

# **Idwal Cottage Access statement**

## **Introduction**

Idwal Cottage is situated in the impressive Ogwen valley between the Glyder and Carneddau Mountains. Being the oldest YHA property, the hostel has retained the character and charm well known throughout the years while providing excellent 4-star modern accommodation and facilities, with an emphasis on being environmentally friendly and warm and welcoming to its guests.

This 37-bed hostel has 10 rooms, mostly 4-bedded bunkrooms. Our guests have all day access to rooms and facilities. Idwal Cottage is a Self Catering hostel only, providing a spacious and well-equipped kitchen.

If you have any specific questions about access, please contact us and we will endeavour to help. We can provide a floor plan of the hostel on request.

## **Pre- Arrival**

- Situated just off the A5 between Capel Curig (5 miles) and Bethesda (5 miles).
- Nearest Train Station is Bangor (10 miles).
- Limited bus service (Sherpa bus S6) to Youth Hostel. Bus Stop 100 metre from hostel.

## **Arrival & Car Parking Facilities**

- Ample parking area opposite the hostel.
- Dropping off point in front of hostel entrance (upon request).

## **Main Entrance & Reception**

- Mobile ramp provided for the front entrance (gradient 1:12).
- Hearing loop system available at reception.
- Seating is available in the reception area.

## **Public Areas – General**

- The ground floor is level throughout, but there is one small step down to the drying/laundry room.
- All facilities are on the ground floor, which includes reception, self-catering kitchen, dining room, lounge, toilet.
- Fully equipped drying/laundry room with washer and dryer (small step)
- Good natural and general lighting in all areas of the hostel.
- Good colour contrast to floor, wall and doorways throughout the building.

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

- A selection of chairs, with and without armrests, is provided in lounge and dining room.
- Fixed carpet in Lounge. Non-slip vinyl flooring in dining room.
- Easy access from dining room to self-catering kitchen.

### **Self-Catering Kitchen**

- Very spacious, well-equipped self-catering facilities.
- Kitchen is equipped with four fridges, one freezer, two ovens and six cookers.
- No low-level worktops or perching stool available.

### **Bedrooms Ground Floor**

- There are two bedrooms situated on the ground floor. There is a 3-bedded bunkroom with a double bed. And there is a 4-bedded bunkroom with spacious en-suite facilities allowing transfer space to WC, shower and beds. This shower and toilet room has support rails, a low level basin with lever taps, a showering-stool and a toilet-raiser fitted. Emergency contact system in place.
- Fixed carpet in both bedrooms.

### **Bedrooms First Floor**

- One flight of stairs. Handrails are fitted on one side (right).
- Two 4-bedded bunkrooms with en-suite facilities (toilet and shower).
- Two 2-bedded bunkrooms, three 4-bedded bunkrooms and one 6-bedded bunkroom.
- All rooms have a sink and a chair.
- Individual lights fitted adjacent to bed.
- Toilets and showers are situated in the same corridor.
- Fixed carpet in all bedrooms and corridor.

### **Additional Information**

- Emergency night staff on duty.
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms fitted. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or any emergency requiring evacuation.
- Disability awareness courses as part of the welcome Host scheme are undertaken by all our staff
- No smoking or pets (assistance dogs welcome).
- On arrival a familiarization tour can be arranged by the staff

- Mobile phone reception is poor within immediate vicinity (payphone for outgoing calls).

### **Contact Information**

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- Hours of operation: Reception open from 8am -10am and from 5pm - 10pm