

## **Accessibility Statement for Mere Brook House**

Everyone is welcome at Mere Brook House. If you have any specific requests or queries, please contact us. There is a parking space for disabled guests next to the house.

### **The Main House Layout**

The house is on three levels – The ground floor and first floor provide facilities for guests that include a large dining room, kitchen, two lounges and four double ensuite bedrooms, whilst the second floor houses our office space and a private flat.

There are two steps to the front door however; there is a level, paved footpath that leads to a permanent ramp which then takes you to three sets of double doors leading to our largest lounge, the garden room which then leads to our main dining room and conservatory. In addition, we have another door, also with level access, at the rear of the house. Both entrances are suitable for wheel chair users. The ground floor is level throughout. There is a downstairs toilet with washbasin, accessible from the hall – there is, unfortunately, no room to the side of the toilet to transfer from a wheelchair. There are wide doors from the hall into the dining room, and from the dining room into the garden room, giving good accessibility on the ground floor. The first floor is accessible by a wide stairway with a handrail – There are 8 steps to a small landing and a further 10 steps to a large first floor landing from which, there is access to all four guest rooms.

### **The Coach House Layout**

Mere Brook House and Coach House share the same driveway off Thornton Common Road. The Coach House is on two levels – The ground floor provides two twin/superking ensuite bedrooms, a single ensuite bedroom, a spacious shared lounge and large kitchen and dining room. The first floor provides one double, ensuite bedroom.

There is a level path from the car park, down the side of the main house to the Coach House front door (900mm wide) that is approached by a permanent ramp. There is then a wide door (900mm wide) from the porch to the lounge. There is level access throughout the ground floor. In addition, there are a further three sets of external double doors (each 1100mm wide) providing access from a level outer path - one entering the lounge, one direct into the fully accessible bedroom and one into the dining area. Our fully accessible double, ensuite bedroom, Flora, has been specifically designed to provide appropriate facilities for disabled/infirm guests, including a wet room. Also on the ground floor is a single ensuite room. This would be ideal for a carer.

The first floor bedroom is accessible by an oak staircase with a handrail – There are 8 steps to the first of two small landings, 6 steps to the second and a further 3 to access the private lounge of a double, ensuite bedroom.

## **Bedrooms**

The bedrooms are lockable and guests are provided with front door keys.

The duvets and pillows are made of synthetic filling, suitable for people with allergies.

Each room has a main ceiling light operated by a switch close to the door and there are bedside lamps on each side of the bed. In addition, each room is supplied with a small torch.

The Iris and Dragonfly rooms (first floor, house) and Blossom room (ground floor, coach house) have walk-in showers and the Flora room (ground floor, coach house) has a wet room, whereas, the Mere Brook and Balcony rooms (first floor, house) and Queen Bee room (first floor, coach house) have showers over baths and the Honeycomb room (ground floor, coach house) has only a slipper bath.

## **Other Information**

Heating is thermostatically controlled and adjustable in all rooms.

Guest information is available in large print on request.

Assistance dogs are most welcome – Donald and Lorna had a monthly slot called “Life at Brooklet Farm” on the Wirral Talking Newspaper for 10 years, which was recorded by a close friend ably supported by his dog.

We have a portable frame with adjustable hand rails that can be placed around a toilet to provide support in rising from the toilet, and a portable seat to raise the overall height of the seat. We can also provide a seat for showering. We can add a grab rail to any of the bathrooms and also have a Zimmer frame. All these aids are available on request.

Mobile network coverage is good. However, a cordless landline telephone can be made available for guest use on request. There is both Wi-Fi and access by a hard-wired data system throughout.

We have decaffeinated coffee and tea available and are happy to meet any special dietary requirements. However, prior notice would be appreciated. People with nut allergies should be aware that we do use nuts in the kitchen.

We operate a non-smoking policy throughout however, there is a covered area outside the main house where smokers can get some protection from bad weather.