

YHA Gower - Access Statement

Introduction

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 31-bed hostel, a 3-storey building which is set in the coastal village of Port Eynon, Gower. Britain's first designated area of outstanding beauty. The following statement is a summary of our provision. If you have any specific questions about access, please call us and we will endeavour to help.

Pre-Arrival

- Nearest shop-mobility scheme is situated in Swansea approx 17 miles away at Unit 12, St David's Centre, Swansea SA1 3LG (telephone 01792 461785).
- The hostel's details can be seen on our website: www.goweractivitycentres.org.uk

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- Coach drop of is at the end of the road by the bus stop about 100 yards from the centre.
- Mini -bus and car access to ample car Park with marked bay by main entrance.
- Please try to provide advance notice if assistance will be needed to move to and from cars.
- Level pathway with even surface leading from car park to main entrance.
- Level road to pub 30 yards and beach 500 yards from the hostel. Disabled parking Bays.
- Takeaways open in season.

Main Entrance & Reception

- Access to main and rear entrance meet DDA standards.
- Payphone available.
- Emergency phone number to connect to a member of staff (not on site) at night.

Public Areas - General

- Good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building.
- Well lit corridors.

- Floor covering is Mainly Altro. Carpet in sleeping areas and Library.
- All areas on Ground floor meet DDA standards and are wheelchair accessible

Public Areas - WCs

 2 WCs (Unisex)on ground floor. One meets DDA standards for wheelchair users.

Public Areas - Dining Room & Lounge & Library

- Dining Room tables are movable. Chairs are available without armrests.
- Lounge has moveable furniture
- Table Tennis Table suitable for wheelchair Users
- Computers with internet access.

Self-Catering Kitchen

- Self-catering kitchen is suitable for wheelchair users.
- Hob, cooker, sink and microwave at lower level.
- Lever taps fitted.

Laundry & Drying Facilities

- Fully equipped laundry room with commercial coin operated washer and dryer. Not accessible for wheelchair users.
- Drying room

Bedrooms - Ground Floor

- One large single bedded room, wheel-in en-suite shower (including toilet and low level basin). Meets DDA standards.
- Put you up beds available for carer with alternative sleeping area next door in Library
- Individual bed light fitted adjacent to bed head.
- T.V with DVD and Radio Alarm Clock.
- Fire Exit from Ground floor for wheelchair users.

Bedrooms - First Floor

• Staircase to 1st Floor has 2 flights, one of 13 steps and then 3. Handrails are fitted on one side (right hand side when going upstairs).

- Five 4-bedded rooms, private shower-rooms not en-suite.
- Single bedroom en-suite with TV and Radio Alarm Clock
- Single bedroom and double bedroom with shared shower-room each having TV and Radio Alarm Clock
- Each private shower room has toilet wash-hand basin and cubicle style shower. Heated towel rail.
- Individual bed lights fitted adjacent to bed heads.

Bedrooms - Second Floor (Attic)

- Staircase to 2nd Floor has narrow winding staircase of 12 steps Handrails are fitted on one side (left hand side when going upstairs).
- One-4 bedded room and One 3 bedded room with shared bathroom.
- Individual bed lights fitted adjacent to bed heads.
- Bathroom with shower, wash hand basin and toilet.
- Fire exits from upstairs rooms lead onto metal staircase to rear of building.

Grounds & Gardens

- Gardens (approx 0.25 acre) slope moderately away from the main building. They are mainly laid to grass traversed by 1 sloping tarmac path or steps.
- Patio area with BBQ and 4 X 8 seat bench/tables
- Outside lighting.

Additional Information

- No pets or dogs (but service dogs are welcome).
- No smoking.
- Disability awareness courses as part of staff training are undertaken by all of our staff.
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms fitted. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or any emergency requiring evacuation.
- Evacuation procedures shown in each bedroom on back of door.
- Emergency contact numbers available on site.
- Mobile phone reception is not good within immediate vicinity.

Contact Information

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We welcome your feedback to help us to continue making improvements. Please contact us directly if you have any queries or if you would like to make any comments.

This hostel is independently owned and operated under a franchise arrangement with YHA. The following access statement has been prepared by the hostel owner and is not the representation of YHA (England & Wales). For further information and clarity on accessibility at this hostel, guests are advised to contact the hostel owners directly.