

YHA Once Brewed

ACCESS STATEMENT

Introduction

Once Brewed Youth Hostel is a purpose built 2-storey building in the heart of Northumberland National Park. The most spectacular sections of Hadrian's Wall are just a stone's throw away and it's an easy walk to the Vindolanda and Housesteads forts. We have 77 beds and suit any type of customer. We provide a full catering service in our dining room, cater for allergies and special dietary needs (please give notice in advance) and are fully licensed. The following statement is a summary of our provision, please call us if you have any specific questions and we'll try our best to answer them.

Pre-Arrival

- You can contact the hostel by phone, fax or email (details below).
- The hostel's details can be seen on the website: www.yha.org.yk
- We're not far of the A69, if you travel by car and follow signs for Once Brewed and/or national park visitor centre, you can't miss us.
- Bus and train links to Haltwhistle (4 miles) and Bardon Mill (3.1 miles) from Newcastle, Carlisle and Hexham (all seasonally variable). Hadrian's Wall Bus (A122) runs and stops the width of the wall seasonally (check before departure), bus stop at hostel gate.
- Once Brewed is on the NCR Pennine Cycle Way and NCR 72 Hadrian's wall cycle way.
- Hadrian's Wall Path National Trail is 0.4 miles away, you can see the hostel at Steel Rigg.
- Several local taxi services available.
- Several local luggage carrier companies available, contact hostel for details.

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- Walled and gated hostel car park with plenty spaces 50 metres from hostel entrance.
- Way from car park to hostel well lit with some uneven surfaces.

Main Entrance & Reception

- Ramp leading to main entrance.
- Glass doors, double opening possibility, with security code keypad to open.
- Induction loop at reception.
- Seating available in reception hallway.
- Payphone available with adjacent seating.
- Emergency phone to contact 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 Flotex, carpet, tiles with non-slip covering

Public Areas – WCs

- 1 Unisex WC with own sink close to reception that currently doesn't meet DDA standards for wheelchair users.

Public Areas – Dining Room, Games Room & Lounge

- Level floor on ground floor to all areas.
- Part of the dining room tables are movable, chairs without armrests.
- Table service available in dining room if requested in advance at reception.

Self-catering kitchen

- Located on ground floor level.
- 2 Sinks, 2 microwaves, 2 gas hobs with grills, 1 standard domestic cooker with oven and grill, 2 kettles and 2 toasters and 2 fridges with freezer compartments.

Laundry & drying facilities

- Located on first floor.
- Fully equipped with washer and dryer (both operated with tokens purchased from reception) and drying racks.
- Heater and dehumidifier present for optimal drying conditions.

Bedrooms – Ground Floor

- Two 4-bedded, two 6-bedded and one 8-bedded room with sinks and side lights on ground floor.
- Five 4-bedded rooms with sinks and sidelights on ground floor level, but with two steps down to corridor.

Bedrooms – First Floor

- Two staircases leading to 1st floor, one has three flights (six steps, three steps, six steps) and the second has 15 steps. Handrails are fitted on one side. No lifts in building.
- Three 4-bedded rooms, with sink and side light.
- One 5-bedded room with sink and side light.
- Two 6-bedded rooms with sink and side lights.

Washrooms – Ground Floor

- Unisex washroom with shower, toilet and sink.
- Female washroom with two showers with high step, 3 toilets, 4 sinks and a boot sink.
- One unisex shower room.

Washrooms – First Floor

- Two unisex shower rooms.
- One male washroom with two showers, 4 toilets and 4 sinks and a boot sink.

Grounds & gardens

- Gardens (approx 0.25 acre) in courtyard style.
- Grassed area, several paved areas with 3 picnic tables and outdoor game.
- Site is fundamentally level.
- Cycle shed is in an out-building, 10 metres from main entrance.

Additional information

- No pets or dogs (but service dogs are welcome).
- No smoking.
- A member of staff is always available on site, including at night (access via emergency bell 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 each bedroom on back of door.
- Security system fitted in hostel reception and office areas and signs around hostel premises warning about this.
- OS NY 750668

Contact information

- Address: Once Brewed YHA, Military Road, Bardon Mill, Northumberland, NE47 7AN
- Telephone: 01434 344360
- Fax: 01434 344045
- E-mail: oncebrewed@yha.org.uk
- Hours of operation: Reception open from 8 am to 10 am and from 2 pm to 10 pm.
- Hadrian's Wall Information Line: Tel 01434 322002
- Northumberland National Park Information Centre, Once Brewed: Tel 01434 344396

Future plans

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

We welcome your feedback to help us to continue making improvements. If you have any comments, please phone 01434 344360 or e-mail oncebrewed@yha.org.uk