

**YHA Langdon Beck**  
**ACCESS STATEMENT**

**Introduction**

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 30-bed hostel. The hostel is a, 2-storey building in a stunning location in Upper Teesdale at the heart of the North Pennines AONB. 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, (35m).
- Daily bus services to the hostel, (but buses are infrequent).
- 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 (30 yards from main entrance). No marked bays, but there is a dropping-off point at the top of the drive 10 yards from main entrance. Please note use of this parking bay requires reversing down the drive which some people find difficult.
- Please try to provide advance notice if assistance will be needed to move to and from cars.
- Even surface & concrete path leading from car park to main entrance.

**Main Entrance & Reception**

- Ramp with handrail up to main entrance.
- Induction loop available at Reception.
- Seating is available in the Reception hallway.
- Payphone available with adjacent seating.
- Emergency bell to contact 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 quarry tiles (reception), carpet, or timber.

### **Public Areas – WCs**

- 2 Unisex WCs close to Reception but neither currently meets DDA standards for wheelchair users.

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

- Level floor on Ground Floor to lounge/dining room
- Dining Room tables are movable. No dining chairs with armrests but a number of armchairs in lounge area
- Table service is available in Dining Room if requested in advance at Reception.

### **Self-catering kitchen**

- Self-catering kitchen on ground floor with level access.
- 2 catering size sinks, with drainers
- Microwave, 2 kettles, toaster, fridge.
- 2 standard gas domestic cookers, with ovens hobs and grills

### **Laundry & drying facilities**

- Level floor to fully equipped ground floor drying room with washer and dryer.

### **Meeting rooms**

- N/A, although lounge/dining room serves this purpose

### **Bedrooms – Ground Floor**

- One 5- bed en suite room
- One 2-bed room with sink

### **Bedrooms – First Floor**

- Staircase to 1<sup>st</sup> Floor has 15 steps, with small turning areas after the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> steps. Handrails are fitted on one side (right hand side when going upstairs). No lift.
- One 2-bedded room, with sink and bunk lights.
- One 3 bedded room with sink and bunk lights
- Three 4-bedded rooms, with sink and bunk lights.
- One 7-bedded rooms, with sink.

### **Washrooms – Ground Floor**

- Two unisex toilets with sinks, and two unisex showers (each with one step)

### **Washrooms – First Floor**

- Two unisex toilets with sinks, and two unisex showers (each with one high)

### **Grounds & gardens**

- Small level lawn area with stone flagged patio area with outdoor seating. (This is the designated smoking area)
- Cycle shed is by the 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
- 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 each bedroom on back of door.
- There is no mobile phone reception in the area.
- OS 98 GR 901 629

### **Contact information**

- Address: YHA Langdon Beck, Forest in Teesdale, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham, DL12 0XN OS map OL31 860 305
- Telephone: 0870 770 5910
- E-mail: [langdonbeck@yha.org.uk](mailto:langdonbeck@yha.org.uk)
- Hours of operation: Reception open from 7 am to 10 am and from 5 pm to 11 pm.
- Arriva bus 75/76 from Darlington, change at Barnard Castle

**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.**