

Sykes Lodge – Access Statement

Sykes Lodge is committed to providing a welcoming and comfortable stay for all guests. We aim to make the property as accessible as possible, while recognising that, as a historic building, there are some limitations. This statement is designed to give clear information to help you decide whether our accommodation meets your individual needs. If you have any specific requirements or questions, please contact us in advance and we will be happy to assist.

Arrival and Parking

- Guests are able to drive directly to the property.
- There is a gentle ramp providing easy access to the front door.
- All entrance thresholds are flat and wide to allow easy entry, including for wheelchairs.
- Parking is available close to the front entrance, on a tarmac driveway surfaced with small gravel. Please note that manual wheelchairs may require assistance over the gravel.

Internal Access

- Doorways throughout the property are extra wide to allow wheelchair access.
- Flooring and surfaces are level and wheelchair-friendly.
- From the main sitting room to the upper wing (master suite, library, and two twin bedrooms) there is one internal step. A ramp is in place to ensure ease of access.
- Between the kitchen and main living room, there is one very shallow step. A small ramp can be fitted—please advise us in advance if you require this.
- Furniture can be rearranged on request to improve mobility.

Bedrooms and Bed Heights

- Master Suite – Four-poster bed, higher than average.
- Motor House – Brass bed, higher than average.
- Calves – Sleigh bed, average height.
- Pigsty – Twin beds, above average height.
- Harness Room – Twin beds, lower than average.
- Bothy – Twin beds, average height (please note accessibility is limited due to loft ladder access; this space is not suitable for wheelchair users).

Bathrooms

- Bathrooms are designed with space in mind; however, they are not fully adapted for specialist use.
- Please contact us if you would like to discuss individual needs.

Mobility Aids

- We do not supply mobility equipment but guests are welcome to bring or hire their own.
- Previous guests have successfully arranged delivery of equipment (e.g., hoists) directly to Sykes Lodge.
- We are happy to pre-position any hired equipment prior to arrival.

- Please ensure any rechargeable mobility equipment is fully serviced and compatible with UK electrical supply.

Outdoor Accessibility

- Easy access to the courtyard patio is available from the master suite and between different outdoor levels.
- The Motor House also offers direct outside access.
- Wheelchair access is possible to the upper courtyard, along the path behind the flowerbed, and into the grassed paddock area.
- Gravelled driveway and parking areas are on a tarmac base; powered wheelchairs cope well, but non-powered chairs may require assistance.

Assistance and Flexibility

- We are happy to discuss specific needs and make adjustments wherever possible.
- Furniture can be moved on request to allow easier circulation space.
- We encourage all guests to view the online walk-round tour before booking, to ensure that Sykes Lodge is suitable for their needs.

Contact

- For further information or to discuss your requirements, please contact us directly. We are committed to making your stay at Sykes Lodge as comfortable and accessible as possible.