

Access Statement For 'The Old School House' - New Inn Yard Holiday Apartments

Introduction

Self catering apartment 'The Old School House' is located on a mezzanine level between the ground and first floor of New Inn House as well as occupying the a part of the first floor of this former Victorian Sunday school which later became a factory for the production of woollen blankets. The Old School House occupies a part of the building with original features. The apartment is located in the town centre Conservation Area.

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.

- There are four car park spaces in the courtyard located 6m from the entrance of The Old School House apartment. Two further car park spaces are provided in the double garage opposite and adjacent to Warehouse apartments, accessed by remote.
- 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 stone staircase leading from the reception area.

There are 6 stone steps measuring

- The apartment entrance door is 70cm wide, inwards opening to a corridor with 3 steps, 25cm high.
- The corridor width is 79cm.
- The door is 72cm wide leading from the corridor to the hallway with doors to a double bedroom and shower room
- From the hallway is a staircase up to floor 1 and the open-plan living/kitchen/dining area, twin bedroom and further shower room.
- The staircase has 13 stairs 19cm high (4 stairs on a turn) there is a hand rail at both sides of the stair.
- 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 brown 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, smoke alarms are

- fitted in the mezzanine hall and twin bedroom. 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 twin bedroom near the fire exit which leads to the external fire escape stair.
- A break glass 'call point' and fire alarm sounder are located on the mezzanine level.

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 ailer. 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 48cm 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 to each side of the bed is 60cm.
- The bed is movable if more space is required to one side.
- Largest free space clear of doors and furniture is cm 180 x 180cm.

•Twin Bedroom:

- Door width – 72cm.
- Two single beds provided.
- Bed heights 58cm 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 47cm.
- The beds are movable if more space is required to one side.
- Largest free space clear of doors and furniture is cm 243 x 300cm.

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

- **Shower room (mezzanine level):**
- Door width 72cm.
- Non-slip shower tray height is 25 cm.
- Free space in bathroom (free of doors and furniture) is 100cm by 140cm.
- Toilet seat height 43cm.
- Space to left of toilet is 36cm, space to the right is 36cm
- 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)
- **Shower room (level 1):**

- Door width 70cm.
- Non-slip shower tray height is 29 cm.
- Free space in bathroom (free of doors and furniture) is 140cm by 43cm
- Toilet seat height 43cm
- Space to left of toilet is 56cm, no available space to the right.
- 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:**
- **Kitchen** open plan with Dining room and living area, fire door from corridor 70cm.
- Worktop height 90cm.
- A breakfast bar with 4 wood/metal stools
- Oven door is drop down, height of lowest shelf 45cm, 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.
- A washer-drier machine in kitchen.
- Larder fridge lowest shelf 24cm.
- **Lounge Room:**
- The lounge room is open plan with the kitchen-diner.
- Flooring is carpeted
- Large corner 4 seater leather sofa armed, non feather.
- Teletext TV provided with remote control (also available are DVD, stereo with CD, radio and tape)
- Largest free space 300cm x 200cm.

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
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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