

YHA Beverley Friary

ACCESS STATEMENT

Introduction

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 34-bed hostel, 2-storey hostel, situated in the charming and historic East Yorkshire market town of Beverley.

The following statement is a summary of our provision. If you have any specific questions about access, please call us and we will endeavour to help.

Pre-Arrival

- Regular train service to Beverley Station which is ¼ mile from the hostel, but the shortest route does include steps over a railway bridge. Contact the hostel to find out the next shortest route to the hostel.
- Regular bus services to Beverley Bus Station which is ¼ mile from the hostel.
- A local taxi service has accessible taxis if required. We can make a booking for you.
- Nearest shop-mobility scheme is situated approx 7 miles away in Hull. (telephone 01482 225686).
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website: www.yha.org.uk
- You can contact the hostel by phone, fax or e-mail (details below).

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- Free parking for up to 8 cars or 2 minibuses in the hostel grounds.
- Please try to provide advance notice if assistance will be needed to move to and from cars.
- Gravel car park and uneven sloping path to front door.
- There is a pavement and street lighting along the route into town.
- The car park and path to the main entrance are well lit.

Main Entrance & Reception

- Paving stones paths through the grounds from the car park and main road to the main entrance. These are sloped in places and uneven.
- Level access to entrance.
- Induction loop at Reception.
- Seating is available in the Reception hallway.
- If the reception counter is too high, we can provide a clipboard to write on
- Emergency bell to call a member of staff (on site) at night

Public Areas – General

- No stairs between the downstairs dormitory and the self-catering kitchen.
- Well-lit corridors.

Public Areas – WCs

- 2 WCs at the bottom of the main stairs but neither currently meets DDA standards for wheelchair users.

Public Areas – Dining Room & Lounge

- Self-catering kitchen / dining room is on the ground floor with no stairs.
- Dining Room tables are movable, with heavy pews for seating.
- Table service is available in Dining Room if requested in advance at Reception.
- The common room is upstairs up a steep twisted staircase.
- All doors are wider than standard doors. But the door from reception to the dining room is arched, and a tall person may need to duck going through it.
- Floor is brick or varnished wood.

Laundry & drying facilities

- Access to the drying room is through the garden and bike shed. There are no stairs.

Meeting rooms

Meeting rooms are upstairs. The dining room could be converted into a function room provided it is during the hours that hostel guests won't be needing it.

Bedrooms – Ground Floor

- One 16-bedded dormitory with bunk beds.

Bedrooms – First Floor

- Steep staircase of 15 stairs to 1st Floor. Handrails are fitted on one side (left hand side when going upstairs).
- One 13-bedded dormitory with bunk beds
- One 5-bedded dormitory – not suitable for people with impaired mobility – Agility needed for the fire escape.

Washrooms – Ground Floor

- One with 2 showers, 2 WCs and 3 washbasins.

Washrooms – First Floor

- One with 2 showers, 2 WCs and 3 washbasins.

Grounds & gardens

- Gardens (approx one acre) slope moderately away from the main building. They are mainly laid to lawn, traversed by paving stones paths, sloped in places.
- Cycle shed is 50 yards from main entrance, connected by paving stones path, sloped in places.
- External lighting comes on automatically at dusk, illuminating paths through the grounds

Additional information

- No pets or dogs (but assistance dogs are welcome).
- No smoking.
- A member of staff is always available on site, including at night (access via emergency phone at Reception).
- Emergency lighting and fire detection fitted. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or any emergency requiring evacuation.
- Evacuation procedures shown (in large font) in each bedroom on back of door.
- Mobile phone reception is good within immediate vicinity.
- Clear signs show any extra information, such as emergency exits, fire doors etc.
- We are able to cater to specific dietary needs. Please let us know in advance so we can ensure we have the right ingredients in stock.
- Payphone is upstairs.

Contact information

- Address: YHA Beverley Friary, Friars Lane, Beverley, East Yorkshire, HU17 0DF
- Telephone: 01482 881751
- Fax: 01482 880118
- E-mail: beverleyfriary@yha.org.uk
- Hours of operation: Reception open from 8 am to 10 am and from 5 pm to 11 pm.
- Local buses: 01482 222222
- Local accessible taxis: 01482 858581

Future plans

It is hoped to refurbish the Youth Hostel in the near future to provide a larger number of small bedrooms, some with wheelchair access and ensuite wet room.

We welcome your feedback to help us to continue making improvements. If you have any comments, please phone 01482 881751 or e-mail beverleyfriary@yha.org.uk.