

**YHA Grinton Lodge**  
**ACCESS STATEMENT**

**Introduction**

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 71-bed hostel. The hostel has two buildings, one single storey, the other two storey, which are set in their own grounds in open moorland, one kilometre from the village of Grinton, in the Yorkshire Dales National Park. 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**

- Good train links to Darlington (40 km).
- Daily bus services to within one km of the hostel.
- A taxi service based in Richmond, has accessible taxis if required. The local community minibus is also accessible. We can make a booking for you.
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website: [www.yha.org.uk](http://www.yha.org.uk)
- You can contact the hostel by phone, fax or e-mail (details below).

**Arrival & Car Parking Facilities**

- Ample parking (20 yards from main entrance). No marked bays, but there is a dropping-off point at the main entrance.
- Please try to provide advance notice if assistance will be needed to move to and from cars.
- Uneven surface & gravel courtyard leading from car park to main entrance.
- The centre of the village is 1 km from the hostel, down a steep hill. There is no pavement and limited street lighting along this route.

**Main Entrance & Reception**

- 1 step up to main entrance.
- Induction loop at Reception.
- Seating is not available in the Reception hallway.
- Payphone available with adjacent seating.
- Emergency phone to connect to a member of staff (on site) at night.

**Public Areas – General**

- Good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building.
- Well-lit corridors.
- Floor coverings are carpet or flag stones, in the Main Building and carpet in the Annexe.

### **Public Areas – WCs**

- 1 Unisex WCs fairly close to Reception but outside does not currently meet DDA standards for wheelchair users. No other WCs on ground floor in main building.
- In Annexe, 2 unisex wc's, though neither meet DDA standards.

### **Public Areas – Dining Room & Lounge**

- A number of steps on Ground Floor to lounges and dining room.
- Dining Room tables are movable. Chairs with or without armrests
- Table service is available in Dining Room if requested in advance at Reception.

### **Self-catering kitchen**

- Both Self-catering kitchens are on ground floor.
- Chairs very close by in annex self-catering kitchen.
- 2 catering size sinks, with drainers in main building, 1 domestic size sink in annex.
- Microwaves, kettles, toasters, fridges.
- 2 standard electric domestic cookers, with ovens hobs and grills

### **Laundry & drying facilities**

- Level floor from reception to fully equipped laundry room with washer and dryer.
- Drying room in main building, next to laundry.

### **Meeting rooms**

- 2 classrooms on first floor, 1 in main building accessed by 4 steps, 1 outside, accessed via level gravel courtyard from main building.

### **Bedrooms – Ground Floor**

- Three rooms, one x two bed, one x 4 bed, one x 6 bed, with sinks and bed lights in Annex, access is across gravel courtyard and up 2 steps.

### **Bedrooms – First Floor**

- Staircase to 1<sup>st</sup> Floor in main building, handrail is fitted on one side (right hand side when going upstairs). No lift.
- Two 2-bedded rooms, with sink and bunk lights.
- One 3-bedded rooms, with sink and bunk lights.
- Six 4-bedded rooms, with sink and bunk lights.
- Two 6-bedded rooms, with sink and bunk lights.

- Two 8-bedded rooms, with sink and bunk lights.
- Only one x 2bedded, three x 4 bedded and one x 8 bedded rooms are accessible off level corridor from top of stairs, other bedrooms are up or down a number of steps.

### **Washrooms – Ground Floor in Annex Building**

- Two unisex toilets with sinks, and two unisex showers. Do not meet DDA standards.

### **Washrooms – First Floor in Main Building**

- Eight unisex toilets with sinks, and seven unisex showers in main building
- Six showers are fitted with a hinged seat.
- Only four toilets and three showers are accessible off level corridor from top of stairs, others are up or down three steps.

### **Grounds & gardens**

- Gardens (approx 0.25 acre) fairly level with the main building. They are mainly laid to lawn. Site is fundamentally level.
- Three 6-seat picnic tables with attached benches, are available in the garden.
- Cycle shed is 20 yards from main entrance, in an out-building.

### **Additional information**

- No pets or dogs (but service dogs are welcome).
- No smoking.
- Disability awareness courses – as part of the ‘Welcome Host’ scheme – are undertaken by all of our staff.
- A member of staff is always available on site, including at night (access via emergency phone at Reception).
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms 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. Orange network only.
- OS OL30 049 976

### **Contact information**

- Address: Grinton Lodge, Grinton, Richmond, N.Yorks, DL11 6HS
- Telephone: 0870 770 5844
- Fax: 0870 770 5845
- E-mail: Grinton@yha.org.uk

- Hours of operation: Reception open from 7 am to 10 am and from 5 pm to 11 pm.
- Local bus information: 0870 608 2608 or [www.yorkshiretravel.net](http://www.yorkshiretravel.net)
- Local accessible taxis: Aklipse 01748 821414
- Local accessible minibus:01748 884311

### **Future plans**

- A major refurbishment of this hostel is planned to commence within the next two years. Access for all will be included in the works.

**We welcome your feedback to help us to continue making improvements. Please contact us directly if you have any queries or if you would like to make any comments.**