

# WELCOME TO THE GARDEN COTTAGE



## INTRODUCTION

The Garden Cottage is committed to reducing its impact on the local community and ecological environment.

## PRE-ARRIVAL

Before you arrive at The Garden Cottage, we invite you to look at our website and we actively encourage you to plan your activities.

We offer walking guides from The Garden Cottage door to surrounding areas of the Beacon Fell and local amenities.

We have collaborated with Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty [www.forestofbowland.com](http://www.forestofbowland.com) to encourage sustainable tourism. They offer guides, walks and lots of information to make your visit ecologically interesting.

We are part of the Dark Skies programme and links to events can be found on our website and social media.

## ARRIVAL AND CAR PARKING FACILITIES

There is ample parking for cars. There is safe storage for bicycles and if required, we can suggest bicycle hire companies for your information.

## THE GARDEN COTTAGE

The Garden Cottage caters for people of all abilities. We have ramps to enable ease of entry from the car park into the building, assistance aids to help facilitate comfort and independence. We provide hand rails, bathroom seats etc.

We know that pets are a part of the family, and we invite your pets to holiday with you, free of charge.

## WASTE, RECYCLING AND ECOLOGY

We actively encourage recycling. To this end we provide a waste food caddy on the kitchen countertop. The food should be placed in the blue bin to the rear of the cottage.

The paper and bottle recycling bins are clearly marked and stored in a bin storage area.

## OUTSIDE UTILITY AREA

The Utility room is accessed from outside the main cottage

There is a front-loading washing machine which is 85cm high, iron and ironing board with adjustable heights. There is a tumble dryer for drying wet clothes but we would **ask that you use the washing line to reduce the need for excessive use of the dryer.**

We provide home made eco washing products, many made by The Garden Cottage. Where safe to do so, we use glass containers for our products.

There are towels for drying pets and eco, sensitive washing products for cleaning pets.

There is also a wet weather drying area with facilities for hanging wet coats and a rack for drying wet boots, shoes etc.

Low energy lighting illuminates all areas and is on sensor timings to reduce light pollution.  
There is a manual exercise bike which guests may use (at their own risk)

## GROUNDS AND GARDENS

The gardens can be used by guests and their Pets (please keep wandering pets on a lead as we cannot guarantee absolute fence encasement).

The Garden is mainly laid to lawn

There is a wildlife pond in the garden and at its deepest, is 4 foot. Wild ducks and pheasant visit the garden.

We have a bug hotel, bird boxes and we keep cutting back and mowing to an absolute minimum. We do not use pesticides.

During the summer, seating is available at various places for use by guests

There are many fragrant flowers and shrubs all year round.

There are no designated play areas but there is a field which has a natural habitat and wild flowers for your enjoyment. We provide charts for a "garden watch" scheme that enables guests to identify birds and butterflies.

## BEDROOMS

The bedrooms are suitable for wheelchair use

The fire alarm is central and has a siren

There are no TV's or Telephones in the bedrooms. We offer free wi-fi.

Low energy lighting is provided by uniform ceiling lights, with a table lamp and small torch on each bedside table

The larger bedroom has a king bed and the single room has a single bed

The king bed has space on both sides and the single bed has space on one side

Both bedrooms are carpeted

There are no strong colour contrasts

The entrance to the rooms is level and there are no kettles in any room other than the kitchen area.

A full familiarisation tour is always given on arrival

The cottage is NON-SMOKING. All bedding is hypoallergenic.

**Dogs are NOT permitted in the bedrooms**

## BATHROOM, SHOWER AND WC

There is one shower room in the cottage. It has a shower, with eco-flow ability to reduce water waste.

There is a washbasin and toilet. It is accessed from a central hallway. The bathroom is 11 Foot by 5 Foot 8 Inches.

The flooring is vinyl. The door is a single fire door and the width is 2 Foot 8 Inches

There is a clear unobstructed path to and from the bathroom

The shower is on the far left corner of the room. It is a corner shower with a non-slip base. (A non-slip mat is also available)

We provide towels, home made eco-shower gels, cleaning products or items produced by local artisans.

Entry is by two sliding doors

There is no alarm system in the bathroom.

The toilet is located in the far right corner of the bathroom. A shower chair will fit into the shower cubicle and can be provided on request.

There is one eco-flow shower head and the tap mechanism is a mixer type

There is no bath

The wash basin is on a solid middle leg and has two independent taps which are in turn style.

The Toilet is 38cm high

There are hand rails in the shower cubicle.

The transfer space is 4 Square Foot

There Are No Strong Colour Contrasts

## **SELF CATERING KITCHEN**

The kitchen is situated at the back of the living area in an open plan style

The route is clear through the Lounge. It is level

The water is thermostatically controlled and the taps are lever.

The work surface is covered composite and the height is 2 Foot 6 Inches

There are cupboards above them and below the space between the work surface and the cupboards above is 2 Foot

The cooker is a Halogen Hob. There is an oven which is electric.

The microwave oven sits on the worktop

The cutlery and cookware are at various heights and the cutlery drawer is 3 feet from the floor in a dresser.

Some things are stored at ground level and others at 5 foot.

### **ADDITIONALLY:**

**We provide a welcome pack. This consists of:**

**Locally Provided – Milk and Orange juice**

**Eggs**

**Bread**

**Butter**

**Jam (made by The Garden Cottage)**

**Treats for pets**

**Water in a glass container – We do not provide bottled water.**

*We hope you enjoy your stay and welcome observations and feedback*

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