



Swallow Cottage

Entrance

There is ample tarmac parking area just outside Swallow Cottage and a grass verge. A short path leads to the front door. A flagstone patio area with table and chairs is located either side of the main doorway. The name of the cottage is clearly located on the wall just outside the door and the doorway has external lighting.

Hallway

There is a small step through the entrance door (width 940mm) into the hallway. Wall mounted coat hooks are provided just behind the main door. The double bedroom and a small bathroom all lead off this area and are on the same level. Three further three steps (the deepest of which is 175mm) lead from the hallway up into the main living/ dining/ kitchen area.

Living/Kitchen Area

Swallow Cottage living area is mostly open plan. The walls are mainly white lime wash and the floors are flagstone. Furniture consists of two sofas (quite low), coffee table, dining table and four chairs, standard lamp, TV cabinet with TV, Video and DVD all with remote control. Although centrally heated the cottage also has a wood burning stove. All radiators have easily adjusted thermostat controls. There is a main central light in addition to a standard and table lamp. The furniture in this area is not fixed and therefore could be moved to create more space if necessary. Additional lighting is available in the kitchen area from the cooker hood and above the wall cupboards. The kitchen is equipped with wooden units, the worktop being 920mm high. Units are both floor and wall mounted with fridge, oven and hob, microwave, toaster and kettle. The oven door opens downwards with controls located on the front. Sockets around the work surfaces are white and contrast with the coloured tiles they are positioned against.

Bathroom

The bathroom is accessed from the hallway with a door that swings outwards. The bathroom is compact and consists of toilet, washbasin and bath with overhead shower. The step into the bath is at a height of 530mm. The floor and part of the walls are tiled. The light switch consists of a pull cord, which is located just inside the door and is easy to grip. There are no grab rails around the shower/bath area but the shower controls are easy to grip and the showerhead is adjustable. The shaving socket is located above the mirror over the washbasin.

Double Bedroom

This is accessed from the main hallway through a latch door, which is 740mm wide.

The room has laminate wood flooring, a double bed, two bedside cabinets, a chair a chest of drawers and a fitted wardrobe. Overhead bed lights are operated by a pull cord but there is also a central light with the switch just inside the door. The bed has a firm surface and is at a height of 580mm.

Stairs and First Floor Bedroom

A steep wooden alternate tread stairs leads to the attic bedroom. These stairs would not be suitable for visitors with mobility difficulties or for very young children. A hand rope runs along the right hand side of the stairs ascending. The stairs leads directly to the attic room, which has wooden floorboards and a very low ceiling at the sides. The room has a single bed with a pull-out bed stored underneath.

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