

Access Statement for Kirkby Thore Hall

Pre Arrival

Kirkby Thore Hall is situated in the village of Kirkby Thore , half a mile from the A66, on the C111 towards Milburn and the Pennines.

Kirkby Thore is accessible from the M6 from either Tebay at Junction 38, approximately 18 miles via Appleby or Junction 40 at Penrith, 8 miles along the A66.

The nearest railway station is at Appleby, 5 miles away, on the Leeds to Carlisle railway line. There are some buses, (presently 5 per day), from Appleby to Kirkby Thore.

Penrith station is 8 miles away on the main Virgin West Coast Line from London to Glasgow. There are presently 5 buses per day from the station to Kirkby Thore. Taxis are available as well as car hire in Penrith.

We have a website, (kirkbythorehall.co.uk) and can be contacted by email, (stay@kirkbythorehall.co.uk), a landline phone, (017683 62989), or mobile phone, (07549235008).

Arrival and Car Parking Facilities

Kirkby Thore Hall stands on its own in the village.

There are 2 small fields on either side of the main drive and it is signed on the left of the entrance.

The house is approached over a cattle grid and down a short tree lined drive of approximately 150 metres length. A pedestrian access gate is next to the main entrance.

There is a large flat yard which is made of hardcore and gravel.

There is ample parking in the yard, close to the front door if necessary.

The front door is approached through a small metal gate and there are no steps.

Entrance

The front door opens into the large, combined dining room and entrance hall and has a small step of 6 cms, (2 ½”).

There is a door bell on the right by the door and the mobile number is displayed in the adjacent window.

The stairs lead up from the far side of the room.

Staircase

The staircase is in the oldest part of the house and is spiral. It is carpeted stone with a secure iron hand rail on the left hand side wall.

The steps vary in size with a minimum width of 76 cms, (30”), and an entrance height of 173 cms , (5’ 8”).

Large suitcases can be taken up a second private staircase by the owners through a private bedroom.

Please ask.

There is a set of 3 steps descending into the library area at the bottom of the spiral stairs with a width of 84 cms, (33”) and there is no hand rail.

Landing Area

The landing is carpeted and lit by electric lighting.

The door to the bedroom leads off the landing.

The Old Hall Bedroom

The large, comfortable room is entered through a lockable oak door.

The en-suite bathroom is accessed directly without any steps.

It has a fitted carpet and a large rug on top.

The room has mainly sandstone walls and a large open beamed and vaulted ceiling.

It has a large arched glass window and a second sash window.

There are 2 radiators.

There is a 5 foot, (153 cms), wooden bed which is 74 cms, (29"), high.

There is a large Victorian wardrobe, a small bedding box, 2 small pedestal bedside tables with lamps.

It has a mirrored dressing table which can be used as a desk with a wooden chair. The tea and coffee making tray is on the surface. The sockets are easily accessible behind the desk. There is a hairdryer in one of the drawers.

There is a chest of drawers with a TV on it featuring Freeview programmes.

Public areas

The public areas are for the use of the guests alone as the owners have their own separate area of the house. It is a large house with thick walls and so the owners can be contacted via the hand bell next to the door to the kitchen from within the dining room.

Dining Room

The dining room contains 2 large dining tables.

The floor is flagged with several mats.

Breakfast and evening meal are served in the dining room.

Library Area

The Library Area is a well lit room containing a 2 seater sofa, bookshelves and writing desk with stool. This houses local area information, local maps and a selection of novels which can be borrowed for reading.