

# ACCESS STATEMENT FOR THE CALF SHED

## INTRODUCTION

The Calf Shed is a newly converted single storey detached building which has completely level access and has its own garden.

.

## PRE ARRIVAL

- The closest train station is Stonegate which is about 3 minutes by car. Trains run into Charing Cross every half hour. The journey takes approximately an hour and train times can be found on [www.nationalrail.co.uk](http://www.nationalrail.co.uk)
- The buses from Tunbridge Wells to Wadhurst are the 254 and the 256 and can be picked up from Tunbridge Wells by the train station. The closest stop to Bardown farm is Shovers Green just after Wadhurst.
- **Valley travel have an accessible minibus with a wheelchair lift. Tel : 01580 754010**

Wadhurst cars run a local taxi service Tel: 01892 784466

- Information from the brochure / website can be provided in large print.
- You can contact us by phone on 01580 200452 or by e mail on [info@bardownfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@bardownfarm.co.uk)
- Emergency numbers:  
07812115067 ( Alison) 07812115068 (Colin)

· Bookings can be made by phone, e mail, letter or online.  
Bardown Farm Holiday Cottages,  
Bardown Road,  
Stonegate,  
Wadhurst,  
East Sussex.  
TN5 7EL  
Tel; 01580 200452  
[www.bardownfarm.co.uk](http://www.bardownfarm.co.uk)  
[info@bardownfarm.co.uk](mailto:info@bardownfarm.co.uk)  
[bardownfarm@gmail.com](mailto:bardownfarm@gmail.com)

Tesco, Sainsburys, Asda and Waitrose all deliver to the farm.

Local Doctor: Fairfield surgery, High street, Burwash Tel: 01435 882306

Local dentist: 01892 782629

Accessible equipment hire: A J Mobility Tel: 01323 847 250  
[www.ajmobility.co.uk](http://www.ajmobility.co.uk)

### **Arrival and Car Parking Facilities**

- Check in is after 4pm on arrival day and check out is before 11 am on departure day unless otherwise agreed in advance.
- On arrival guests will be greeted personally and given a familiarization tour of the facilities and cottage

- . Car parking is on a 14 foot x 30 foot car park with a level tar and chip path ( 26m and uncovered ) up to the front door. There are no steps between the car park and the inside of the cottage. There are lights to illuminate the path.
- . On the outside of the cottages there are PIRs which will light up automatically on your approach.
- . Animals are not allowed except Assistance dogs.

### **Main Entrance**

- . The front doors are oak and glass screens and lead directly into the kitchen / dining area.
- . The width of the front door is 100 cm wide.
- . There is solid oak flooring throughout apart from the kitchen area in which is limestone.
- . **The Calf Shed** is single storey with completely level access throughout. All light switches and power sockets throughout are between 900 and 1200mm.

Floor plans are available on request.

There is WI-FI in the cottage. Code is B4rd0wnF4rm

Temperature is digitally controlled by a thermostat in each room and heating is underfloor. Please feel free to ask us to set the cottage to a certain temperature before you arrive.

We also have a plug in electric radiator

### **Lounge Area**

The lounge area is 5.4 m X 7.1 m and is open plan with the dining and kitchen areas with plenty of space to manoeuvre a wheelchair. There is a walnut brown corner leather sofa seating 6, a sideboard and a floor rug which can be

removed if required. There are central chandeliers, ceiling spot lights and table lights to provide variable lighting. We have a 32 inch Sony flatscreen TV with integrated FREESAT and a DVD player.

## **Kitchen / Diner**

The Kitchen area is in a U shape with the entrance in 1.8m wide. The units are white painted solid oak with light grey / gold granite work surfaces. The sink, electric induction hob and workspace are at 850mm high and have 650mm clear underneath. The other work surfaces are 900mm high. There are no wall cupboards. All plates, cutlery and utensils are at an accessible height. There is a washing machine, separate tumble drier and dishwasher as well as a single electric oven at 0.8m high with a side opening door. The fridge and freezer are integrated with at least one shelf between 600mm and 1200mm. There is at least 1200mm clear space in front of all kitchen units. A fire blanket and extinguisher are located on the wall by the entrance into the kitchen. There is a French Farmhouse style wooden table and chairs that seats 6 with four high back chairs and 2 carvers. The table is 78cm high with a clear underspace height of 67cm.

The kitchen contains bin bags, washing powder, dishwasher tablets, washing up liquid, tea towels, dish cloths, tin foil, cling film.....etc

## **Bedrooms**

Both bedrooms have televisions with FreeSat

The **accessible bedroom** ( 3.8m x 3.5m ) has a pair of 90/200 konturmatic electric adjustable beds one of which is also a carers bed and has a chrome safety rail that can be fitted. They both have medium pressure relief mattresses. To the side of the carers bed is an unobstructed space of 1.5m along the full length of the bed. There is a dressing table between the 2 wardrobes with a clear underspace height of 0.65m. There is a single wardrobe either side one of which has a lowered rail. The floor is solid oak. The main lights and bedside lights can be reached from the bed. We have an invacare compact birdie portable hoist available but you will need to bring your own sling.

We have a pull cord alarm system in the accessible bedroom and bathroom that will sound in the main living area, a wake and shake alarm clock and smoke alarm with vibrating pad and flashing neon lights.

Leading from the bedroom is the accessible **wetroom ensuite** ( 2.9m x 1.6m). The shower head is adjustable on an extra long pole and the temperature is digitally controlled from outside the shower. There is a small 500mm basin with lever taps and clear under space. Above the basin is a mirror with a shaving light and vertical grab rails either side. The toilet has left side transfer and the toilet seat is 450mm high. An extra toilet seat raiser is available. There is a hinged rail on the left of the toilet and a horizontal and vertical rail on the right. We have an Aquatec self propelled shower chair available for use.

The second bedroom ( 3.0m x 3.5 m ) has two zip and link 2'6" single beds that can be zipped together to make a king size bed with pocket sprung mattresses. Furniture (which is pine) includes a wardrobe, bedside tables and a dressing table. Leading off the second bedroom is an ensuite bathroom with a wetroom shower and lowered bath.

**All bed linen and towels ( including pool towels) are included**

### **The Games Room**

We have a small games room from the converted old dairy. It has a table tennis table, pool table, running machine, dart board and various board games as well as DVDs and videos and local tourist information. There are lots of books on local walks and local ordnance survey maps.

### **Outside.**

We have a 14' trampoline that is built into the ground, a basketball net, football goals on a games field and two swings suitable for younger children and two swings suitable for older children.

### **Swimming Pool**

The outdoor swimming pool is 38' x 16' and is open from the beginning of May until the end of September. We try to maintain the pool at 30 degrees which makes it very warm for young children. If we have a very cold spell the temperature may fall below this level. The pool has a solar cover which needs to be manually wound back and then after use pulled back over the pool. The pool is open during daylight hours. We have an automatic pool cleaner which must not be removed from the pool.

Children must be supervised by an adult at all times in the pool.

It is possible to use the mobile hoist at the pool.

## The Farm

Bardown Farm is a working farm and there are different animals / crops in the fields at different times of the year. At present we have sheep, pigs, hens, ducks, a goat and of course the farm dogs! Sometimes there are large tractors and machinery moving around the farm and also there is some agricultural equipment that is used on the farm located here. We do not milk cows on the farm and so there is rarely much noise before 8 am.

Guests are allowed to wander around the farm but children must be supervised at all times. In February / March we lamb and there are always a few bottle lambs to feed several times a day. We have a few hens and ducks - please feel free to collect any eggs although sometimes they do go off lay and there may not be any to collect.

There is an automatic gate at the entrance to the farm. You will need to insert a code "6930 enter" for entrance but the gate will open automatically upon exit.

## Additional Information

**AIR MATTRESSES** may be hired from: Talley Medical  
01794 503500

**CARERS** can be organised from: Care at home services.  
01424 848088

- Mobile phone signal is relatively good.
- Internet is now wired to each cottage. However the broadband speed is relatively slow due to the distance from Bardown farm to the exchange.

- Assistance dogs are welcome in The Calf Shed and there is plenty of space to walk them.
- We are happy to take delivery of any hired equipment or your groceries ( please let us know approximate time of delivery)
- The cottages are no smoking but there is plenty of space outside for a quick puff. Please not near any hay or straw and make sure all cigarettes are extinguished.
- Terms and conditions can be viewed on the website and are available in large print.
- Local events and places are listed on the website.

•