

Thie Shey Access Statement

Introduction

Port Erin is a small seaside town set in a beautiful horseshoe bay protected by rugged coastal hills and cliffs. The lower promenade and beach are 20 metres below the main part of the town and can be accessed by road and a variety of paths. Some paths are quite steep and/or have steps. Port Erin amenities are in a mostly level area approximately 200 metres x 400 metres.

Thie Shey is approximately 150 metres from the main amenities via footpath, pavement and unmade road. Approximately 20 metres of the unmade road is uneven, on a gentle slope, has no pavement and poor lighting. We provide a torch for use after dark. An alternative route is 400 metres by road with pavements and street lighting.

Thie Shey is our home and we extend a warm welcome to our visitors. We have one guest bedroom situated on the first floor with an adjacent shower-room. Therefore, we are unable to accept full-time wheelchair users.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01624 830607 or email thieshey@wm.im

Pre-Arrival

We offer a free pick-up from either the airport or ferry terminal. Our 5 door hatchback car has back seats that are 380mm (15 inches) from outside ground to sill, 700 – 720 mm (28 inches) from outside ground to the seat and 380 mm (15 inches) from foot-well to seat. The front seat is 340mm (13.5 inches) from outside ground to sill, 650mm (25.5 inches) from outside ground to the back seat and 380 mm (15 inches) from foot-well to seat. Alternatively, accessible taxis are available. Regular bus services 1 and 2 both come to Port Erin from the ferry terminal and airport. Bus number 1 comes into Port Erin along Ballafesson Road and the nearest stop is opposite Bay View Road (approximately 250 metres of fairly level roads with pavements and street lighting to Thie Shey). Bus number 2 comes into Port Erin along the coast road and terminates at Bridson Street (approximately 200 metres from Thie Shey via footpath/pavement/unmade road or 450 metres by road with pavement and street lighting). Further information on accessible public transport can be found on www.gov.im/categories/travel-traffic-and-motoring/bus-and-rail/accessibility-information

Most of the roads and pavements in Port Erin are well maintained and have drop kerbs with rumble strips at suitable crossing points. The exception is the

area just north of Bay View Road and west of Thornhill Close. This small estate has unmade roads that are uneven. However, the beach and Port Erin amenities are accessible by alternative routes.

We are happy to provide customised pre-arrival information and directions to meet your requirements.

Car Parking and Arrival

Off-road parking is available on our driveway which is approached over a dropped kerb. The concrete drive slopes very slightly upwards and the paved path to the house is 910mm (36 inches) wide and 5.8 meters (19 feet) long. There is a streetlight on the pavement adjacent to Thie Shey and an outside light that is controlled by a PIR sensor. On arrival, we are happy to help with unloading luggage and provide additional torchlight if required.

To access the property, there is one step 600mm (24 inches) by 490mm (19 inches) by 130mm (5 inches) high and a threshold 190mm (7.5 inches) high into the porch. There is a handrail attached to the wall which is blue with a white background. No level access is provided. The clear door opening width of the porch is 700mm (27.5 inches). The main house door is at right angles to the porch door and has another threshold 100mm (4 inches) high. The clear door opening is 820mm (32 inches) and this door can be opened to 180 degrees to improve access to the stairs.



Approach to Thie Shey



Front door and porch

Hall, Stairs and Landing

We have a fawn short pile fitted carpet on the hall, stairs, landing and guest room, with contrasting wall colours. The hall is 1000mm (39 inches) wide. The

guest room and shower room are situated on the first floor which is accessed via an open wooden staircase with 14 stairs. The stairs are 710mm (28 inches) wide and 180mm (7 inches) high with fitted carpet on the middle 580mm (23 inches) contrasted by exposed wood for 80mm (3 inches) at each edge. The wooden handrail is 810mm (32 inches) high on the right of the staircase.

The hall, stairs and landing are well-lit and there is a night-light plugged in at 230mm (9 inches) height from the floor that can be used as a torch in an emergency. The house is fitted with a mains powered interlinked audible fire alarm system. If the alarm is activated whilst the proprietors are at home, if possible, we will alert our guests and guide them to safety.



Hall and stairs



Landing and stairs



Entrance to guest bedroom

All the first floor is on one level.

Bedroom

The clear door width to the bedroom is 710mm (28 inches). The bed is 600mm (24 inches) high to the top of the mattress and can be configured as either kingsize or twins 760mm (30 inches) wide.



Kingsized bed



Twin beds

The furniture can be moved around or removed on request and we are happy to store empty luggage. There is one central light and 2 bedside lights. Additional lighting is available on request. Three of the walls are plain sunny yellow and the fourth wall is plain porcelain blue. The door and frame is white with brass effect handles. The wardrobe has white doors with mirrors and contrasting brass effect handles on the outside and white with contrasting blue decoration and wooden coat hangers on the inside. There is also a white chest of drawers inside the wardrobe with contrasting blue decoration.



Inside of wardrobe



Seating area in guest bedroom

The bedside units, bookshelves and unit containing the hospitality tray are also white with blue decoration. The curtains with black-out linings are a contrasting darker blue. There is a table with a glass top over a coloured tablecloth and 2 metal/wood chairs 500mm (20inches) high with blue cushioned seats. There is a cane settee 460mm (18 inches) high with yellow patterned covers and contrasting blue cushions. For safety and comfort please note the manufacturer's maximum weight limit on each bed unit, chairs and cane settee is 230 lbs (16.5 stone) or (105 kilogrammes).

A magnifying glass, pen and paper is available.

Shower-room

The shower-room is adjacent to the bedroom with a clear door opening of 710mm (28 inches). The flooring is fawn patterned "flotex" ("the warmth and comfort of a textile floor with the practicality and ease of cleaning of vinyl. Flotex is hygienic. As well as having a waterproof surface, Flotex offers protection against bacteria. It is the only textile floor covering which is approved by Allergy UK").

All the walls are light fawn patterned interlinked panels with contrasting skirting and a white door. There is a chrome towel rail with contrasting towels. Textile mats in a contrasting colour to the patterned flotex are placed in front of the basin and at the entrance/exit to the shower.

The shower cubicle has double doors with clear opening of 500mm (20 inches). The threshold to the shower-tray is 70mm (3 inches) above the floor and measures 1420mm (56 inches) by 850mm (33.5inches). The showerhead is adjustable and can be hand held. The controls use a lever to start/stop water flow and a cross-head tap to control temperature. A shower-mat is available.

The WC is 420mm (16.5inches) from the floor with a press type chrome flush button located in the black worktop above. The white wash-basin is 850mm (33.5 inches high) set into a light wood coloured cupboard unit with black worktop with cross-head taps (left for hot and right for cold). There is a central ceiling light, an additional light in the mirror mounted on the wall above the wash-basin and a blue night-light above the toilet. This can be left-on all night to provide lighting without loss of night vision.



Shower cubicle



Wash basin and WC

Conservatory – Dining Area

Breakfast is served in the conservatory which is surrounded by the back garden. This is accessed through the non-food preparation area of the kitchen with clear door openings of 710mm (28 inches) and 790mm (31 inches). The kitchen and conservatory are on the same level as the rest of the ground floor and have white, cream and fawn patterned vinyl flooring. There are two overhead lights in the conservatory. There is a round dining table 760mm (30 inches) high with a glass top covering patterned/coloured table cloths. There are upright wooden chairs with contrasting cushioned seats 480mm (19

inches) high. Carver style chairs with arms are also available 460mm (18 inches) high.

For breakfast, where possible, we use Manx produce. We are a health conscious household and provide customised menus by arrangement. The cereals and fresh fruit are self-service with tea, coffee and fruit juice served at the table. Freshly cooked food is also brought to the table. The whole meal can be served to the table if required. The white crockery contrasts with the table cover and mats.

Guests are welcome to use the conservatory as a lounge. There is a cane chaise lounge 430mm (17 inches) to the seat, two tilt and swivel cane chairs 400mm (16 inches) high, a round cane coffee table 520mm (20.5 inches) high and a reclining chair 480mm (19 inches) high. For safety and comfort please note the manufacturer's maximum safe weight limit on the chaise lounge and chairs is 230 lbs (16.5 stone) or (105 kilogrammes).



Dining table and chairs in the conservatory



Seating area in the conservatory

Garden

The garden is designed to be seen from the conservatory. Because it slopes slightly upwards it is comfortably visible whilst seated. Guests are welcome to wander round the garden, and make use of the patio and seating provided. (14 & 15) We also offer sunbeds and a sun-shade. (16) The style of garden is an ebullient cottage garden with fairly narrow winding paved and gravel paths. It is accessed from the conservatory via a clear door opening of 740mm (29 inches) and a semi-circular step with threshold 150mm (6 inches) and step of 160mm (6.5 inches) (17).



Winding paths in the garden



Seating area in the garden



Sun terrace



Door to/from the conservatory

Additional Information

We welcome assistance dogs and provide feeding/drinking bowls, feeding mat and dog blankets/towels. The garden is walled and gated, but has no lawn. We also have good quality cleaning equipment and good hygiene practices to ensure that visitors with pet allergies will not be adversely affected.

We can offer secure garaging and charging point for mobility equipment.

Port Erin has an energy-saving policy and street lighting is switched off between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Some guests comment that the darkness and tranquillity contribute to a restful and happy holiday, so we use low energy subdued night lighting. Additional brighter night-time lighting can be arranged on request.

We provide free WiFi.

If you have any additional requirements please let us know and we will be happy to source the necessary equipment.

Given sufficient notice we can obtain:

- Portable hearing loop
- Flashing alarm clock with optional vibrating pad
- Sound activated flashing fire alarm with optional vibrating pad
- Adjustable toilet frame
- Contrasting coloured toilet seat booster
- Contrasting coloured toilet lid cover
- Contrasting coloured top to bathroom waste bin
- Freestanding shower chair with arms

CIRCA Shopmobility is located Level 2, Chester St Car Park, Douglas, IM1 2PG Tel: 01624 613713. There is a GP practice (686979), dentist (642785) and two pharmacies in Port Erin and a reciprocal arrangement with the UK for free emergency healthcare.

Future Plans

The shower-room walls comprise stud partition construction with interlinked panelling throughout. This is insufficiently sturdy to support temporary or permanent grab rails. When the shower-room is gutted and completely re-fitted, we will incorporate modern accessibility features.

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