



YHA Beverley Friary – Access Statement

Introduction

If you're looking for accommodation with a difference in Yorkshire, then YHA Beverley Friary is the ideal place. The 600 year old restored Dominican friary has maintained many historical features and is set in a large walled garden giving you a truly peaceful break. The hostel is located in the charming and historic town of Beverley, close to the east Yorkshire coast.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 32 bed hostel; within a 2-storey building. We have ground floor en-suite rooms available, but none currently meets modern standards of accessibility.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01629 592700 or [email Customer Services](mailto:Customer Services). You can also take a virtual tour of our hostel at www.yha.org.uk/hostel/beverley-friary.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Beverley which is within 500 metres of the hostel.
- The nearest bus stop is also within 500 metres of the hostel. There are daily bus services which run to this stop.
- A local taxi company can provide accessible taxis when booked in advance. Please see the contact information section for more details.
- The lane approaching the hostel is narrow but level with a pavement to one side. There is street lighting along the route from the town.
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website www.yha.org.uk; please scroll down to the Maps and Directions section to view a map and transport options.
- You can contact the hostel by phone or e-mail (please see contact information).

Car Parking and Arrival

We have parking on site for up to 8 cars. There are no marked bays but we would be happy to reserve a space close to the entrance if required. The car park is gravel and is mostly level.

From here to the front door there is a sloping paved path onto a paved patio. There is no handrail down the slope. The car park and main entrance are well-lit.

If you let us know what time you are coming we will do our best to provide assistance moving to and from cars.

Main Entrance and Reception

Entrance to the hostel is via a wide, manual wooden door which opens inwards. There is a level threshold through to the entry hall. The flooring here is brick and it is well-lit.

The reception is in the hallway. Space is very limited here, but there is seating available in the dining room just a few metres away up a very small ramp. There is an emergency bell on the reception doorframe to call a member of staff at night.

There is an induction loop available on request and if the reception counter is too high we can provide a clipboard to write on.

Public Areas

Halls, Corridors and Stairs

There is good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways throughout the building. All public areas, halls, stairs and landings are well lit using a combination of ceiling and wall lights.

The ground floor corridors have brick or carpet flooring. The Corridors on the first floor have bare wooden floorboards. The ground floor is mostly level, but due to the age of the building there are some steps between rooms both here and on the first floor.

There is no lift at YHA Beverley Friary. Access to the upper floors is by stairs; both staircases are quite steep, wooden and have a handrail on one side.

Public WCs

There are two unisex WCs next to the main staircase. There is a small ramp up from the dining room into the corridor here. They have level thresholds, are well-lit and have non-slip flooring. They are not accessible to modern standards.

Lounge

The lounge is located on the first floor. From the staircase there are another three steps up through a single leaf door. The floor is polished wood and the room is evenly lit with ceiling and wall lights.

Sofas and armchairs are available alongside low coffee tables. The chairs and tables can be moved; please ask if you require assistance.

Self-Catering Kitchen

YHA Beverley Friary is self-catering only. The self-catering kitchen is located on the ground floor and has level access from the ground floor bedrooms. From reception there is a short ramp up through an open doorway.

This is an open plan space including the dining room and it is level throughout with brick flooring. It is well-lit with ceiling lights. The sinks are fitted with lever taps.

Dining Room

The dining room is located on the ground floor. Access, flooring and lighting are as described above.

Tables and straight backed chairs are available here. The furniture is moveable, please ask at reception and we will be happy to assist.

Laundry and Drying Facilities

The laundry room is annexed off the cycle shed with access through a door on the right. The room is well-lit. In the laundry room there are drying facilities, a washing machine, an iron and an ironing board.

There is a clothes stand for wet clothing and boots with hangers provided for garments.

Conference Rooms

Our Great Hall provides a unique space for meetings. This is on the first floor and there is a further step up from the top of the stairs. The flooring is polished wood and the room is well-lit with ceiling lights.

The exhibition space on the ground floor is smaller. There are two steps to reach it from the corridor. The floor from the steps is level and surfaced with red brick on the walkway and carpet in the rest of the room. There are tables and straight backed chairs without armrests available here. Even lighting illuminates the room and its displays.

We can provide chairs and tables in a variety of seating arrangements.

Bedrooms and Bathrooms

Most rooms without en-suite have a washbasin. Unless otherwise stated, all bedrooms have bunk beds. All bedrooms are carpeted and well-lit with ceiling and individual bunk lights. All bedding is provided.

All of the bathrooms have fluorescent lighting and non-slip flooring. The standard showers have a step up to enter.

Ground Floor

- One 5-bedded room (double with single over and a bunk)
- One 6-bedded room
- One 4-bedded en-suite room
- One 6-bedded en-suite room (there are 2 steps to reach this room)
- Two showers
- Two WCs

First Floor

There is a steep staircase of 15 steps up to this floor, with a handrail on one side.

- One 8-bedded room. This room has a further 5 steps up to enter.
- One 3-bedded en-suite room (double with a single over)
- Two showers
- Two WCs

Grounds and Garden

We have approximately an acre of grounds, which can be sloped in places. They are mainly laid to lawn and paths of paving stones run through them. These can be uneven in some spots and slippery when wet. External lighting comes on automatically at dusk, illuminating paths through the grounds

Cycle Shed

Our cycle shed is 50 metres from main entrance, connected by a path of paving stones which is uneven and sloped in places.

Additional Information

- We do not permit pets, but assistance dogs are very welcome.
- We do not permit smoking anywhere in the hostel.
- A member of staff is always available on site, including at night (access via emergency phone at Reception).
- Braille signs are fitted on room doors and corridor doors.
- Emergency lighting and fire alarms fitted. We ensure that all guests are evacuated in the event of fire or any emergency requiring evacuation. Arrangements for guests needing assistance to evacuate in case of fire should be discussed beforehand.

- Evacuation procedures are displayed in each bedroom.
- Mobile phone reception in the hostel is quite good.
- Wi-Fi is not currently available at this hostel.

Contact Information

- Address: Friar's Lane, Beverley, East Yorkshire, HU17 0DF
- Telephone: 0345 371 9004
- Email: beverleyfriary@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey Map 107; Grid reference GR038393.
- Local buses: The X46 and X47 can be caught from Hull and York, and most of the buses are accessible. For the hostel get off at Beverley, Lord Robert's Road. For more information [see the Eyms website](#).
- Local taxi: Westholme - 01482 888999

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.