

Access Statement For 'The Loft' - New Inn Yard Holiday Apartments

Introduction

Self catering apartment 'The Loft' is located on level two of New Inn House, a former Victorian Sunday school which later became a factory for the production of woollen blankets. The Loft occupies the roof space part of the building and has some areas of height restriction. The apartment is located in the town centre Conservation Area and has fantastic views over the Kendal sky line to Kendal Castle.

The apartment is part of a development of seven, collectively known as New Inn Yard Holiday Apartments. The 'New Inn House' apartments are located across a paved courtyard (yard 94) from the Warehouse apartments. The yard is in the centre of Kendal and accessed 30m down a narrow cobbled street of stone setts (partly served with stone paving) adjoining 'Highgate', one of the main streets in Kendal and 50m south of the Town Hall. Bus routes pass the Yard,

within 30m of the apartments, and the town taxi ranks are only 50m to the north. Kendal railway station is about 10-15 minutes walk to the north, and the mainline station at Oxenholme is about 35 minutes walk to the south. By virtue of its town centre location all retail, commercial and civic facilities are immediately available to guests. We have tried to provide as much information as possible in this statement, if you have any queries please do contact us. We look forward to welcoming you.

Pre-Arrival

- We have a basic website.
- Bookings / enquiries can be made via email or phone.
- The nearest bus stop is situated next to the Shakespeare Inn which is located 20m north of the top of the cobbled street serving Yard 94 and adjoining Highgate. Buses from this bus stop leave for Windermere, Ambleside, Grasmere and Keswick (operated by Stagecoach) or local bus 41/41A which serves the hospital and Oxenholme mainline railway station is situated by Kendal town

hall, 50m to the north.

- The nearest train station is Kendal branch line train station, which is half a mile from Kendal town centre and links 'Oxenholme-The Lake District' station on the west coast main line with Kendal and Windermere. The no. 43 bus travels to Kendal station. The no. 41/41A bus travels to 'Oxenholme-The Lake District', main line station which is situated two miles from Kendal town centre. Journey times from London Euston - 3hrs 57 mins direct train, 1hr10mins direct from Manchester Piccadilly, 2hrs10mins direct from Birmingham New Street. Journey time from Oxenholme to Kendal town centre - 10 mins.
- We are 15 minutes from M6 Junction 36 (Kendal South)

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- There is signage from Highgate.
- There is one car parking space allocated to each apartment with the exception of the Loft apartment. The car park is signed. All apartments have ready access to the local transport network.

- The car park is a slightly uneven stone flag surface, caution should be exercised when wet as the flags can become slippery.
- There is no street parking.

Main Entrance & Reception

- The entrance is clearly signed from the car park.
- The reception is 5m from the car park.
- The double door is 150cm wide.
- Inside the reception entrance is an area with visitor information, the reception is manned during check-in and check-out, at other times a key can be provided for guests to access this area.
- The fire alarm panel which services New Inn House is located here.
- **Apartment Entrance:**
- The entrance is reached from the external staircase and is signed from the courtyard parking area (15m west of the reception entrance adjacent to 'Weavers' apartment entrance and the entrance to Underley Lodge)
- The metal staircase also serves as a fire exit route for 'Castle View' apartment and

'The Old School House' apartment.

- There are 28 steps cm high.
- The outer entrance/final fire exit door is 70cm wide, inwards opening to a corridor leading to 'The Loft', entrance, measures 172cm x 98cm.
- The door is cm wide, leading to a small hallway with doors to a double bedroom, shower room and open-plan kitchen-dining-lounge room..
- The Key hole is 80cm high.
- Carpeted with short pile carpet.

Public Areas - General (Internal)

- Apartment - General (Internal)
- Decoration and carpeting are contrasting (light walls and light green carpet)
- The apartment is carpeted with short pile carpet in corridor, dining, lounge and bedroom areas. There is contrast laminate flooring in kitchen and bathroom areas.
- A heat detector is fitted in the open plan living/dining/kitchen area. A smoke alarm is fitted in the outer corridor a fire exit route. A carbon monoxide detector is fitted in the open plan lounge/diner/ kitchen.

- There is a dry powder extinguisher and fire blanket located in the kitchen. And a foam extinguisher located outside the Loft entrance door by the final fire exit door which leads to the external fire escape stair.
- A fire alarm sounder is located in 'The Loft' inner hallway.

Public Areas - WC

- Not available.

Restaurant / Dining Room, Bar & Lounges, Take Away & Cafe

- Not available on site however Kendal bars/ restaurants 30m.

Laundry

- A washer-dryer machine located in the kitchen also:
- Shared laundry facilities are provided in the double garage. There is a washing machine, tumble dryer and airon. The garage is opposite the entrance to New inn Works. The garage door is operated by remote.

Shop

- Not available on site. There is a newsagent 30m and 'Booths' supermarket a 5 min walk from apartment.

Treatment room/s

- Not available on site.

Leisure Facilities

- Not available on site however day membership passes can be arranged at a local leisure club which is a 10 min walk from the apartments.

Outdoor Facilities

- Not available on site.

Conference & Meeting Rooms, Banqueting, Clubs, Entertainment

- Not available on site.

Bedrooms

- **Double Bedroom:**
- Door width – 71cm.
- Double bed provided.
- Bed height 60cm floor to top of mattress.
- Non Feather duvets and pillows provided.
- Sheets, duvet covers and pillow cases are polycotton.
- Radio alarm provided.
- Largest transfer space available on one side of the bed is 125cm x 195cm.

Bathroom, Shower-room & WC [Ensuite or Shared]

- **Shower room**
- Door width 65cm.
- Non-slip shower tray height is 23 cm.
- No free space in bathroom (free of doors and furniture)
- Toilet seat height 41cm.
- No space to left/right of toilet.
- Flooring is laminate.
- Good colour contrast between floor, walls and furniture
- Release mechanism on outside of locked

door.

- Space under washbasin is free (no pipes or vanity unit)

Self-Catering Kitchen

- **Kitchen Dining Area and Lounge:**
- Restricted height in areas below beam – 160cm -285cm.
- **Kitchen** open plan with Dining room and living area, fire door from corridor 70cm.
- Worktop height 90cm.
- Oven door is drop down, height of lowest shelf 37cm, can be accessed from the side.
- Sink is 90cm high with cupboards underneath.
- Hob is 90cm high and electric.
- Flooring is laminate (and short-pile carpet in dining/lounge area)
- Evenly lit kitchen with spotlights above work surfaces where required.
- Good contrast between floor, cupboards and other surfaces.
- A shared Freezer and laundry facilities are located in the utility room located in the garage.
- Larder fridge with freeze drawer ***, lowest

shelf 24cm.

- **Lounge - Dining Room:**
- Table height – 72cm, legs in four corners. 80cm x80cm.
- Two padded wooden chairs provided.
- The lounge room is open plan with the kitchen-diner.
- Flooring is carpeted.
- Two seater futon, non feather.
- Teletext TV provided with remote control (also available are DVD, stereo with CD, radio and tape)
- Largest free space 230cm x 130cm.

Caravans, Holiday Homes & Twin Units

- Not available.

Touring Facilities (Holiday Parks)

- Not available.

Boats - Narrow Boat, Cruiser & Hotel Boat

- Not available.

Attractions (Displays, exhibits, rides etc.)

- Not available.

Grounds and Gardens

- The Courtyard parking and seating are shared with other guests.

Additional Information

- Information folder is produced in size 15 font.
- Mobile phone reception.
- Free wireless broadband available.
- Evacuation of apartments is lead by the site manager and emergency services, please inform on arrival of individual requirements in case of evacuation. There is an assembly point in the courtyard. Please let the site manager know if you are unlikely to hear the fire alarm.
- The flat is no smoking.
- Unfortunately we can not accommodate pets.

Contact Information

- Address: New Inn Yard Holiday Apartments, New Inn House, Yard 94, Highgate, Kendal,
- Telephone: 01539 721275.
- Email: info@new-innhouse.co.uk
- Website: www.kendalsselfcatering.co.uk
- Hours of operation: Bookings/ 9.00am-7.00pm all week. Guests: 24hr (telephone contact)
- Emergency number: 01539 721275
- Local carers: Beamsmoor: t. 01539 736353
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Shopmobility:
t.01539740933/Kendal_shopmo@hotmail.com
- Local public transport numbers: 0871 200 22 33.
- Local accessible taxi numbers: Theo's taxis 07747055674, info@theostaxis.co.uk, G&ATaxis 07979 221228.

Future Plans

- We are redesigning our website.
- We are working towards a DDA access audit.
- The Access Statement will assist in our application to Visit Britain for accreditation,

Autumn 2008 which we are working towards.

**We welcome your feedback to help us
continuously improve if you have any
comments please phone 01539 721275 or
email info@new-innhouse.co.uk**

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