

## **Alden Cottage Self-Catering Access Statement**

### **Introduction**

Alden Cottage Self-Catering cottage is set in peaceful countryside at Kemple End. It is situated at the end of a geographical ridge overlooking the Ribble and Hodder Valleys and the northern access route includes a very steep, winding hill. Alden Cottage is located down a short track.

The Self-Catering cottage is over three hundred years old and whilst we aim to meet the needs of all our guests there are some period features which might make access difficult for people with limited mobility. The rooms have low beamed ceilings with narrow doors and are of typical cottage proportions and not suitable for wheelchair users.

The cottage is adjacent to the owners' main house.

### **Pre-Arrival**

- Alden Cottage is situated in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, in a peaceful setting which is fairly remote and therefore not ideally suited to those travelling without a car. From the road, you must turn into a track which leads to four other houses and then continues on to a farm. Alden Cottage is situated approximately 80 metres along the track.
- The nearest bus stop is 2 miles away in Hurst Green village. Buses only run every hour or two hours with the service stopping early in the evening and there being no service on Sundays.
- The nearest railway station is Clitheroe which is approximately 4 miles away. There are also railway stations at Blackburn and Preston which are approximately 14 miles away.
- There are several local taxi companies in Clitheroe and a taxi rank at King Street in the centre of Clitheroe.
- The nearest shops and supermarkets are approximately 4 miles away in Clitheroe.
- We regret we are unable to accommodate pets.
- Our website [www.aldencottage.co.uk](http://www.aldencottage.co.uk) provides pictures of our accommodation and further information about the services we provide.
- You can contact us by telephone or e-mail. Please see the "Contact Information" section of this document for full details.

### **Arrival and Car Parking**

- The key for the Self-Catering cottage will be available from 4.00pm onwards. Guests should call at the corner door of the main house on arrival for the keys.
- Please advise us of your anticipated arrival time so that we can be sure we are here to welcome you and show you around the cottage.
- There is ample off-road parking on a chipping and tarmac surface in front of the main garden gate. Please park cars up to the white edging stones bordering the lawned areas.

- The front gate is approached along a gentle downwards sloping path of approximately 3 metres which incorporates one 10 cm step down. There is a flat crazy paved path of approximately 5 metres leading to the Self-Catering cottage front door (with the owners' front door located in the corner some 8 metres further on.)

### **Main House Front Door – for key**

- The front door of the main house is normally open but please knock or use the door bell on your arrival. We will then give you the key and a full guided tour of the Self-Catering cottage, including how the various appliances work.

### **Self-Catering Cottage**

- The front door of the Self-Catering cottage leads into a stone flagged Victorian style porch with seats either side. There is a very small threshold weather bar or approx 2 cm height and a further 2cm step before the inner door which leads directly into the carpeted sitting/dining room.

### **Sitting/Dining Room**

- Fully fitted carpet.
- The sitting room has low beamed ceiling, Economy 7 storage heaters plus a fireplace with woodburning stove.
- There is a two seater leather Chesterfield sofa, two leather winged armchairs and a hard backed chair with upholstered seat. There is a Welsh dresser, oak coffee table, remote control TV, CD player and video.
- The Dining area has a round oak dining table with 4 cushioned Windsor chairs plus an oak dresser.
- A small closet for coats is inside the door.
- Lighting is via spotlights, wall lights, some flame effect wall lights plus moveable table lamp.
- Double narrow glazed doors lead to the kitchen.

### **Self-Catering Kitchen**

- The compact kitchen has a ceramic tiled floor with base units throughout.
- Worktop and sink is standard height.
- All appliances are electric with a 4 plate hob and single oven with drop down door and grill, microwave and under worktop fridge with small ice box.
- Lit with spotlights.
- There is no washing machine as we offer a 24 hour laundry service.

### **Staircase**

- 10 carpeted steps with banister rail on one side leading to first floor double bedroom.

### **Double Bedroom**

- Fully carpeted, lit with spotlights and wall lights with switches from doorway and bed, plus bedside table lamps.
- Double bed, made with king size hypo allergenic hollow fibrefill washable duvet and pillows – sheets and blankets can be provided on request. All linen provided.
- An electric blanket is provided on bed.
- Built-in wardrobe, free standing dressing table and mirror, chest of drawers, luggage rack, wall mirror, bedside tables, easy chair.
- Tea and coffee making facilities, hair dryer, sewing materials, emery boards, show cleaning kit plus a selection of books.
- Economy 7 storage radiator.
- Door leading to en-suite bathroom

### **Self-Catering Bathroom**

- En-suite bathroom has vinyl flooring with loose bath mat.
- There is a four piece suite consisting of toilet, bidet, Jacuzzi-style bath, washbasin with an over bath power shower.
- There is under washbasin shelving for guests' own toiletries.
- A shaver point is adjacent to washbasin.
- Soap, toiletries and shower caps, are provided.
- Lighting is via overhead spot lights.

### **Garden**

- Our front garden was once the village green and shared with our neighbours. We ask guests to respect our neighbours' privacy and use our back garden.
- Guests are very welcome to enjoy the back garden at all times.
- Access to the garden is via the back garden gate outside the cottage.
- There is a patio outside with a table and chairs for guests use.
- There are other paths with shallow steps in and around the garden.
- Cushions and parasol are available for the garden chairs and table.

### **Additional Information**

- In the event of a fire we will sound an alarm. Please advise us if you have a hearing impairment and might not hear this.
- We do not permit smoking in the cottage but you may smoke in our garden. Please request an ash tray.
- Free Wifi is available in the cottage (Username: aldencottage4, Password: 1020304050). Please note that, owing to the thickness of the walls, mobile phone reception inside the cottage can be poor but the signal is improved close to a window, in the porch or outside the house.

### **Contact Information**

- **Address:** Alden Cottage, Kemple End, Stonyhurst, Clitheroe, Lancs BB7 9QY
- **Telephone number:** is 01254 826468.
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- The Self-Catering cottage is open all year.

**If you require further details or have any comments about the services we provide do not hesitate to contact us.**