

# **Access Statement For Puttenham Barn Bunkhouse**

## **Introduction**

Puttenham Barn Bunkhouse is part of a Grade 2 listed building in a picturesque Surrey village on the North Downs Way and Sustrans National Cycle Route 22. We provide simple eco-friendly accommodation for walkers, cyclists, riders and others. There is no motorised access except for people with disabilities.

You also need to read our advance information sheets, available on the bookings page of our website [www.puttenhambarn.uk](http://www.puttenhambarn.uk).

## **Pre-Arrival**

- You can see what the Barn is like on our website and an advance information pack is normally sent to all those who book. This access statement is intended to help you decide whether you would be happy to stay in the Barn.

## **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

- The Barn is open from 5pm, and visitors are expected to leave by 10am the following morning.
- There is a lockable cycle shed capable of accomodating at least 11 bicycles, including tandems and a tricycle.
- There is no motorised access to the Barn, even for unloading, except for disabled visitors. This is a legal obligation.
- The entrance to the Barn is 20m from the disabled parking space across gravel.
- If arriving by car you can park at the Marwick Hall in School Lane. This is about 5 minutes walk from the Barn.
- The entrance to the Barn is down the drive opposite the Norman church. There are fingerposts showing the way. The Barn is in the courtyard facing north - ie away from the road. The entrance to the Barn is down a rough drive and across a gravel courtyard.

## **Main Entrance & Reception**

- The entrance is in the North Porch, up a flight of 6 steps of grooved wood leading to a decking platform 2m x 2.9m. These wooden areas can be slippery in wet or frosty conditions. There is a 1m high handrail up the stairs and around the decking.
- The front door is 1m wide and leads into the office and warden's sleeping area where there is a separate room with a toilet and handbasin.
- The office contains desks, storage, hot water tank and warden's sofa bed. It is generally only used for registration and is the only area of the barn that does not have ground floor access.
- A payphone is available - the mobile phone signal is very weak in the Barn.

### **Public Areas - General (Internal)**

- The kitchen and dining room is the main public area with a large table around which people gather. There is also a sofa for more comfortable sitting. It has ground level access from the courtyard up a short ramp which might require some assistance.
- An electric heater is available.
- There are displays of leaflets of local interest, books, maps etc, and 1:25,000 Explorer maps on the wall.
- OS maps may be borrowed by visitors.

### **Public Areas - WC**

- There is a toilet and hand-basin in the small room off the warden's office. The office is up a flight of 5 internal stairs with a 1m high handrail from the kitchen/dining area.

### **Restaurants and Bars**

- The only catering businesses in the village are 2 pubs - the 'Good Intent' and the 'Jolly Farmer' - both of which normally serve meals. Both are within 5 minutes walk.

### **Laundry**

- A spin dryer is available in the kitchen.
- There is a line for drying wet outdoor clothes in the cycle shed, and a line for teatowels in the kitchen.

### **Shop**

- The kitchen has a few basics such as salt and pepper. The Barn has a limited number of food and non-food provisions for sale.
- There are no shops in the village; the nearest shop is at Shackleford about 3km (2 miles) away and which is open mornings only.

### **Urgent medical help**

- The nearest accident and emergency centre is the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford.

### **Leisure Facilities**

- The nearby Hogs Back forms part of the North Downs area of outstanding natural beauty. There is a public outdoor childrens' play area near the village school.

### **Outdoor Facilities**

- There is a lockable cycle shed at the other side of the courtyard to the Barn. This was designed by cyclists to accommodate bicycles, tandems and at least one tricycle.
- The Barn gives access to a wonderful swathe of open country with a vast network of footpaths, bridleways and quiet lanes.
- The Barn is situated on the North Downs Way and Sustrans National Cycle Route 22.

### **Communal Sleeping Area**

- There are three sleeping areas, two with bunk beds and the third with a sleeping platform. This platform has firm mattresses, and an extra camping mattress may be required.
- The sleeping area is not heated.
- The access to the sleeping area is level with double doors each just over 1 m wide. Access is from the courtyard and the sleeping area is about 13m from the kitchen through the gravelled courtyard. There is a short gravelled slope with a gradient of about 1:7 between the two areas.
- The sleeping area can accommodate 11 people comfortably. It has 2 dividing screens, one a clad wooden wall and one removable plywood screen. The three bays measure 2m x 3m, 2m x 2.9m and 2m x 3.1m.
- Visitors normally bring their own sleeping bags but sleeping bags with freshly laundered liners can be hired for a small amount per stay.
- There are 6 small lockers with keys for storing valuables and 4 hanging hooks.

### **Shower-room, WC and Basin**

- There is a level access wet room off the sleeping area measuring 2.2m x 2.2m.
- There is a toilet, 48cm high, with fold down rails at 69cm high if needed.
- There is a hand basin; soap is supplied. Bring your own towel.
- The shower is part of the wet room and drains to the corner of the room. It has a curtain surround and 2 handrails.
- There is an emergency alarm system in the wet room.
- The toilet uses water from the rainwater harvesting system.

### **Self-Catering Kitchen**

- The large kitchen and dining area is accessed from the courtyard up a slight ramp through a stable-type door 81cm wide.  
Just inside the door is a lower work surface that is suitable for use by someone in a wheelchair.
- There are 2 ceramic hobs and a microwave/combination oven.
- There are many cooking implements, saucepans, cutlery, crockery, etc.
- There are 2 kettles and 2 toasters.
- There is a large table, 13 chairs and 1 stool.
- There are 2 large stainless steel sinks and drainers, with plenty of hot water from our solar panels.
- Environmentally friendly washing up liquid is provided.
- Teacloths are provided.

### **Attractions (Displays, exhibits, rides etc.)**

- The area has many interesting places to visit with the Watts Chapel in Compton and the Manor Farm Craft Centre at Seale within easy walking distance along the North Downs Way.

### **Grounds and Gardens**

- Visitors may use the courtyard area outside the kitchen. The area linked to the Barn is defined by rustic fencing and there is some outdoor seating in the courtyard.
- We have neighbours in and around the courtyard and we need to respect their privacy.
- The Barn has an area planted with wild flowers, and several large tubs of flowers.

### **Additional Information**

- No smoking or naked flames are permitted in the Barn or its grounds.
- The Barn is closed from the end of October to Easter and then open at weekends. It has a fully open period in high summer which includes all of August. For detailed opening dates, see the bookings page on our website.
- Even when it is open for overnight visitors, the Barn is closed from 10 am to 5 pm during the day.

### **Contact Information**

- Address: Puttenham Barn Bunkhouse, The Street, Puttenham, Surrey, GU3 1AR, UK
- Barn payphone 01483 811001
- Minicom: Not available
- Email: [bookings@puttenhambarn.uk](mailto:bookings@puttenhambarn.uk)
- Website: [www.puttenhambarn.uk](http://www.puttenhambarn.uk)
- Grid reference: SU 933 479
- Hours of operation: Advance booking is essential – please see our website for up to date details. We may be able to accommodate visitors at other times – please enquire.
- Local public transport numbers: see the bookings page on our website

### **Future Plans**

- We are hoping to install a second shower.

**We welcome your comments – we have a visitor's book at the Barn.**

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