

Access Statement for Coachman's Loft

Introduction

Coachman's Loft, by its association to Grassgill House, is a grade 2 listed barn converted in approximately 2000. It is situated to the rear of Grassgill House.

The loft is accessed through the rear garden of Grassgill House. Access to the living and sleeping accommodation is via a stone and wooden staircase. The guest accommodation is on the first floor above 2 barns which are currently used as a garage and a workshop. The Loft has one large bedroom and is suitable for 2-4 people. There is a shower room, an open plan kitchen with defined dining and sitting areas. The kitchen is very well equipped.

Pre-Arrival

Coachman's Loft has its own website and contact can be made via e mail or telephone. The village of West Witton has a public bus service into Leyburn (4 miles away) and beyond - bus stops are located within a few minutes walk of the Loft. Other buses are available from West Witton to Hawes and to other parts of North Yorkshire and Richmond from Leyburn. Wensleydale Railway runs from Leyburn between Leeming Bar and Redmire. Radar toilets are available in Leyburn.

Campbells of Leyburn (independent supermarket) and David Hartle (butcher of West Burton) and Tesco of Catterick all provide a local delivery service. Tesco provide on-line shopping and delivery.

The accommodation is situated on the first floor via a stone and wooden staircase. Guests who use wheelchairs and guests with severe mobility problems will find access difficult if unaccompanied.

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

Car parking is available on the road opposite the Loft alongside the farmer's field. The walk from the Loft to the car is just a couple of minutes on foot along an unadopted road for about 20 metres or so

before reaching the car. The road is lit by street lamps

Main Entrance, Reception & Ticketing Area

There is no formal reception area - entrance to the Loft is via the rear garden of Grassgill House through a double gate. There are sensor lights in the garden that enable visitors to enter and exit the Loft safely. The owner is almost always around to welcome the guests but on the rare occasion when the owner is not available on arrival, alternative arrangements can be made on an individual basis. Guests are 'walked through' the accommodation on arrival to familiarise themselves.

Public Areas - Hall, Stairs, Landing, Corridors etc

Guests have access to the accommodation on the first floor only
The nearest public payphone is in the village, a few minutes walk away but guests are welcome to use the owner's phone. Mobile phone reception can be limited depending upon the service provider
The Loft has one toilet in the shower room
The Loft has good lighting in all rooms

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Laundry

Clothes washing and drying facilities are available if needed - contact the owner

Grounds and Gardens

The garden to the rear of the owner's property, Grassgill House, is available for guests' use. The rear garden is on 2 levels accessed by stone steps which can get very slippery during wet weather. Seating in

the garden is available for guests' use

Additional Information

The Loft is fitted with smoke alarms. tested weekly

Emergency lights are evident

Evacuation of the Loft is down the stairs and out of the door into the garden

No smoking is allowed in the Loft or in the garden to the rear of Grassgill House

Pets are not permitted

Mobile telephone reception in the Loft is very variable depending upon the service provider

A domestic fridge with freezer is available in the kitchen for storing medications and special dietary foods

The owner is 'on site' much of the time and is available 24 hours a day if needed in an emergency

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Emergencies: Emergency numbers are displayed on the notice board in the hall

Local taxi numbers: All local taxi numbers are displayed on the notice board in the hall

Future Plans

No alterations or adjustments to the Loft are planned

Contact Telephone and Email Address

We welcome your feedback to help us continually improve if you have any comments please phone 01969 622226 or email carol@coachmansloft.co.uk