and sockets are located at wheelchair user level

There is a portable kitchen trolley in the hall area; this can be relocated to the living area when required

There are electric sockets in the hallway where you can charge up your wheelchair/battery/scooter equipment if necessary

There is a WC and washing machine through a door, together with airing cupboard and hand washbasin, and this leads out onto the deck through a double glazed door

Dining Room & Lounge

A wide doorway from the hallway leads into the living areas; a magnetic doorstop keeps the door open for ease of access

The whole room is open plan and has laminated wood flooring

All light switches are at an accessible height and have dimmer switches

There is a free standing reading lamp available that can be moved between seating for convenience

There is a HDTV with Freeview and Teletext, together with a DVD player

A large 4 seater high level sofa is positioned in front of the extra wide patio doors to take advantage of the spectacular views of the sea and coastline, together with two comfortable armchairs

An economy 7 storage heater sits on the wall under the glass roof for extra heating during the winter months

A nest of tables and wicker games chest provide storage and somewhere to rest your cuppa!

The large oak dining table comfortably seats six and has six high back dining chairs

Crockery is stored on an adjacent bookcase for ease of access

A second set of patio doors gives extra access to the large decked area and garden with lovely sea views

Self-Catering Kitchen

The fitted kitchen includes a dishwasher, fridge freezer, sink with lever taps, microwave, cooker and hob with extractor hood; there is a larder cupboard at one end providing easily accessed food storage to a wheelchair user; there are also drawers and cupboards for storage at an easily accessible height, together with wall cupboards

The kitchen is fully equipped with kettle, toaster, hand blender etc and with crockery, cutlery and glassware for six people

The portable kitchen trolley from the hallway can be moved into the kitchen for further storage or left in the hallway to keep the wine at the correct temperature!!

There is an adjustable tray table that be moved around for your convenience. This may be used as a handy work surface in the kitchen for the wheelchair user.

There is an economy 7 storage heater on the wall under the picture window and another on the wall near the bathroom for use in cold weather

There is a set of four spotlights above the dining area and another above the kitchen area

Laundry

There is a front loading washing machine in the utility area and a washing line in the garden. There is also an indoor folding drying rail and large airing cupboard

Outdoor Facilities

The large decked area is accessed from the utility/WC area through a single door, the dining area through a sliding patio door and through the large sliding patio door from the lounge area

The deck is large and flat with no steps and there is a lovely view of the sea and the coastline from here

There is a garden area sloping away from the deck comprising of a lawned area and shrubs planted along the border. There is a central birdbath surrounded by heathers

The garden furniture comprises a large table with umbrella and four chairs plus two loungers, and a barbecue for use on the deck

There is an external light so that you can sit out at night and enjoy the wonderful sea air

Bedrooms

Bedroom 1 is a double room with a King Size bed in oak.

The floor is carpeted with a sand coloured carpet.

The bedroom has a wide, sliding door and there is room for a wheelchair to access both sides of the bed.

A hoist can be supplied on request for an extra charge.

The wardrobe has one mirrored door and inside the clothes rail is at a lower height than normal to accommodate a wheelchair user. The wardrobe also has two pull out wire drawers for storage and a shelf above the hanging rail.

The light switch is at a low height and there is a pull cord to switch off the central light from bed.

There are two halogen reading lights on the bedside tables at either side of the bed. They are touch controlled and dimmable. The tables have a drawer and two shelves

There is a rounded shelf in the corner where the HDTV sits. It has a remote control and teletext and over 80 digital TV and radio channels.

There is also a tall, narrow chest of drawers for storage near the window.

The bedding is anti-allergy as are all the pillows

There is an adjustable bed tray/table that can be moved from one room to another for your convenience e.g. reading or breakfast in bed?

There is a portable heater in the bedroom for colder nights

Bedroom 2 is a twin room with two oak single beds.

The floor is carpeted with a sand coloured carpet.

The bedroom has a wide, sliding door and there is room for a wheelchair to access both of the beds.

A hoist can be supplied on request for an extra charge.

The wardrobe has one mirrored door and inside the clothes rail is at a lower height than normal to accommodate a wheelchair user. The wardrobe also has two pull out wire drawers for storage and a shelf above the hanging rail.

The light switch is at a low height and there is a pull cord to switch off the central light from bed.

There are two halogen reading lights on the bedside table situated between the beds. The bedside table has four drawers for storage.

There is a tall chest of drawers for storage near the window. The Radio/CD player or TV can be placed here.

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Bathroom & Shower-room

The bathroom has a wide sliding door that can be locked with a cabin hook

The wet room has a special non-slip floor and is completely accessible for wheelchair users

The shower in the corner has an optional shower chair on wheels if required

The power shower unit is accessible at wheelchair height

The shower curtain can be pulled across for privacy if required

There are grab rails on the shower wall for extra security

There is a panic button grab cord on the ceiling between the shower and the toilet in case of accident

There is a heated towel rail on the wall between the shower and the WC

There is a shower mixer on the full sized bath. A bath seat can be arranged at extra cost.

There are two wash basins – one at wheelchair height and one at a higher level for those who have difficulty bending. Both basins have lever taps for ease of use.

There is a storage cupboard to the right of the sinks and a bathroom caddy for moving toiletries between the shower, bath and sink etc

There is a fan heater on the wall above the sinks.

All pull cords have different shaped handles and are at an accessible height for wheelchair users

There are two grab rails beside the raised WC and also a portable frame for support that can be used on either WC

Additional Information

The premises are non Smoking

Guide dogs are most welcome; sorry, no other pets

A small welcome pack awaits you

There is good reception for mobile phones inside and outside the property

The property is fitted with smoke alarms and a fire extinguisher

Extra equipment may be available for hire – please inform us of your needs at time of booking

We request that you vacate the property by 10.30a.m. on your departure day even though you won't want to leave!!

Contact Information

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Future Plans

Feedback

We welcome your feedback to help us improve our service. If you have any comments or suggestions please e-mail us at fiona@disabled-access-holidays.co.uk or, if you prefer, leave a message in the Visitors Book at Safe Haven

We hope you enjoy your stay at Safe Haven and that you will come back to see us again.

If you have a good time, please tell all your friends and family.

Thank you.