

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

## **Access Statement for Stonemasons Cottage**

### **Introduction**

Stonemasons is ideally located in a historic conservation area for those who want all the facilities of a bustling market down on their doorstep with the opportunity to retreat in to a luxurious home from home in a tranquil retreat.

The cottage is situated in the town of Tewkesbury and is accessed by flat or gently sloping roads and pavements.

Stonemasons sleeps 4 people in 2 ensuite bedrooms both of which are upstairs. It is a modern home, with a look of the old but built approximately 20 years ago and recently renovated to a high standard.

Our web site at [www.stonemasonscottage.com](http://www.stonemasonscottage.com) has lots of pictures of the cottage interior and garden.

### **Pre-Arrival**

- The nearest bus stop for Cheltenham or Gloucester is at Boots, High Street, (the stop from Cheltenham is opposite, outside the Anchor Pub) which is 1 mile from the cottage along the High Street with pavements either side and pelican crossings. There is a shelter with seating. The Cheltenham bus numbers are 41 and 42 and leave approximately every 20 mins, 16 mins past the hour. The journey takes approximately 32 minutes. On Sunday the bus runs every hour at 37 minutes past the hour.  
From Gloucester the bus is number 71 and leaves at 16 minutes past the hour, one an hour and takes approximately 44 mins. Bus times can vary, for further details see the bus operator's website [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com).
- There is a small unmanned station on the outskirts of Tewkesbury called Ashchurch. It is approx. 3 miles away from the Cottage. There is a bus stop at the station. The bus numbers is 42 and takes 10 minutes to Tewkesbury High Street (Boots). For details please see the timetable. A small number of trains stop here; see train timetable for details. National Rail Enquiries 08457 484950
- There is a quiet one way street down to the cottage entrance. This is mainly flat or slightly sloping down. The entrance to the cottage is a little uneven and there are a few feet of cobbles to pass over before entering through a paved arch way into the open gravelled courtyard in front of the cottage.
- The nearest Shop mobility is at Beechwood Shopping Centre, High Street, Cheltenham 8 miles away. Contact 01242 255333. There is also one at Hampden Way, Gloucester, 10 miles away. Contact 01452 302871.
- We can arrange for shopping to be delivered in time for your arrival, please let us know your requirements when booking.
- Our brochure with hire rates for Rose Cottage and this Access Statement are available in larger print on request.

## **Key Collection, Welcome and Car Parking**

- The key is held in a key box which is in the front door porch which is up one step (approx. 6 inches/ 15 cm and approximately 4ft/120cm off the ground. Alternatively we can arrange to meet you to open the cottage and hand you the keys.
- Parking is available for 2 cars in a small gravelled courtyard area in front of the cottage with immediate access to the front door. There is also free parking on Mill Street about 25 yds. from the front door, although parking is on a first come first served basis.
- This area is well lit at night by motion sensor lighting.

## **Entrance to Property/Hallway**

- The front door is 115mm/45ins wide.
- There are 2 steps to the front door (1 x 18cm/7inches and 1 x 10cm/4 inches). There is no handrail.
- The entrance is well lit by a lamp on a timer.
- The floor covering inside the entrance is ceramic tiled.
- There is a cloakroom and toilet off the hallway. There is level access and the door way is 72cm/28 inches wide).
- The hallway is well lit with ceiling lights and a lamp on the dresser.

## **Sitting Room/Lounge**

- The sitting room/lounge is situated on the ground floor with level entry from the hallway.
- The door opening to the lounge is 80cm/32 ins wide.
- The room has 2 leather sofas and several small moveable coffee tables
- There is a widescreen digital television with remote control, subtitles, and a DVD player.
- Lighting is natural daylight and by night levels are controlled by dimmer switches, with overhead lighting used as well as a table lamp in the room.
- The flooring is short pile fitted carpet.
- There is access to the courtyard garden through double patio doors 137cm/54 inches wide with a 6inch/15cm step down to the block paved surface.
- The stairs run off the sitting room

## **Kitchen/Dining Room**

- The kitchen/dining room is open plan.
- The kitchen/dining room is situated on the ground floor with level entry from the hallway.
- The door opening to the dining room from the hallway is 80cm/31ins wide.
- The oblong dining table has legs on each corner and is 70cm/28 inches high.
- There is free space around 2 sides of the table.
- Chairs (all moveable) – 4 chairs with padded seats that have no arms.
- Lighting is natural daylight with ceiling lighting
- Flooring is ceramic tiled.
- The oven is at split level. The door of the oven drops down and the handle is 95cm/42 inches above the floor. The hob is 90cm/36 inches above the floor.
- Worktop and sink are 90cm/36 inches above the floor.
- There is a combined Fridge freezer with the fridge on top. The highest shelf in the fridge is 150cm/60 inches and lowest drawer in freezer is 15cm/6inches from the ground.

- There is a standard size front loading washing machine.
- There is a dishwasher.
- Glasses and crockery can be moved from wall cupboards to lower cupboards, if required, please request this when booking.
- The kitchen is evenly lit with ceiling lights and spotlights above work surfaces.
- The flooring is ceramic tiled.

### **Conservatory/Day Room**

- There is a seating area adjacent to the kitchen/dining room with step free access.
- There is a stable style back door 80cm/32inches wide which opens on to the courtyard garden. There is one step down 18cm/7inches to the flat block paved yard.
- The dustbin and recycling bin are by the side of the back door.

### **Stairs and Landing**

- The stairs and landings are well lit with ceiling spotlights and natural day light.
- The floor covering is short pile carpet.
- The staircase to the first floor has 12 steps with the first 3 being before a 90 degree turn. The cottage staircase is quite steep with a handrail on the right hand side. Towards the top of the stairs the handrail is slightly restricted as it runs up against the wall.
- There is a small wide landing at the top of the stairs which leads to the bedrooms on either side.

### **Bedrooms**

- Both bedrooms have step free access from the landing.
- The doors to both bedrooms are 74cm/29inches wide
- There is 1 bedroom with a twin/zip link super king double bed.
- The other bedroom is a 4ft 6 inch double bed.
- The height of the twin/zip link bed from the top of the mattress to the floor is 63cm/25 inches.
- The height of the double bed from the top of the mattress to the floor is 53cm/21 inches.
- Lighting is natural daylight with ceiling down lights. Bedside lamps are also in each room.
- The flooring is short piled carpet.

### **Bathrooms and Toilets**

- Both bedrooms have ensuite bathrooms with step free access from the bedroom.
- The door openings are 71cm/28inches.
- The flooring is ceramic tile with underfloor heating.
- One bathroom has a large level entry walk in shower with a 46cm/18 inch wide sliding glass door.
- The other bathroom has a large bath with a shower over. The height of the bath is 56cm/22 inches.
- Both Toilets are 43cm/17 inches high.
- Both Wash basins are 87cm/34inches high.
- The taps on the washbasin are cross topped, quarter turn hot and cold. The bath has a single lever tap.
- Both bathrooms are well lit with down lights and natural light from the windows.

## **Garden**

- We have a paved courtyard garden with raised flower beds. The surface of the courtyard is uneven as it is made up of re-cycled stone and may be slippery in wet weather.
- The garden area is a square paved courtyard approximately 5 metres square
- There is a metal garden table and four chairs. The table is 74cm/29inches high.
- There is a garden gate leading to the courtyard in front of the cottage. The gate is 86cm/34 inches wide.

## **Additional Information**

- There is no house phone and the mobile phone reception can be poor.
- There is free Wi Fi with good reception.
- The nearest General Hospital with an A&E unit and walk in NHS is 15 miles away in Cheltenham and the nearest Doctor's surgery is ½ mile away. There is a minor injuries unit at Tewkesbury Community Hospital 1 mile away (not 24 hours). Further information is in the welcome folder.
- There is also a list of nearby attractions at the cottage.

## **Contact Information**

- Email: [info@patstringfellow.co.uk](mailto:info@patstringfellow.co.uk)
- Website: [www.stonemasonscottage.com](http://www.stonemasonscottage.com)
- Grid Reference: Ordnance Survey Grid Reference SO 88948 32542  
Lat 51.991215 Long -2.1623616
- Local Equipment Hire: Mobility Aids 01999 999999, 01242 255333, 01452 302871
- Local Accessible Taxi: Avonside 01684 210989 or Hills 01684 592929
- Local Public Transport: Stagecoach Disability Helpline 01452 418630
- National Rail Enquiries: 08457 484950

## **Emergency Numbers and General Information**

The name and address of the Cottage is:-

Stonemasons Cottage,  
Mill Street,  
Tewkesbury,  
Gloucestershire,  
GL20 5SB

### **Proprietor Contact Details**

Pat and David Stringfellow, Tewkesbury

Mobile: 07831 199 549  
Home Tel: 01684 294 603

If you are unable to contact us please try Lesley our housekeeper on 07954 081 428

### Emergency Contact Details

Fire: 999 or 01452 753333

Ambulance: 999

Doctor: Church Street Practice, 77 Church Street, Tewkesbury,  
0844 848 4661

Dentist: Mr Ruparelia, 11 Barton Street, Tewkesbury, 01684 295900

Nearest Hospital: The nearest General Hospital with an A&E unit and walk in NHS is 15 miles away in Cheltenham and the nearest Doctor's surgery is ½ mile away. There is a minor injuries unit at Tewkesbury Community Hospital, Barton Road, 1 mile away (not 24 hours) 01684 293303.

Police: Non-Emergency 101 or 01452 728199

Chemist: Lloyds Pharmacy, 80 Church Street, Tewkesbury, 01684 293309  
Boots, High Street, Tewkesbury, 01684 292122

Safety Equipment: There is a fire blanket and fire extinguisher in the kitchen.  
There are torches in the kitchen (draw) and in the bedside draw in each bedroom.