



# Old Church Cottages

## Chollerton, Northumberland

Self-catering  
between  
Heavenfield  
and Paradise

## Access Statement

### Introduction

The property consists of three self-catering cottages situated in open countryside, with car parking facilities in the grounds. Kirkend Cottage and Lonnenend Cottage are converted from an old church and The Stable is converted from the adjacent old stable building.

- Kirkend Cottage ground floor consists of an open plan living/dining room, kitchen and large bathroom, with stairs leading to two bedrooms and a sleeping gallery on the upper floor.
- Lonnenend Cottage has an open plan living, dining and kitchen area on the ground floor, with stairs leading to two bedrooms and a shower room/toilet on the upper floor.
- The Stable – an open plan studio cottage with space for relaxing, eating cooking and sleeping and a separate bathroom – is all on the ground floor, though there is a step into the property.

### Pre-arrival

Pre-arrival information is available from the Old Church Cottages brochure and website, or by contacting the owners directly by telephone or email.

- While a local public bus service passes directly outside the property, it runs on a limited service, so own transport is recommended.
- Hexham train station is around 6 miles from the property; Newcastle International Airport is approximately 25 miles away.
- There is a local accessible taxi service based in Chollerford (around 3 miles from the property).
- The property is situated 6 miles from Hexham (around 15 minutes by car or taxi) and 1 mile from the local shop and country pub in Barrasford.
- Assistance for guests with no transport is available on request, including help with shopping.
- The premises are deemed suitable for all able-bodied guests and for those with a hearing impairment, visual impairment and/or M1 mobility. It is recommended that visually impaired guests should be accompanied by fully-sighted companions, due to the limited local public transport in the Chollerton area.

### Arrival & car parking facilities

Guests are greeted on arrival and shown around the property so they are able to familiarise themselves with the facilities.

- There is ample off-road parking available within the property boundary and close to the cottages.
- From the parking areas, there is tarmac access to both Kirkend Cottage and Lonnenend Cottage and gravel path access to The Stable.
- The surfaces within the grounds are varied and include gravel paths, paving slabs and grass.
- There are motion-activated lights in operation on the exterior of each cottage at night.

## Public areas

### General information

- Each cottage has a unique layout with varied floor surfaces including parquet flooring, carpets and rugs.
- While the ground floor access and pass doors are wider than normal, the bedroom doors and some other internal doorways are standard modern width.
- All internal accommodation has overhead and scatter lighting.
- There is a full audio fire alarm system in each cottage, together with fire extinguishers. If necessary, arrangements can be made to physically alert guests with hearing impairments in case of an emergency.
- Each cottage has a television, video player and radio. Please note that only four television channels are available in the Chollerton area.
- Dogs are welcome in Lonnenend Cottage and The Stable by prior arrangement and on payment of published rates. Guide dogs are welcome free of charge.

### Bedrooms

- The bedrooms in Kirkend Cottage and Lonnenend Cottage are on the first floor; in The Stable, the bedroom is on the ground floor.
- None of the bedrooms within Old Church Cottages are designed specifically for use by wheelchair users.
- Kirkend Cottage and Lonnenend Cottage both contain double and single beds while The Stable contains a double bed.
- There are no television facilities in any of the bedroom areas within Old Church Cottages.

### Bathrooms, showers and WCs

- There is access to one bathroom / shower room in each cottage – this also contains a toilet and basin.
- Kirkend Cottage has a bath and a shower cubicle; Lonnenend Cottage has a shower cubicle; The Stable has a shower over the bath.

### Self-catering kitchens

- Each cottage has a well-equipped kitchen, which includes a microwave, fridge/freezer, toaster, kettle, four-ring stove and oven. All appliances are electric.
- The kitchen in each of the cottages is located on the ground floor and is accessed on the same level as the rest of the ground floor accommodation.
- All kitchens are fully fitted without adaptations.

### Laundry facilities

- There is a communal laundry area which is located on the ground floor with no steps and has separate access from any of the cottages.
- Assistance is available to help with laundry if requested.

## Outdoor facilities

- The grounds of Old Church Cottages consist of large, well-planted, spacious gardens including ponds, lawns, a patio and barbecue and seating areas.
- The property is situated in open countryside so guests can enjoy views of the Noirthumbrian countryside in all directions.
- There is external, motion-activated, low energy lighting at night.

## Future upgrades

In order to retain many of the original features of the old buildings when they were renovated, the development programme for Old Church Cottages incorporated some structural and architectural decisions regarding fundamental fittings.

These include the provision of stairways to the upper levels of Kirkend Cottage and Lonnened Cottage, which contain winding treads or quarter landings. Within The Stable, the original stall posts have been retained and while this adds character and does not inhibit normal movement, it could hinder wheelchair movement within the property.

At Old Church Cottages, we are committed to providing additional levels of service to support guests whose mobility is limited either temporarily or permanently but who have the ability to negotiate standard domestic two-storey properties.

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