

## **ACCESS STATEMENT - JENNY'S, EMMA'S AND CATHERINE'S SUITES**

The barn conversion suites at Bilton Barns are almost adjacent to the main farmhouse and share the same car parking area. Suites can be rented either on a bed and breakfast basis or for self-catering accommodation. Although the suites vary in size their layouts are similar. All bedrooms and bathrooms are situated on the ground floor, the lounge and kitchen areas are on the first floor. This statement details the access, facilities and procedures, as they exist. Whilst Bilton Barns is not part of any national accessibility scheme we do hope to offer all our guests a comfortable and enjoyable stay. If you have any concerns regarding access or perhaps require assistance, then we are happy to discuss these with you and would make ourselves available to help in any practicable way.

### **PRE-ARRIVAL**

- The bus stop and railway station are three quarters of a mile away – with prior notice it is often possible to organise collection and transportation to Bilton Barns. It should be noted that, to best enjoy all that this beautiful part of Northumberland has to offer, a car is recommended. Public transport is sometimes rather limited; we do keep copies of timetables, taxi information etc.
- Our web site [www.biltonbarns.com](http://www.biltonbarns.com) has many photographs and further details of what we offer.
- The properties do not require a fire certificate.
- All bedrooms, and ground floor lobbies have interlinked audible smoke detectors, and a heat detector in the upstairs area of each.
- Emergency information can be communicated verbally on request.
- Whilst we do not accept dogs in the suites, we would allow an assistance dog.
- Mobile phone reception can be patchy Orange and O2 provide good network coverage.
- Please contact us by telephone or e-mail to discuss any concerns you may have (details below).
- Visitor attractions with disabled access can be found on [www.tourismnortheast.co.uk](http://www.tourismnortheast.co.uk)

### **ARRIVAL AND CAR PARKING**

- There is ample free car parking with no kerbs or gradients, the concrete surface is uneven in places.
- Sensor lights are in operation during the hours of darkness and also an individually switched exterior light for each suite.
- Assistance with luggage is available to all guests on request.
- Guests are escorted to their rooms and facilities explained.

### **ENTRANCE AND GROUND FLOOR – SUITES**

- Access to all 3 suites can be gained either with the use of a ramp 252-inches long, rising 28-inches **or** by 4 automatic sensor illuminated steps which do not have a handrail.
- Entrance door width to each suite is 31 inches with a 2-inch thresh.

## **JENNY'S SUITE**

- Internal bedroom doors 27-inches.
- Entrance, bedroom, bathroom and lounge carpet floor covering.
- Good access to either side of the four-poster bed but limited room at the foot end of the bed.
- Bathroom is limited in size with w.c., wash hand-basin and Jacuzzi bath with over bath shower.
- Spiral staircase, metal frame with 12 wooden winding treads, handrail on right ascending.
- Open plan lounge/dining kitchen area - 2-seater settee and 1 armchair, desk with swivel arm chair. Dining table with 3 chairs non-with arms.
- Small kitchen with small area of hard washable flooring.

## **EMMA'S SUITE**

- Internal bedroom doors 27-inches.
- Entrance, bedroom, and open-plan lounge/dining area have carpet floor covering.
- Both the double and single bedrooms have limited free access space.
- Bathroom is limited in size with w.c., wash hand-basin and bath (20 inch high) with over bath shower. Hard washable floor covering.
- Spiral staircase, metal frame with 12 wooden winding treads, handrail on right ascending.
- Open plan lounge/dining kitchen area - 2-seater settee and 1 armchair, desk with swivel arm chair. Dining table with 4 chairs non-with arms.
- Small kitchen with small area of hard washable flooring.

## **CATHERINE'S SUITE**

- Internal bedroom doors 27-inches.
- Carpet floor covering throughout.
- Bathroom is limited in size with w.c., wash hand-basin, bath (20-inch high) and separate shower cubicle with 10-inch step.
- Conventional staircase, 16 steps (7-inch rise), banister rail on left ascending, 90-degree left turn with integral winding steps.
- Open plan lounge/dining kitchen area - 2-seater settee and 2 armchairs, desk with swivel arm chair. Dining table with 4 chairs non-with arms.
- Small kitchen with small area of hard washable flooring.

## **For those using or taking breakfast in the farmhouse the access details are as follows: ENTRANCE AND GROUND FLOOR – FARMHOUSE**

- The entrance door is 30 inches wide, up 2 steps plus door thresh – full rise 15 inches.
- Level access to lounge, dining room and w.c. all internal doors are 28 inches wide. All areas have carpet floor covering.
- Lounge has a variety of seating options.
- Sun lounge access from the lounge has a 2-inch thresh.
- Access to the garden is achieved either through the sun lounge and down 2 steps to a small paved area or around the east side of the house using a narrow paved path from the car parking area.
- Breakfast is usually served at our large dining table and is normally a mixture of self-service and table service. Please advise us if you would like breakfast to be full waitress service.
- Please advise us of any specific dietary requirements you may have when making your reservation.

- There is no background music played in any area of the farmhouse.

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We are always anxious to improve the visitor experience at Bilton Barns – we would welcome any feedback or comments to help us in this.

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