

ACCESS STATEMENT FOR THE BEAMSLEY PROJECT CENTRE

INTRODUCTION

The Beamsley Project is situated on the side of the A59 Skipton to Harrogate Road about one mile from the roundabout with the B6160 at Bolton Bridge. Access is directly from the east carriageway. The Centre was originally the Methodist Chapel and was built about 1856. The building has been modified for people with a range of disabilities but may not provide full access for all disabilities.

PRE-ARRIVAL

We have a web site www.beamsleyproject.org.uk

Although the X59 Harrogate to Skipton bus passes the gate there is no official bus stop and stopping on the busy road is difficult. The nearest railway stations are: Skipton (7 miles) with a good service to Leeds and Bradford and westwards to Morecambe and along the Settle-Carlisle railway to Carlisle.

Ilkley (6 miles) with a good service to Leeds and Bradford.

There are taxis at both stations and the cost of a single journey to the Beamsley Project is about £10.

We can provide details of taxi companies.

Our location means that use of a vehicle is essential.

The nearest shops are in Addingham (4 miles) and there are supermarkets in Ilkley and Skipton.

We have a no pet's policy with the exception of registered assistance dogs.

ARRIVAL AND CAR PARKING

To ensure that your accommodation is ready we ask that you do not arrive before 2pm. If you are unable to arrive by 4pm please let us know your anticipated time of arrival so that we can make arrangements for staff to be on site. Should you be delayed please let us know.

Access from the A59 is direct but on a slight slope. There is a double-gated entrance.

There is ample parking for cars, minibuses and a coach.

The distance from the car park to the Cottage is about 10 metres.

The car park is hard surfaced, as are the footpaths.

The car park and entrances are lit at dusk and the lighting is sensor controlled.

The Centre has fire sensors and emergency lights on the stairs, landing and ground floor corridor.

ENTRANCE

There is a short hard surfaced path from the car park to the front door with a slight gradient. There are no steps en route.

There is a rear entrance under a covered way so that vehicles can be unloaded in the dry. The covered setting down area is 2.33m high and 3.5m wide. There is a slight slope.

Rear door Threshold 15mm

Front door clear opening 850 mm. Door opens outwards on a sensor.

Rear door clear opening 820 mm. Door opens outwards on a sensor. There is a slight lip at the door.

The front door leads into a porch with access to the foyer. There is an inner door that opens outwards with clearance of 810 mm. This is not an automatic door.

Rear door opens straight into the foyer.

Foyer floor texture is carpet.

Electric light switches and power points at waist height throughout.

SHOWER ROOMS

Two wheel-in showers with level access.
Both with hand basin and toilet. Both with wall mounted seats.
There are also shower wheel chairs available.
Both have alarm pulls.

TOILETS

Two toilets on ground floor, on transfers from left and one transfers from right.
Grab rails.
Hand basin 1 metre from floor.
Alarm pulls.

DINING ROOM

Door opens inwards. Clearance 850 mm.
Level access from the front lobby. No steps.
Tables can be arranged in variety of shapes.
Table risers are available.
Moveable seating throughout.
Microwave 1 metre from floor.
Toasters 1 metre from floor.
Heated trolley low level.
Floor texture is vinyl.
Low cupboards with crockery.
Large handled cutlery is available.
Two storage heaters with controls 750 mm from floor.

KITCHEN

Adjustable height sink and cooker hobs.
Base of oven 650mm from floor.
Grill 1400 mm from floor
Wall mounted water boiler. 1200 mm from floor
Wall cupboards not accessible from wheelchair.
Floor texture is non-slip flooring.
Dishwasher at wheel chair height.
Fridge at wheel chair height.
Hand washbasin.

LAUNDRY

Washing machine at wheelchair height.
Dryer at wheelchair height.
Fridge freezer accessible.
Sinks not accessible from wheel chairs.

GROUND FLOOR BEDROOM CORRIDOR

Level access. Door opening 800 mm. Door pulls towards.
Two toilets. Doors open outwards 800mm clearance.
One transfers from right and one transfers from left.
Both have alarm pulls.
Bedrooms 1, 3, 4, 6. Doors open inwards. Lever action door handles with fire closers. 750 mm clearance. Twin beds. Height 540 mm.
Bedrooms 2 & 5. Doors open inwards. Lever action door handles with fire closers. 750 mm clearance. 4 beds.

1 electrically operated bed in rooms 3 & 5. Height of beds 540mm with 190mm space under beds for mobile hoists.

All bedrooms have washbasins 750 mm from floor.

All bedrooms wall mounted convector heaters 600mm from floor.

Wardrobe handles 680mm from ground. Hanging rail 1080 mm from ground.

BATHROOM

Door opens outwards. 850 mm clearance.

Closomat toilet.

Ceiling hoist.

Adjustable height Pressalit changing table.

Low level bath with shower head.

Wash basin.

LIFT

To first floor.

Level access.

Controls accessible from wheel chair.

STAIRS

To first floor, hall and bedrooms 7 & 8.

Access by staircase with handrails to both sides. Carpeted stairs.

LANGBAR HALL

Level access from front lobby and rear door along short corridor. Corridor is 1640mm wide.

Door clear opening 770mm.

Payphone with T-switch symbol.

TV and DVD with remote control.

Floor texture carpet.

Stannah through the floor wheel chair lift provides access from lounge to bedroom.

Door clear opening 675mm. Internal space 1150mm x 675mm

NB Some users may not be able to use the lift because of the size of their wheelchairs.

Fire door with closing mechanism to rear corridor.

BEDROOMS (also see above)

Low mirrors and waist height power sockets.

Doors clear opening 780mm Open inwards

Bedroom 7, first floor, 4 beds, ensuite shower room. Shower has low step.

Bedroom 8, first floor, 4 beds, ensuite shower room, no step.

GARDEN

There are level gardens at the front of the Cottage. These are shared with the main Centre.

There are paved or tarmacadamed paths.

There are benches and picnic tables with wheelchair access.

There is a double gate from the garden and a single pedestrian gate.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The fire sensors and fire fighting equipment are checked regularly. The sensors and emergency lights are serviced every three months and the fire fighting equipment is serviced annually.

The electrical equipment is tested annually.

The lifting equipment is serviced and tested at six monthly intervals.

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Open all year but repairs and renovations normally carried out in January.

The Beamsley Project is a Registered Charity

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