



Horse & Groom Inn, Upper Oddington

ACCESS STATEMENT

The Horse & Groom Inn is a grade-2 listed 16th century coaching inn based in Upper Oddington, Gloucestershire. The purpose of this statement is to support individuals with accessibility needs. Please direct requests for any specific needs not covered by this statement, or further enquiries to the General Manager who can be contacted on 01451 830584 or via email at info@horseandgroomcotswolds.co.uk.

A large print version of this access statement is available on request.

The public areas of the pub are located within two buildings, the 'main building' and the 'cottage annex'. The main building contains the bar, restaurant, shop, guest lounge and five of the seven en-suite guest rooms.

Access to the **main building** is through one of three public entrances. The outdoor areas to the front and rear of the pub provide garden seating and access to the car park. At the time of writing (June 2021) restrictions in place to minimise risk of spread of covid-19 mean that some entrances are 'exit only' as we attempt to manage a one-way system through the main building. We can temporarily adapt or suspend such arrangements to meet individual accessibility requirements by prior request.

The three entrances to the main building are as follows:

- Rear entrance lobby
- Rear terrace entrance
- Front entrance doorway

There is no step-free/ level access to the main building. There is step-free/ sloping access to the outdoor areas of the terrace, front patio and lower garden from the car park. The lower garden is down a fairly steep slope from the car park. The entrance to the car park from the road is down a slope.

The **rear entrance lobby** is accessed at the back of the pub from the main car park area. There are three steps from the car park to the outward opening door. A hand-rail is available on the left hand edge of the steps. The door is on a 'self-closing' mechanism. There is a bench seat in the entrance lobby.

Access to the bar and restaurant is possible from the rear entrance lobby. This is either up four steps towards the bar, or up two steps into the lower restaurant. The public WCs are located at the top of the five steps on the right-hand side.

The door to the bar is usually permanently open. The door to the lower restaurant is a swing door, opening in both directions.

Three steps separate the lower restaurant from the bar. Hand rails are available for all steps between the entrance lobby, bar and restaurant.

The **rear terrace entrance** is accessed from the terrace area at the back of the pub. Seven steps lead from the terrace to this entrance, with an outward opening door. This entrance is double-width. This entrance opens internally into the shop area and the guest lounge. A single shallow step leads to the bar and snug areas.

The **front entrance doorway** is located at the front of the building, with entry directly from the street outside via an access route/ layby. It is possible to temporarily park a car directly outside this entrance whilst transferring people into the building. There are two doors here separated by a small porch into the main building. The outer door opens inwards and is usually held permanently open. The inner door opens inwards and may be held open or closed (depending on weather and temperature inside).

There are three steps immediately down from the inner door to the snug and bar area of the main building.

Public WCs are on a level with the bar and snug area. From the lower restaurant, there are three steps into the bar and snug in order to gain level access the WCs. From the shop and guest lounge there is one small step up to the bar and snug to achieve level access to the WCs. We do not have an accessible public WC. Male WC comprises an outer area with urinal and sink, and a single WC cubicle with outward opening door. The female WC comprises an outer area with sink and a single WC cubicle with inward opening door.

Access to guest rooms located in the main building (Rooms 1-5) is via a staircase from the entrance lobby. Rooms 1-5 are located on the first floor via this staircase. The staircase comprises 15 steps and has a 90-degree turn to the right after the first 7 steps. There is an outward opening door at the top of the staircase to access the hallway on the first floor. There are a further 2 steps up in the hallway between rooms 2 and 3 and a step down, and one step up in the hallway between rooms 4 and 5.

Rooms 1-4 have en-suite shower rooms located on a level with the bedrooms. These are small and contain single walk-in shower units.

Room 5 has an en-suite bathroom (with shower over the bath) located up a staircase from the bedroom. The staircase has 12 steps and turns 90-degrees to the right after step 5. A handrail is on the left ascending the staircase/ on the right descending. There is an emergency fire escape door from room 5, leading down a flight of steps to the garden at the front of the pub (alarmed and for emergency use only).

Two further bedrooms (rooms 6 & 7) are located in an adjacent **cottage annex**. This is located across the driveway entrance/ car park from the main building. Access is gained through an inward opening door with a slight step-up/ lintel from the car park/ drive.

Room 6 doorway is immediately on the left (90-degree from) the entrance door and opens into the room. Room 6 is a double bedroom with en-suite shower room. The shower room is on a level with the bedroom. This comprises a single walk-in shower cubicle, toilet and sink.

Room 7 doorway is immediately to the right (90-degree from) and slightly behind the opening entrance door. This door opens into the room and leads immediately up a flight of 14 steps, leading to the first floor room above. The staircase bends 90-degrees to the left after step 5. Room 7 is a twin bedroom with an en-suite shower room. The shower room comprises a single walk-in shower cubicle, toilet and sink.