

# **ACCESS STATEMENT FOR ACORN LODGE, SHROPSHIRE**

## **INTRODUCTION**

Acorn Lodge was built in 2009 by my Husband with a little help from me, plus a qualified electrician and plumber. It is situated on our smallholding of 7 acres. It is substantially built mainly of wood and is fully insulated double glazed and centrally heated throughout, with the added benefit of a wood burning stove. All wooden flooring has been treated with special non slip varnish. After having a self catering mobile home for over twenty years, we knew what our guests expected so with this in mind a great deal of thought was put into creating Acorn Lodge.

Overall dimensions, 6.75 metres wide x 11.6 metres in length.

The decking area (2.4 metres wide x 17 metres in length) has a very gentle slope, less than 1 in 20 to the front door. It covers the front and one end of the Lodge. A hand rail runs the full length of the decking. From the front door to the far end of the decking it is completely level.

We are a four star self catering holiday accommodation, registered and inspected by Visit England, Members of Shropshire Tourism Association. Awarded GOLD four star June 2011, May 2012, May 2013, May 2014, May 2015 & June 2016

## **PRE-ARRIVAL**

We have an extensive web site, with pictures of all the rooms and surrounding area. Booking/enquiries can be made directly from the web site or via email, telephone or letter. Upon receiving a booking and deposit, a letter of confirmation and booking form will be sent. This will have full directions on the reverse of the letter. Our brochure and map showing approximately where we are in the county, also a leaflet on "What's on in Ludlow" will be included.

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

The nearest bus stop is at Clee Hill approx. 3 miles

Railway Station in Ludlow, Station Drive, 6 miles

Airport Birmingham approx. 40 miles

Taxis: Tracey's Taxis, Knowbury. Wheelchair friendly approx.. 1 mile

01584 890 820 07852 204 406

## **ARRIVAL AND CAR PARKING FACILITIES**

Acorn Lodge is situated 6 miles from Ludlow, 4 miles from Tenbury Wells, down a small country lane.

Entrance is marked with "Acorn Lodge" and "Thomas House" at the gate.

You cannot see the properties from the road.

You approach up a steep tarmac drive and the Lodge is situated on your left. Thomas House is at the top of the drive. You can park adjacent to the Lodge on a grassed surface of 120 sq. metres. This has the added benefit of under surface matting so is suitable for all year round parking.

You will be welcomed and shown around the lodge by me or my husband.

(Dorothy and Clive)

## **MAIN ENTRANCE**

From the car parking area you come onto wooden decking, which leads directly to the front door. All this area is on one level.

The door is white with double glazed panels and has a black door handle 100cm from the floor. It opens out with hinges on the left. It is 86cm wide and suitable for a wheel chair. There is a small ledge of 3cm into the Lodge. On the outside of the Lodge are security lights, one at the car parking end and over the front door, and one at the side door. Inside, over the doors, is emergency lighting. A fire extinguisher is at the right side of the inside of the door.

## **LOUNGE DINING AND KITCHEN AREA - OPEN PLAN**

Lounge area is 310cm x 400cm

Step through the front door. Flooring and walls and inside doors are all wooden. To the left is the lounge area and the light switch 110cm from the floor, as are all the switches and plugs throughout the lodge. A fire extinguishers is at the right as you enter the front door. Three seater settee plus new for 2013/14 two rise and recline chairs. A flat screen colour TV is Free view, remote controlled with DVD player plus video recorder, also radio. These stand on a cabinet containing reading matter and information guides. A "mother and child" reading lamp, plus a nest of tables and a small folding table is also provided.

At the end of the lounge area is another glass door of same dimensions as front door. This leads out to the decked seating and outdoor eating area.

Almost facing the front door is the wood burning stove, with log basket and fire tools. To the right is the light switch and Dining area 400cm x 310cm, A tiled top table 74cm high and four dining chairs 43cm with cushions. Childs High chair available on request.

## **KITCHEN AREA**

Continue through the dining area to the kitchen which is 240cm x 300cm fully equipped with crockery and all amenities (all washed and ready for use). The light switch is on the left. Solid wood working surface. All surfaces are at standard height 90cm x 60cm with glass surface protectors. Space between units 116cm. Combination microwave stands on its own cabinet with store cupboards and drawer (clothes brush, sewing kit and cookery book plus information on all appliances.) Free standing Fridge/freezer (top fridge/bottom freezer). To sides of fridge/freezer is a small ironing board and tray. Drawers and cupboards (top drawer cutlery, bottom two for your storage) Cupboard with large frying pan and cover, small omelette pan, serving dishes etc. wine glasses plus main electric consumer unit (RCD circuit protectors).

Above is electric kettle and knife block. Next are four ceramic hobs with stainless steel splash back and cooker hood above, with light and extractor fan. Below is built in fan assisted electric oven with grill 60cm wide x 71cm high, drop down door. Next cupboard contains iron and various kitchen equipment. Dresser-style shelving at 140cm high holds more kitchen items including saucepans and crockery etc. Starting from the far end of the kitchen is the wall mounted combination central heating boiler, fire blanket and second fire extinguisher, hooks for hand towel

and tea towel and kitchen gloves and apron. On floor below are two waste bins.

Stainless steel bread bin on next unit. Inset stainless steel double sink and rinse bowl with hot and cold water mixer tap and separate tap for spring water. Above is a shelf for toaster and roll of paper towel. Under units from left to right are drawers with crockery and spare kitchen towels and plastic bin bags, kitchen foil and cling film. Under sink, bowl and bucket, cleaning materials. Free standing dish washer 60cm wide 84cm high, drop down door.

Washer/dryer.

**NOTE:** Instructions for all appliances are in laminated sheets around the lodge. Full instructions in cabinet under the microwave. Any other kitchen equipment you may require please ask.

## LAUNDRY

Front loading washer/dryer, 60cm wide 83cm high left hinge door, available in kitchen underneath working surface.

A retractable washing line is available on the decking at the end of the lodge.

A line prop and clothes pegs in storage cupboard at the end of the decking.

## BEDROOMS

### ***Bedroom 1:*** 330cm x 285cm

Leads off the lounge. Door is 80cm wide with silver coloured door knobs (lockable) at 90cm from the floor. Light switch is to right as you enter the bedroom, door opens inwards. All wooden walls, floor and doors. All furniture is pine.

King size bed with two bedside cabinets with emergency wind up torches and over bed lights with pull switch for the main bedroom light.

All bedding is mainly cotton or percale, non feather pillows and duvets, beds can be fitted with 4.5 tog, 10.5 tog or 13.5 tog duvets. Small mats at side of beds, but taken out when requested. The space to left of the bed is 60cm, to the right 70cm.

A door at the foot of bed leads into bathroom. 120cm from bed to door.

### ***Bedroom 2:*** 340cm x 305cm.

Leads off the dining area. Door is 80cm wide with silver coloured door knobs (lockable) at 90cm from the floor. Light switch to the right as you enter the room, door opens inwards. All wooden walls, floor and doors. All furniture is pine.

Two 3ft beds can be linked together to make super king bed. Bedside cabinets with emergency wind up torches, touch dimmer bedside lights and pull light to main light switch. All bedding is mainly cotton or percale, non feather pillows and duvets.

Small mats at side of beds but taken out when requested.

Beds can be fitted with 4.5 tog, 10.5 tog or 13.5 tog duvets, also single beds can have single or double duvets.

When single beds are in use, space to left is 60cm, central space 60cm, space to right is 60cm. Door at the side of the dressing table leads to Wet Room. 130cm from bed to door.

**NOTE:** Hair dryers in both bedrooms and blankets if needed

## **BATHROOM 1 - EN-SUITE**

Size of room 200cm x 300 cm. Walls and ceiling in a hygienic wipe clean surface. The floor is waterproof, non slip, and easily cleaned. Wooden door leads from Bedroom 1. Door opens inwards with silver coloured door knob, (lockable) and the door knob is 90cm high from the floor. To the right is the pull light switch, which also works extractor fan. To left is a large bath with central drain plug, enabling you to sit either end. Independent over-bath shower. White hand rails at both ends of bath. Shower curtains. Cantilever basin (semi pedestal basin) 73cm high is opposite the door with mirror, shaver point and glass shelf. Toilet to the right of the basin, hand rail to the left of the toilet. Toilet seat is 43cm high with a self closing lid.

## **WET ROOM - OFF BEDROOM 2**

Size of room 210cm x 300cm Walls and ceiling are in hygienic wipe clean surface. The floor is waterproof, non slip, and easily cleaned. Wooden door from Bedroom 2 at the end of the Wet Room. Door opens inwards with silver coloured door knob, (lockable) and the door knob is 90cm from the floor. To the right is the pull light switch, which also works extractor fan. Opposite the door is the toilet. Toilet seat is 43cm high with a self closing lid and hand rail. To the right of the toilet is the cantilever basin (semi pedestal basin) 73cm high with long mirror and glass shelf plus shaver point. The whole bottom end of the wet room is available for showering. Electric shower. Water outlet set into the floor, which is wheelchair load bearing. Hand rail adjacent. Next to the light pull switch is a second pull switch to give power to the electric shower. Two plastic chairs and floor mop.

**NOTE:** Both showers can be used at the same time. Towel rails above radiators in both bathrooms. Towels and bath or shower mats are provided.

Also available are shower seat and toilet frame and seat if required. Switches to switch off extractor fans can be found above the bathroom doors in the bedrooms.

## **OUTDOOR FACILITIES**

Decking provides level entrance to the lodge from front door and side door.

Two benches, picnic table and separate large umbrella.

Swinging seat (large cushions under king size bed, small cushions in yellow topped box next to seat)

A large storage cupboard with various brushes etc., vacuum cleaner, kindling wood and various games. 4 folding chairs.

A retractable clothes line 675cm long,

Free standing portable barbecue.

## **TREATMENT ROOM**

No specific treatment room, but a variety of different treatments can be arranged with a mobile therapist.

## **LEISURE FACILITIES**

Visitors to the Lodge will be pleased to discover that there are two local guidebooks for their exclusive use that are available nowhere else. One book covers road tours to places of interest in Shropshire. The other book gives local Shropshire walks. All are centred on Acorn Lodge.

Personal guide to badger watching by the owners of Acorn Lodge.

Full range of information brochures are available for places of interest, located on side of brick fireplaces in plastic displays. There is a good range of books. Videos, tapes and various games, jigsaws and some children's toys are available, please ask.

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

To welcome you warm home-made scones, and preserves, free range eggs.

Welcome folder in large font provided on table at time of arrival.

Acorn Lodge is a NON smoking establishment, it has smoke alarms in all rooms and heat alarm in kitchen.

Registered Assistance Dogs only NO pets

Condiments with coarse sea salt and black pepper corns and vinegar

All cleaning materials are supplied including Dishwasher powder, Washing machine detergent, Washing up liquid, Dish cloth and brush, pan cleaners, Kitchen towel, Toilet rolls and Tissues, liquid soap at all sinks. Various shower gels and bath requirements.

All windows open fully and can be used as escape routes in emergency.

All lockable internal doors can be unlocked in emergency from the opposite side using the key provided.

Various aids are available if required including walking stick, wheelchair, walking frame and bed frame.

FREE WIFI is also available.

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*The website is responsive for easy viewing on tablets and mobile phones.*

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## **FUTURE PLANS**

We are always doing things to improve our facilities and updating our website. Visitors comments are welcomed to help us do this.