



The Nightingale Centre

Access Statement

(This 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)

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Introduction

Situated in the Hamlet of Great Hucklow in the heart of the Peak District National Park, we are twenty minutes from historic Bakewell and from the spa town of Buxton. Easily accessible from all areas, our holiday and conference centre is perfect for conferences, educational courses, outdoor pursuits, training sessions relaxing or energetic group holidays and special events.

We offer up to 78 beds in 30 bedrooms which are a mixture of single, twin, double and family rooms, many en-suite. There is also a superb 10 bedded en-suite bunk room which is mainly used by younger guests. There are 5 **accessible** rooms on the ground floor, one with wheelchair access and wet room.

All meals and dietary requirements are catered for with good home cooked food. Ingredients are locally sourced where possible and the Centre enjoys its own vegetable, fruit and herb garden supplying the kitchen seasonally.

Pre-arrival

- For full details and maps of how to reach us please see the directions section on our website. Alternatively, you can plan your journey by car or public transport using www.transportdirect.info and simply enter your postcode and ours, which is SK17 8RH.
- Train routes are accessed through Sheffield, Manchester or Buxton. The nearest railway station is Hope, which is 4.5 miles away. If you require an accessible taxi this can be booked in advance, see contact information for details.
- The Nearest bus stop is 100 yds from the Centre. There is no shelter or seating. All buses can accommodate one wheelchair. Take the 170 bus from Chesterfield, 173 from Castleton or Bakewell and the 66 from Buxton every two hours.
- There is no pavement in the village of Great Hucklow but the road is wide and the traffic infrequent.
- This Access Statement is available in larger print on request.

Hours of Operation:

Open all year round.

Car Parking and Arrival

- The Centre has a large car park to the rear (access from Dirty Lane, opposite the Old Chapel). Additional parking is available to the rear of Barleycrofts Cottages.
- The driveway and main car park have a tarmac surface. The footpath to the front door is also tarmac. There are motion sensor lights around the building and car park lights line the drive.
- Cars should be parked in the car park but there is a drop off point by the front gate. There is no street lighting in the village.
- There are two steps in to the front entrance with two sets of automatic doors. Wheelchair access is available to the rear entrance.
- The front entrance consists of two pairs of double doors which can open to 53 inches (135cms) wide.
- The rear door is 32 inches (81.5cms) wide.

Welcome Area

- The Guest Reception is situated by the front door with level access through three sets of doors. Guests are asked to Register at the Office.
- The floor is tiled with a large non-slip rug.
- The area is evenly and well lit with overhead lighting and wall lights.
- Guests will be shown the public areas, dining room and their bedroom. All bedroom keys also fit the front door.

Bedrooms

The Centre sleeps 70 people and the rooms consist of:

- 8 x Twin Rooms
- 1 x Triple Room
- 1 x Single Room
- 2 x Twin/Double Rooms
- 4 X Single En-suites
- 1 x Twin/Double En-suite
- 2 x Double En-suite room
- 4 x Triple En-suite
- 1 x Family En-suites sleeps 4
- 1 x Family En-suite sleeps 10 (5 Bunk beds)
- 3 x Lower Ground Floor Twin En-suites
- 1 x Triple Lower Ground Floor Triple En-Suite

- 1 x Ground Floor Twin en-suite configured for disabled guests and wheelchair use, including wet room with extra-width door.
- The height of all normal beds is 27.5" (70 cms) top bunk beds are 50" high (127 cms)
- Rooms are bright and well lit with both ceiling and bedside lights.
- All bedrooms offer the following:
 - Lighting as above.
 - Good colour contrast between the floor, walls and door.
 - Short pile carpet.
 - Non-allergic pillows are supplied but feather pillows are available on request.

Bedrooms, Shower Rooms and Toilets (En-suite or Shared)

- 18 of our 30 rooms have en-suite shower rooms.
- The door opening to the bathroom in the disability-accessed, downstairs bedroom is 36" (92 cms)
- This room also has a step free shower. The toilet height is 17" (44 cms) and the washbasin is 28" (71 cms).
- There are two public toilets with disability access. Doors are 36" wide (92 cms). One at the front of the building and one on the lower level to the rear. Toilets are 29.5" (75cms) tall with grab rails. There are lever taps to the wash basins.
- Disability access toilets are well lit with overhead lights and fluorescent over the mirror.
- All public toilets have a good colour contrast between door, floor and walls.
- Both electric hand dryers and towels are available.
- All public toilets and bathrooms have non-slip, laminate flooring.
- Ordinary Shower room doors are 29.5"(75 cms) wide.

Public Areas – Halls, Stairs, Landings and Corridors

- All public areas, halls, stairs and landings are well lit with ceiling lights.
- The stairs and first floor landing lights are operated with timed push-switches.
- There is short-pile carpet to the stairs landing and downstairs corridors.
- The front hallway is ceramic tiled with barrier matting.
- The rear hallway is non-slip laminated flooring with barrier matting.
- To the front of the building there is a stair case with half landing with 12 stairs to the half landing. A turn to the right of 2 stairs and another turn to 3 stairs to the top of the landing. There is a hand rail on one side.
- To the rear of the building there is a staircase of 10 steps leading to the dormitory and family rooms with a handrail to one side. The landing continues with 3 steps up to rooms 17 – 20. Then there is one step up to rooms 14 – 16 and three steps up to connect to the rooms at the front of the building.
- To the rear of the building 6 steps take you to a landing with 4 downstairs en-suite rooms. From here, a further 10 stairs take you down to the Peach Hall,

small kitchen and disability friendly toilet. Both of these staircases have Stannah chair-lift access.

Public Areas – Guest Lounge

- This is situated on the ground floor to the front of the building with step free/level entry from the front hall and stairs.
- The double door opening is 4 feet (120cms).
- The room has a mixture of seating with sofas and soft chairs as well as some high-backed wing chairs with arms together with some low coffee tables.
- Lighting is provided by overhead spots, wall lights and standard lamps which can be used independently.
- The flooring is short-pile carpet.
- Double doors open to:

Sun Room

- The sun room is a bright room with lots of natural light. Additional lighting is provided by ceiling spots.
- A further set of double doors lead step-free out to the patio area.
- This room has soft chairs and low coffee tables.
- The flooring is short pile carpet.

TV & Internet Room

- The library is situated on the ground floor, next to the office, off the front hall.
- The door opening is 29.5” (75cms) wide.
- The room has some soft seating with additional high back, arm-less chairs.
- There is a desk area with two computers and printer for guest use.
- There is a wall mounted, widescreen internet television with remote control access.
- Lighting is provided by ceiling lights and a standard lamp.
- The flooring is wooden flooring.

Hibbert Room (meeting room)

- This is situated to the centre of the building between the dining room and rear hallway. There is step free/level entry from the corridor.
- The door openings are 35” (89cms).
- A further door gives level access to the patio and garden.
- This room contains boardroom type chairs which can be configured to guest requirements.
- Several sizes of folding tables are available which can also be used to suit guests needs.
- Lighting is provided by ceiling spots and sun-pipes.
- The flooring is short pile carpet.
- A hearing loop is provided in this room.

Peach Hall (large meeting/function room)

- The hall is situated to the rear of the building and is accessed by two flights of stairs from the rear hallway. There is a short flight of 6 steps with handrails to both sides. A parallel staircase provides access via a Stannah chair lift. A landing-area then gives on to a flight of 10 steps. This is a wide staircase which also provides Stannah chair lift access.
- Double doors with step free/level access into the hall are 5'6" (168cms) wide.
- A further set of Emergency exit doors give level access to the car park area.
- This room contains boardroom type chairs which can be configured to guest requirements.
- Several sizes of folding tables are available which can also be used to suit guests needs.
- Lighting is provided by ceiling spots, up lighters and fluorescents which can all be used independently.
- The flooring is short pile carpet.
- A hearing loop is provided in this room.

Dining Room

- The Dining room is situated on the ground floor with step free/level entry from the front hall and stairs. It is level throughout.
- Double doors open into the dining room and measure 4' (122cms).
- There are Concertina doors where each single door measures 32" each.
- Lighting is a mixture of fluorescent, spot and wall lights, all of which can be used independently.
- The floor is wooden boards.
- We cater for all dietary needs. Please advise us when making a booking.
- All meals are served from the servery, starting with hot food and then moving on to the cold servery, salad bar/breakfast cereals area.
- Tables are cleared by our guests and bins are provided for cutlery and food waste.
- Coloured tablecloths contrast with all white crockery and glassware.
- There is a help-yourself drinks area with two coffee/tea machines and a chilled water machine. The guest fridge provides milk etc.
- An honour-bar is provided in the dining room and is stocked with a mixture of wines and beers as well as soft-drinks. These are noted down in the book provided and bar bills will be provided at the end of your stay.

Public toilets

- **To the front of the building, off the main hall are:**
- a disability friendly wet room with level access shower, toilet (18.5" high) and washbasin with lever tap, also with vertical and horizontal grab rails. An emergency pull-chord is available in case of emergency.

- Female toilet block with two toilets and two sinks with vanity mirrors. Toilet heights are 17” (44 cms) high.
- Male toilet with both urinal and toilet, wash basin with vanity mirror.
- **Public toilets off the rear hall:**
- Female toilet block with two toilets and two sinks with vanity mirrors. Toilet heights are 17” (44 cms) high.
- Male toilet with both urinal and toilet, two wash basins with vanity mirror above.
- **Lower level outside the Peach Hall:**
- A disability friendly toilet with level access, toilet (18.5” high) and washbasin with lever tap, also with vertical and horizontal grab rails. An emergency pull-chord is available in case of emergency.

Garden

- The gardens are extensive with most areas wheelchair accessible. There is a wheelchair access slope from the upper level to the car park and play area.
- To the front of the building is a large walled garden with lawns and flower beds.
- A wide, level path leads from the front gate to the front door.
- There is a small patio area with seating and sensory planting.
- The rear patio area has level access from the sun room.
- Four steps lead down to a ‘sunken’ garden area with lawn, flower beds and raised herb garden.
- Uneven stone steps lead down to a grass area which leads to the children’s playground.
- From the rear access doors, a flight of 6 steps leads to the car park with hand rails to both sides.
- There is also a graded, wheelchair access path leading down to the car park.
- A large, fenced, children’s play area is situated next to the car park with a mixture of play equipment and wooden activity structures. These are well-maintained and serviced annually.

Additional Information

- The Centre is not staffed over-night. Extensive health and safety and fire procedure training is given to a designated ‘fire officer’ in each visiting group.
- Dogs are welcome at the Centre for a small charge but must stay out of the dining room.
- The nearest Shopmobility schemes are available in nearby Sheffield or Chesterfield.
- The nearest General Hospital with an A&E unit is Chesterfield (17 miles) or the Buxton Cottage Hospital ‘walk-in’ centre (13 miles). The nearest Doctors Surgery is in Tideswell village (2 miles).
- Free wi-fi internet access is available. There is a small charge for the use of our computers and printing.
- We supply information about nearby attractions with Access details where available.

Useful Contact Information

Local Equipment Hire: Mobility Aids - Care 100, Buxton Tel. **01298 212483**

Local Accessible Taxi: 2Nice Private Hire – 01298 212352

Local Public Transport: Bus 0871 200 2233 Train 0845 748 4950

Buxton Cottage Hospital
(Walk in Centre 8am-10pm) 01298 212208

Chesterfield Royal Hospital
(24 hour A&E Service) 01246 277271

Tideswell GP Surgery 01298 871396

Tideswell Chemist 01298 871249