

Access Statement for The Babbling Brook Inn

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.

Introduction

The Babbling Brook Inn is on a bus route but the busses are very limited and run only a few times a day. Although we are situated in a rural area we are within easy reach of Bridgwater, Minehead and Taunton and the M5 Motorway.

Our family run and owned business comprises of 4 clean and cosy en suite bedrooms. You will find excellent food and great friendly service in our Bar and Restaurant, or in the finer weather you may enjoy the comfort of our beautiful beer garden. All our food is as locally sourced as possible, and is prepared by our fantastic Chefs in the kitchen.

There are a few different levels to the property as it is a 16th Century building, but all on ground floor level, with a few steps, however we can advise which level would be suitable for your needs.

The Inn has adequate parking, unless during busy periods where it can be full and overspill parking is at the front of the property. The car park is level in most places and has a tarmac surface.

Dogs are not permitted in the pub but well behaved dogs are welcome in the garden when kept on a lead. Assistance dogs are welcome and there is a bowl for water provided in the garden.

Free Wifi is available in the bar areas throughout the pub but is not available in the rooms. Wifi due to the rural location is very temperamental shall we say!!

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance, please call 01278 732695 prior to your visit or email: babblingbrook.inn@gmail.com

Pre Arrival

For full details and maps of how to reach us please see the contact section of our website. The nearest train station is Bridgwater which is approximately 10 miles away.

It is advisable to book a taxi in advance, if you require an accessible taxi Chequers Cabs can be contacted on 01278 425858.

Our Menu and this access statement are available in larger print on request.

Car parking and arrival

There is adequate free parking on site for customers only and during busier times it overflows to the front of the property. There are approximately 25 spaces in the car park a few spaces at the front and overflow along the roadside.

The car park is tarmaced and is of a level construction. The Car park is lit at night. Although there are no street lights present so this makes the area darker than usual. There is space for a few cars at the front of the property as a drop off point.



Rear Parking.

There are no steps but a slight decline to the front of the premises where you can enter the front door without a step, just a door frame and an inner door to come through. The front door is open and 83cm width the inner door is manual and opens inwards and 76cm width.

Lower bar Area (front entrance)

The Lower bar area, through the front door is on the same level with no steps, this area has five tables.

If seated here there are two steps to navigate to reach the bathrooms and one step to reach the carvery room.



Upper Bar Area (rear entrance)

The rear entrance door is 82cm width

It has a step up to the door and then inside a couple of steps down to the top upper bar level which is situated on the same level as the bathrooms.

There are three tables situated in this upper bar area.



Bar and upper Bar level.

The floor throughout the bar areas upper and lower levels are carpeted and there is a hand rail available at the two steps in bar areas.

The lighting in the bar area is a combination of natural light and electric light. It is not bright lighting as it is wall lights only. Candles are lit on the tables at night. The bar can be accessed easily.

Specials are shown on a blackboard. All staff will assist with running through the menus with you. Large print menu is available by request.

There is background music playing the bar areas.

Conservatory.

The door to the conservatory is 85cm width and just the door frame to manoeuvre no step. The floor in the conservatory is laminate flooring. The lighting in the conservatory is natural light in the day and electric lighting in the evening. There are five tables in this area. This is the brightest area in the pub, but with laminate flooring the noise can be intensified.

Carvery Room

The carvery is accessed via a small step, as this is the oldest part of the property the floor is a little uneven in places.

The room has a mixture of electric and natural lighting and is carpeted and non slip flooring throughout.



The Carvery Room. Only in use on Sundays.

Toilets

There are separate toilets facilities provided for ladies and gents. The Ladies is partially carpeted and non slip flooring. The Gents is non slip flooring throughout.

The door to the gents is 76cm wide. In the Gents there are 3 urinals and one cubicle toilet, it is not equipped with hand rails etc. The toilet door is 73cm wide and the toilet seat is 41cm in height.

The Ladies has two cubicles and one is larger than the other but is not equipped with hand rails etc. The widest cubicle door is 73cm.

The Restaurant/Bar Area

We offer a table service for food ordering, and if required we can offer table service for drinks on request.

Large Print Menus are available on request and staff can assist with the menus for you.

The tables do differ in height.

We cater for dietary requirements but a warning in advance is always welcomed.

Bedrooms



The bedrooms best accessed via the front of the property, around the conservatory and up 3 concreted steps to the outside garden level. A concrete path will guide you. Once you reach the room there is a small step to enter the individual rooms, each room has their own door which opens inwards from the garden area. Room 4 is equipped with hand rails etc, the toilet is 39cm in height. All sanitary wear is white.

The shower is in the bath in Room 4 but this has the biggest bathroom with grab rails.

The other rooms have walk in shower cubicles.

Flooring in all rooms are carpeted and the bathrooms have lino.

Bedroom lighting can be switched on at the entrance to the rooms, there are bedside lights and bathroom lights.

All rooms are non-smoking in compliance with current legislation.

Each room has a wired smoke alarm with battery back up.

Emergency procedures are posted on the wall in each bedroom.

Every bedroom has a TV with remote control and clock radio.

Gardens

There are several seating areas all of which are on the same level as the rooms. They are all on grass and the grass is undulating in places. Standard construction wooded tables are available with bench style seating.

A smoking shelter is provided.
Garden Rooms and Beer Garden.



Mobile reception is very patchy in the whole area. But in an emergency the landline can be used.

Wifi – there is free wifi in the public house area, although again quite patchy as the signal strength is not great due to the rural location. The rooms at the present do not receive enough signal strength to allow wifi use.