

# The Rock Tavern Access Statement



The Rock Tavern welcomes any comments or suggestions for additional information to be included in our access statement.

## Location

- The Rock Tavern is a country Inn and restaurant with bed and breakfast facilities.
- The Rock Tavern is situated in the town of Blackwood, in the County Borough of Caerphilly.

## Parking

- There is a private parking area available at the rear of the premises.
- There is ample space for a number of cars and there is one designated parking bay for disabled guests.
- The designated space is approximately 5 metres from the rear entrance and is marked out with yellow floor markings.
- The car park consists of concrete and is on a slight incline.
- External lighting is available.
- There is also room to 'drop off' outside the front main entrance.

## Main Entrance (Front)

- From the main road there is a dropped down kerb, there is space to be dropped off here.
- There is a level and even concrete slab area around the main entrance which can be accessed via steps or sloped access.
- The steps measure 110mm high and 140mm high consecutively with no handrails or highlighted nosing. The slope is very gradual with no handrails.
- The main entrance door contrasts in colour to surroundings and is under shelter.
- The door handle is a large bar; it is set at 1230mm high.
- There is a visually contrasting door bell set at 1700mm high.
- The main entrance door has a clear opening width of 860mm wide. The door is a manual door but staff are available for assistance if required.
- There is a chamfered threshold of approximately 20mm high.
  
- The front main entrance leads into an entrance/porch area.
- The area is level throughout and flooring consists of carpet.
- Lighting is available in this area.
- The front entrance/porch area leads directly into the bar's snug area or into the lounge area and to the upstairs accommodation.

## Main Entrance (Back)

- From the parking area there is a step up onto a decking area. The step up is 190mm high with no nosing or handrail.
- The decking area is level and even and has seating available with firm back support and arms.
- There are barriers around the sides of the decking area and shelter is available.
- External lighting is available.
- There is a contrasting door bell set at 1400mm high.
- The main entrance door contrasts in colour to surroundings. It is a manual door with upper glass viewing panels.
- The handle is a contrasting level action handle set at 960mm high.
- The main entrance door has a clear opening of 780mm wide and there is no threshold.
  
- This rear entrance leads into a large hallway which has the gentlemen's toilets leading off it and leads directly into the bar area.
- The hallway is spacious and unobstructed with a level carpet surface and adequate lighting.

## Lounge, 'Snug' and Bar area

- The area is all open plan once inside, however it is on a number of split levels. Inside can be divided into three main areas, the lounge area, the 'snug' area and the bar area.

## Lounge area

- From the front main entrance, the lounge can be accessed via level transition through a doorway of 670mm wide.
- The lounge can also be accessed from the rear entrance through the bar area and via a doorway of 830mm wide.
- The lounge area is split level with a step up onto the upper dining area of 180-190mm high. There is no handrail and step nosing is not highlighted.
- Flooring consists of carpet throughout.
- Manoeuvrability is fair and all furniture is unfixed and therefore could be moved/ removed if required.
- Colour contrasting is fair between flooring, walls and furniture and there is no overuse of patterns or reflective surfaces.
- Lighting is adequate with additional lamps available.
- Chairs with firm back support and arms and tables with corner positioned legs are available.
- There are no TV facilities or games facilities available in this area.
- Table service is provided for dining.

## 'Snug' area

- From the front main entrance, the 'Snug' seating area can be accessed via a doorway of 670mm wide and a threshold of approximately 20mm high.
- The 'Snug' can also be accessed from the rear entrance through the bar area and via a doorway of 830mm wide and some steps.
- From the upper bar area there is a step down of 180mm high to the lower bar area and then a further 2 steps of 150mm high and 190mm high from the lower bar area up to the 'snug' area.
- Step nosings are highlighted in a contrasting colour but there are no handrails.
  
- Flooring in the 'snug' area consists of wood and tiles.
- Manoeuvrability is fair and all furniture is unfixed and therefore could be moved/ removed if required.
- Colour contrasting is fair between flooring walls and furniture and there is no overuse of patterns or reflective surfaces.
- Lighting is adequate with additional lamps available.
- Chairs with firm back support and arms are available.
- There are no TV facilities or games facilities available in this area.
- The bar can be accessed from this side with the bar height situated at 960mm high. Table service can also be provided.

## Bar area

- From the front main entrance the bar can be accessed via the lounge area (level transition from the lower lounge area) or from the 'snug' area via steps. See the lounge and snug details for doorways and step measurements.
  
- From the rear entrance, there is level transition from the entry hallway directly into the upper bar area via a doorway of 830mm wide.
  
- The floor surface consists of carpet and tiles.
- The bar area is split level with a step down of 180mm high from the upper bar area to the lower seating area.
- Manoeuvrability is fair and all furniture is unfixed so can be moved to create more space if required.
- Chairs with firm back support and arms are available and some tables have corner positioned legs.
- Lighting is adequate with some areas more illuminated than others.
- The bar is 1030mm high, it is not split level but table service can be provided.
- Table service is provided for dining.
- There are TV facilities with teletext/subtitles available in the lower seating area.

## Toilets

Unfortunately, there are no adapted accessible toilet facilities available at present. Please see below for details on the male and female toilet facilities available.

### Gentlemen's toilets

- From the bar area and rear entrance there is level transition into the men's toilets
- There are 2 internal doors into the toilets, both doors swing inward and have a clear opening of 780mm and 710mm wide consecutively.
- The area is level and even throughout and the surface consists of plain non-slip flooring.
- Lighting is adequate.
- The outer area consists of the urinals and a hand basin.
- The hand basin is 810mm high and consists of a basin with legs and has twist action taps.
- There is an automatic hand dryer.
- There is level access to the urinals but there are no grab rails available.
- Manoeuvrability in the outer area is fair but space is limited within the toilet cubicle.
- The cubicle door swings inwards and has a clear opening of 650mm wide.
- The cubicle door has a latch handle and bolt lock set at 1070mm high.
- The toilet is approximately 400mm high with a lever action flush and the toilet roll is within reach.
- There are no grab rails in the toilet.

### Ladies' toilets

- From the upper bar area there is level transition into the ladies' toilets.
- There are 2 doors into the toilets, both doors swing inward and have a clear opening of 740mm and 710mm wide consecutively. The doorways are fairly low at approximately 6 ft.
- The area is level and even throughout and flooring consists of tiles.
- Lighting is adequate.
- Manoeuvrability in the outer area is good and encompasses the hand basin and hand dryer.
- The hand basin is 850mm high and consists of a basin with legs and has a lever action mixer tap.
- There is an automatic hand dryer available.
- There are 2 cubicles, the doors swing outwards.
- The cubicle handles are bar handles set at approximately 1260mm high.
- Space within the cubicles is limited.
- There is a slight colour contrasting between the suite and walls.

- The toilets are approximately 440-450mm high with contrasting lever action flush and toilet roll is within reach.
- There are no grab rails in this toilet.

## Accommodation

The Rock Tavern offers bed and breakfast accommodation, situated on the first floor, above the bar and restaurant. Accommodation consists of 3 en-suite rooms and 2 rooms with private bathroom facilities. All accommodation is situated on the first floor via a flight of steps only and there are additional steps on the landing areas. For the purpose of this access statement 2 of the en-suite rooms accessed via the least amount of steps have been outlined, for information on any of the other rooms please contact us directly.

### Stairs

- From the ground floor there are two sets of stairs leading up to the bedrooms.
- The flight of stairs at the front entrance consists of 10 steps, measuring 900mm wide, 230mm deep and 240mm high. The step nosings are not highlighted and there is a wooden handrail on both sides.
- The flight of stairs towards the back entrance consists of 13 steps measuring 780mm wide, 240mm deep and 200mm high. The step nosing's are not highlighted and there is a wooden handrail on the left hand side (ascending).

### The Duck Egg room (double en-suite)

- From the landing area there is level transition into the bedroom.
- The internal door has a clear opening of 720mm wide.
- The handle is lever action and Yale style lock and key. Door furniture contrasts in colour to the door and set at 1000-1330mm high.
- Colour contrasting is fair in this room between flooring, walls and furniture.
- Flooring consists of laminated wood and is level throughout.
- Lighting is adequate with additional lamps provided.
- Light switches are set at 1400mm high and sockets are set at 500mm high.
- The bed is approximately 600mm high.
- Storage is available at a higher height only (wardrobe).
- Wardrobes are fixed but most other furniture is moveable.
- Furniture handles are visually contrasting but not ideal in terms of their style for gripping.
- There is a chair with firm back support and arms provided.

## **En-suite**

- The door into the bathroom swings outward with a clear opening of 640mm.
- The door handle is lever action, set at 1000mm high and contrasts well in colour against the door.
- There is a slight contrast in colour between the suite and surroundings.
- Flooring consists of laminated wood and is level throughout.
- Lighting is adequate.
- The toilet is 410mm high. There is no adjuster available.
- The flush consists of contrasting push button.
- The sink consists of a hand basin and pedestal and is set at 810mm high. The sink has twist action taps.
- The shaving socket is located by the sink; it is contrasting in colour and is set at 1540mm high.
- The shower tray is 300mm high and the shower doors give a clear opening width of 500mm.
- The shower controls are set at 1500-1650mm high and are twist action.
- The shower head is height adjustable and removable.
- There are no bath facilities in this particular room, however, bath facilities are available in other rooms, please call to discuss further.

## **The Red room (double en-suite)**

- From the landing area there is level transition into the bedroom.
- The internal door has a clear opening of 720mm wide.
- The handle is lever action and Yale style lock and key. Door furniture contrasts in colour to the door and set at 1000-1600mm high.
- Colour contrasting is fair in this room between flooring, walls and furniture.
- Flooring consists of carpet and is level throughout.
- Lighting is adequate with additional lamps provided.
- Light switches are set at 1400mm high and sockets are 400mm high.
- The bed is approximately 650mm high.
- Storage is available at higher heights only (wardrobe).
- Wardrobes are fixed but most other furniture is moveable.
- Furniture handles are visually contrasting but not ideal in terms of their style for gripping.
- There is a chair with firm back support and arms provided.

## **En-suite**

- The door into the bathroom swings inward with a clear opening of 650mm.
- The door handle is lever action, set at 1000mm high and contrasts well in colour against the door.
- The bathroom is predominantly white.
- Flooring consists of carpet and is level throughout.

- Lighting is adequate with the pull cord at 1470mm high.
- The toilet is 430mm high. There is no adjuster available.
- The flush consists of a contrasting lever.
- The sink consists of a hand basin and pedestal and is set at 780mm high. The sink has twist action taps.
- The bath height is 550mm and the bath taps are twist action.
- The shower facilities are situated over the bath.
- The shower controls are set at 1600mm high and are twist action.
- The shower head is height adjustable and removable.
- There is a chair with firm back support and arms.

### Breakfast room (first floor)

- From the landing there is level transition into the room.
- The door has a clear opening of 720mm wide with a contrasting lever handle.
- Flooring consists of carpet and is level throughout.
- Lighting is adequate.
- Chairs have firm back support but no arms.
- There is one large table with corner positioned legs.
- Table service is provided.

### Other information

- Assistance with luggage can be provided.
- Checking in/out times can be flexible with prior notice, please discuss at booking process.
- Special dietary requirements can be catered for with appropriate notice (at booking).
- Fire alarms are audible only, however owners do recognise that some people may have specific requirements and advise guests to discuss this at the earliest convenience to ensure that mutually satisfactory procedures are put in place in the event of an emergency.
- Any reasonable requests for any additional equipment etc can be discussed / arranged at booking.

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