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 Foresters House

### Introduction

Foresters House is on Church Street in the heart of Whitby's town centre. It is up Foresters Court the 2nd yard on the right hand side as you enter the cobbled part of Church Street. The front door is the first on the right.

Foresters House has a well equipped dining kitchen, good sized sitting room and sleeps up to 6 people and has 3 bedrooms 1 with an en suite shower room. Built in the late 1700's the house has exposed beams and lots of character including sloping floors all part of the history of this lovely building.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone Owner Kate Sharpe 07824347362 or email mattkate.sharpe@btinternet.com.

### **Pre-Arrival**

- Both the bus and railway stations are situated over the swing bridge from the house, approximately a 10 minute walk, on station square.
- The taxi rank is situated on route. Telephone numbers for taxis are available.
- The nearest bus stops are on Church street near Humble Pie shop both sides of the road, left off the cobbled street on to tarmacked Church Street.
- Whitby & District Disablement Action Group address is Church House Centre on Flowergate in Whitby. They hire manual/electric wheelchairs and scooters for hire. Beach

wheelchairs are also available through the beach superintendent office or Whitby Tourist Information.

- No collection service available.
- The CO OP and Sainsbury's in Whitby both offer an online delivery service.

## Key Collection, Welcome and Car Parking

- You will be contacted a few days before arrival with the code for the key safe located at the front door. There will also be a second key on the kitchen table.
- If required and upon request we will meet you at the property for a familiarisation tour of the house.
- No parking available at the property. You can park briefly outside 'The owl and the pussycat' shop to load and unload. The vehicle must be moved immediately to avoid a ticket. The street is cobbled and the kerb is low. The pavement is old stone slabs.
- the nearest long stay car park is on church street. A parking permit can be purchased from tourist information for 1, 3, or 7 days.
- You will find a parking scatch card on the kitchen table sufficient to cover your stay.
- Whitby also has a park and ride facility on the a171 towards guisborough approximately 1.5 miles out of town opposite The Stables restaurant this operates seasonally

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# Entrance to Property

- The door to the house opens outwards. Take 2 steps down please mind your head in this area. There is then 10 stairs (carpeted) up to the kitchen/dining area. The top step is deeper than normal.
- A handrail runs along the left hand side.

• There is an outside light with a sensor. The switch is to the inside right hand side of the door along with the entrance light.

#### Halls, Stairs, Landings, Passageways

- The hall stairs and landings are well lit using ceiling lights.
- The floor covering a carpet.
- The staircase to the 2nd floor is a kite winder and has 13 steps a balustrade runs to the top on the right hand side.

## Sitting Room/Lounge

- The sitting room is on the first floor through the hallway.
- The door opening is 29" wide
- The floor boards are sanded and polished with a large rug on top.
- The room has 2 large leather sofas decorated with a throw and non-feather cushions.
- There is a 39" smart TV with remote, DVD player and freesat box.
- WIFI is available free of charge.
- In this room you will also find a radio/cd player and a docking station for an iPhone/ipad 5.
- Lighting by a ceiling light and 2 lamps.
- Natural daylight through 2 sliding sash windows.

### Dining Room

- Dining area is part of the kitchen situated on the 1st floor.
- The dining table is oak with 6 chairs. A highchair is available and situated in the master bedroom wardrobe.
- Lighting 2 ceiling lights. With natural daylight.
- The flooring is vinyl wood effect.

### **Kitchen**

- The kitchen is situated on the 1st floor and includes the dining table.
- The door of the electric oven drops down. With a gas hob.
- Due to the age of the property the floor is uneven.
- Single sink and draining board with laminated work surface.
- Build in fridge/freezer.
- Under countertop washing machine and dishwasher.
- The boiler is situated in the locked cupboard. The heating can be controlled via the thermostat situated in the hallway.

#### **Bedrooms and Sleeping Areas**

- 1 King size master bedroom and en suite on the 2nd floor. The floor is polished floorboards.
- There are 2 further twin bedded rooms on this floor. Carpeted.
- All pillows and duvets are non feather. A cot is available upon request.

#### Bathrooms, Shower-rooms and Toilets

- The main bathroom newly refurbished has a tiled corner shower, toilet and small sink. The lighting is by ceiling light. Daylight through 2 small frosted glazed windows. Vinyl flooring.
- The en suite newly refurbished has a tiled corner shower, toiler and sink. With a fan and ceiling light. Vinyl on the floor. Small amount of daylight through half glazed door.

### Additional Information

- maximum of 2 Well behaved dogs welcome at a charge of £15 per dog.
- The nearest A&E department is Scarborough approximately 22 miles away.
- A list of emergency services and restaurants are listed in the welcome folder situated in the sitting round.
- Due to access restrictions Foresters house is not wheelchair friendly.

## Future Plans

• A new website is in production and will be available to view late spring 2015.

### **Contact Information**

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Local Accessible Taxi:	Harrisons Taxi 01947 600606
Local Public Transport:	Arriva buses 01947 602146 The National Rail and NYMR operate from Whitby Train

Station, Station Square, Whitby.