

Access Statement

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

Access Statement for Pickmere Country Guest House

Introduction

Pickmere Country Guest House is located in the Cheshire village of Pickmere and offers 11 guest rooms;

4 superior doubles

1 standard doubles

2 family/twin rooms

1 single with shared bathroom

1 small double which shares the same bathroom

1 single with private bathroom 5-6 steps across the landing

1 twin/double in the Garden Annex. The bed can zip and link together making it a superking size bed.

The house was built over 230 years ago in 1772 and is grade II listed. Whilst we aim to meet the needs of all our guests there are some features of the house which might make access difficult for people with limited mobility.

We are situated in the centre of Pickmere, in the middle of Cheshire, making us an ideal place to stay for both business and leisure guests. We are conveniently located for access to all parts of Cheshire with good transport links nearby (please see below).

PRE-ARRIVAL

We are located in the centre of the village of Pickmere within 100yds of the B5391 – turn at the Red Lion pub into Park Lane.

For full details and maps of how to reach us by car please see the Directions page on our website, www.pickmerehouse.co.uk.

Alternatively, you can plan your journey by car or public transport using www.transportdirect.info. Simply enter your post code and ours, which is WA16 0JX, to get directions.

We are within 4 minutes drive time from the M6 junction 19 and 10 minutes from M56 junction10.

Manchester Airport is 10 miles away - a 20 minute drive and Liverpool John Lennon Airport is 29 miles - a 35 minute drive.

Our nearest towns and cities are:

Northwich - 3 miles

Knutsford - 4 miles

Winsford – 10 miles

Warrington - 12 miles

Manchester - 20 miles

Chester - 30 miles

Liverpool - 32 miles

The nearest shop is a Spar Shop with post office in Wincham 1 mile away.

The nearest supermarkets, chemists and banks are in Knutsford and Northwich.

The nearest bus stop (Swans Travel No. 289) is located on Pickmere Lane B5391 near the Red Lion pub.

The following towns have railway stations – depending which line you are using:

Lostock Gralam - 2.3 miles (Manchester Piccadilly to Chester line). You will need to pre-order a taxi to meet you there, otherwise stop at either Knutsford if you are arriving from Manchester or Northwich if you are coming from Chester.

Warrington - 12 miles (Main line from London)

Hartford - 5.3 miles (Crewe to Liverpool line)

If you require a taxi please phone us for a number or we can book one for you. It is advisable to pre-book your taxi as they are not always available at short notice or at the stations.

We are just 2 miles from the Cheshire cycleway. Guests arriving by bicycle can house them safely in the boiler house and may dry any wet clothes in there too. It is locked overnight.

Guests may bring their dogs or cats (by prior arrangement) and we usually accommodate them in the twin/double room in the Garden Annex. It is situated along the terrace and has its own separate entrance, overlooks the garden at the rear and is convenient for walkies around the mere (lake).

CAR PARKING AND ARRIVAL

Off street car parking is available on site. There is 1 space for each room. Overflow parking is available at The Elms pub just

50yds down the road. Guests are asked not to park in either Merehaven Close or Crofters Close.

- The car park is on a slight slope and is gravelled.
- Entrance to the guest house is through the porch at the rear.
- There are 2 steps up from the car park:

step 1: 27cm (10 ½") at it's highest point, 13cm (5") at it's lowest point

step 2: 15cm (6") onto a level patio which is blocked paved with seating and well lit at night time by a motion sensor.

- A further 2 steps takes you into the porch which is blocked paved. The door is 81cm (32") wide:

step 3: 18cm (7")

step 4: 9cm (3 ½") and then 3 further steps up takes you into the house

steps 5, 6 and 7: 19cm (7 ½") each

- The entrance door is 91cm (3') wide and leads onto a coconut mat and is level throughout the ground floor. There are rugs on wood laminate floors in the corridors and fitted carpeting in the dining room and guest sitting room.
- The double fire doors are each 78cm (30 ½") wide.

Guests who are unable to climb the stairs can enter the house from Park Lane, through the garden gate at the front. There is a small 6 cm (2 ½") step up into the house and the door is 99cm (39") wide, which leads on to a coconut mat and then it is level throughout the ground floor with rugs on wooden floors in the corridors and fitted carpeting in the dining room and guest sitting room .

WELCOME AREA

Guests are welcomed in the hallway, having passed through the fire door, which is level throughout where they are asked to register.

Seating is available with 1 upright chair.

The area is well lit with overhead lighting and a table lamp.

Assistance can be given with luggage.

BEDROOMS

- All our bedrooms have flat screen TV's with freeview channels with subtitles available, hospitality trays with a selection of teas, coffee and hot chocolate.
- There is free Wifi throughout the house (reception can be a little intermittent in the Garden Annex due to the thick walls).
- Our beds are normally made up with 2 sheets, a hollow fibre duvet and a bedspread with 2 pillows per person. Blankets can be provided if preferred. There are both hollow fibre and feather pillows.
- There is seating, bedside tables, bedside lamps, a wardrobe, a dressing table/desk provided in each room.
- The radiators have thermostatic controls for guests to adjust the heat as they wish.
- There are automatic audible smoke alarms in all the bedrooms.
- All the bedrooms have a selection of books and magazines for guests' enjoyment.
- There are 'In Case of Fire' instructions posted on the back of guest room doors.
- Information folders can be found on one of the beds in each room containing information on doctors, hospitals, shopping etc. Also the breakfast menu, how to park your car and local attractions.

There is 1 bedroom on the ground floor with its own separate entrance along the terrace. There is access directly from the road through the wooden garden gate in Merehaven Close.

- The step into the room is 21cm (8¼") through a glaze double patio door which is 130cm (51") wide. We do have a wheelchair ramp, please advise us if this is required before your arrival.
- The room has twin beds which can be zipped and linked together making a super king size bed. Please advise us before your arrival as to which configuration you would prefer.
- The room measures 4.10m x 2.72m (13' 5½" x 8' 11") and has a wood laminate floor with anti-slip mat at the entrance.
- The room has an en suite shower room 1.85m x 1.46m (6' 1" x 4' 9½") . The entrance is 66cm (26") wide.
- The shower has a step up 20cm (8") and the step down is 13cm (5").

The door is 55cm (21½") wide.

The internal measurements of the shower are 66cm x 63cm (26" x 25").

The shower has a removable shower head.

- The toilet is 38cm (15") high.
- The basin is 79cm (31") high.
- Heated towel rail and shaver point.

The stairs leading to the 1st floor are 95cm (37½")wide and there are 11 steps, 19cm (7 ½") high, leading to a half landing and a further 3 steps of the same dimensions.

The stairs are fully carpeted. There is a hand rail on one side.

The double fire doors are each 78cm (30½") wide. There are 4 bedrooms on this floor.

BEDROOMS

Bedroom 1 is a single room with a private bathroom 5-6 steps across the landing. The bathroom has a bath with shower over, toilet, basin and heated towel rail. This room overlooks the front with views over the Cheshire Plain.

Bedroom 2 is a family/twin/double room with an en suite shower room. There is a standard double and a single bed. This room overlooks the front with views over the Cheshire Plain.

Bedroom 3 is a family/twin/double/triple room with en suite shower room. There is a standard double bed and 2 single beds and the room is large enough for a z-bed and a cot, making it suitable for a family of 6. This room has a view to the rear.

Bedroom 4 is a standard double room with en suite shower room. There is a standard double bed. This room overlooks the garden at the rear. There are 6 bedrooms on the 2nd floor. The carpeted stairs leading to this floor are 107cm (42") wide and there are 11 steps 19cm (7½") high leading to a half landing and a further 3 steps 22cm (8½") high. There is a hand rail on one side.

Bedroom 5 is a superior double room with a king size sleigh bed and en suite with a bath with a shower over, toilet, basin and heated towel rail. This room overlooks the front with views of the Cheshire plain.

Bedroom 6 is a superior double room with a king size sleigh bed and en suite shower room with a toilet, basin and heated towel rail. This room overlooks the rear.

Bedroom 7 is a standard double room with en suite shower room with toilet and heated towel rail and there is a separate basin in the room. This room overlooks the garden at the rear.

Bedroom 8 is a single bedroom. It has 2 small windows overlooking the village on the side. This room shares a bathroom, which is next door, with another room. It has a bath and shower over, toilet, basin and a heated towel rail. There is a basin in the room and a bathrobe is supplied.

Bedroom 9 is a standard double room with en suite shower room with toilet. There is a separate basin in the room. This room has views over the Cheshire Plain to the front of the house.

Bedroom 10 is a small standard double room which shares a bathroom with Room 8. The bathroom is 5-6 steps across the landing. There is a basin in the room and a bathrobe is supplied. The room has views of the Cheshire Plain to the front of the house.

PUBLIC AREAS – HALLS, STAIRS, LANDINGS CORRIDORS

- All public areas, hall, stairs and landings are well lit using a combination of ceiling and table-lamps.
- The hallway is wood laminate flooring with 2 rugs and a runner carpet with non slip backing.
- There are no steps to the guest breakfast room and guest sitting room which lead off from the hallway and are carpeted
- There are automatic audible fire and smoke alarms in the public areas.
- The central heating can be adjusted in all rooms to suit individual needs.

Public Toilet

- The downstairs toilet leads off from the porch.
- There are no stairs between the hall, guest dining room, guest sitting room and the downstairs toilet.
- The door to the toilet is 72cm (79") wide.
- The toilet is 38cm (15") high.

Dining Room

- The breakfast/dining room is situated off the hallway on the ground floor and the entrance is 88cm (34½") wide and is step free onto carpet.
- There are large windows allowing plenty of natural light supplemented by adjustable overhead lights and table lamps.
- There are 4 tables seating 16 people with chairs.
- The side board accommodates the buffet where guests can help themselves to cereal, fruits, yoghurts and juices. Assistance can be provided on request.

Sitting Room

- The sitting room leads off the dining room through double doors.
- There is a variety of seating including a 3 seater sofa, arm chair and a nursing chair .
- There is also a dining table which can seat up to 6 people for breakfast with chairs.
- There is a gas burning log stove in the guest sitting room.
- Guests are welcome to borrow books from our small library, leave any books they have finished with, play with the toys, piano and board games provided.

Terrace & Garden

- Guests may sit out on a variety of chairs and benches on the terrace and enjoy the small garden.
- Guests may use the area as a designated smoking area, as smoking is not permitted in the house. An ash tray can be provided on request.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- There is a fire assembly point at the bottom gate.
- Wet clothes can be dried in the boiler house.
- We are happy to cater for special diets or particular likes or dislikes. Please advise us before your arrival.
- Guests bringing in takeaway food are asked to eat in the dining room.
- We can refrigerate prescription medication and additionally store any perishable food in our fridge or freezer for a limited period, subject to space.
- Mobile phone reception is generally good.