



## YHA St Davids - Access Statement

### Introduction

If you're looking for affordable accommodation with a difference in Pembrokeshire, then YHA St David's is the perfect hostel. The buildings, made from local stone and estimated to be over two hundred years old, are situated at the foot of Cairn Llidi half a mile from Whitesands bay and the Pembrokeshire coast path and two miles from the city of St. David's.

We aim to cater for the needs of all visitors in this 29-bed hostel; a multi-building property made up of three converted farm buildings - the Farmhouse (incorporating the self-contained Lodge) the Dairy and the Granary. There are ground floor rooms in the Dairy; however, none of our bedrooms or bathrooms 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 [customerservices@yha.org.uk](mailto:customerservices@yha.org.uk).

### Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail stations are Fishguard (17 miles) or Haverfordwest (19 miles).
- The nearest bus stop is 2.5 miles away. There are daily bus services which run to this stop.
- There is a local taxi company which may be able to provide accessible taxis when booked in advance. For more information please see the contact details section at the end of the document.
- There are various walking routes from the city to the hostel incorporating both road and way marked footpaths. The Pembrokeshire coast path from both the north and south links up with paths that lead directly to the hostel and we are a 15 minute walk from Whitesands bay. The approach to the hostel via the road is a single lane track which is uneven in places.
- The hostel's details can be seen on YHA's website [www.yha.org.uk](http://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

The car park is signposted on the right as you approach the hostel, and is approximately 50 metres from the main entrance. There are no marked accessible bays, but we would be happy to reserve a space for you if required. The car park is level and surfaced with

grass. There is currently no lighting in the car park at night, so please bring a torch if you are arriving after dark.

For safety reasons we do not permit parking in front of the farmhouse and accommodation buildings. However, guests can also be dropped off just outside the hostel entrance. If you let us know what time you are coming we will do our best to provide assistance moving to and from cars.

## The Farmhouse

### Main Entrance and Reception/Lounge

There are 2 small steps up to a single leaf door which opens inwards into the reception. There is good colour contrast to floor, walls and doorways. The floor is level and surfaced with quarry tile, and the room is well-lit.

The reception is also our lounge. There are coffee tables, armchairs, sofas and benches available here. All furniture can be moved; please just ask at reception if you require assistance.

## The Lodge

The lodge is a self-contained en-suite apartment which is a part of the Farmhouse building. There are three steps up through a single leaf door which opens inwards into the lounge.

### General

There is good colour contrast to floor, wall and doorways throughout. All of the facilities in the Lodge are on the ground floor. There is a step in the corridor to the bedroom.

### Lounge/Dining Room

The lounge/dining room is a cosy space with easy access into the small kitchen. The floor is level, apart from a small step up into the dining area. The floor surfaced with quarry tiles, and these are covered with a rug in the lounge. The room is well-lit with ceiling lights. The room is furnished with a sofa and armchair. There is also a dining table and bench seats without armrests.

### Kitchenette

There is a small kitchenette just off the lounge. The hob and sink are at a height of 900mm.

## Bedrooms and Bathrooms

From the lounge there is a single leaf door and then a step up into the bedroom. The bedroom sleeps 4 people in two sets of bunk beds. The bedroom is carpeted and well-lit with ceiling lights. All bedding is provided.

There are two doors with level thresholds from the lounge into the bathroom. It has fluorescent lighting and non-slip flooring. Please note that there is a bath in this bathroom, and no shower.

## The Dairy

### Entrance

The entrance to the Dairy is about 20 metres from the Farmhouse. There is a gravel courtyard followed by a paved path which slopes gently up to the entrance. To enter, there is a single leaf door which opens inwards, followed by a ramp up into the corridor.

### General

There is good colour contrast to floor, wall and doorways throughout and the bedrooms are clearly signed with raised slate room names. The flooring in the corridor is flag stones.

Most of the facilities in the Dairy are on the ground floor. There are a few steps in the corridor to some facilities.

### Self-Catering Kitchen

YHA St David's is self-catering only. The luxury, farmhouse self-catering kitchen has level access from the corridor via a single leaf door. The floor is surfaced with flagstones.

It is equipped with two ovens and two 4-burner gas hobs, two microwaves, two fridges, a freezer, toasters, cordless kettles, pans, crockery and cutlery. There are dining tables in the centre, as well as stools and benches without arm or back rests.

Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in high shelving units. We would be happy to move these to lower storage if required. The hobs and sinks are at a height of 950mm.

## Bedrooms and Bathrooms

None of the rooms is en-suite but some contain washbasins. All bedrooms have bunk beds, are carpeted and are 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. The washbasins are at a height of 820mm.

There is level access to:

- Five 2-bedded rooms
- Two 4-bedded rooms
- A washroom with WC and shower

There are then three stone steps down to:

- Two WCs and two showers.

## The Granary

From the farmhouse, the path to the Granary is very rough and uneven, but it is level.

## Ground Floor

### Self-Catering Kitchen

There is a level threshold through a single leaf door which opens outwards, taking you into the self-catering kitchen. The floor is level and surfaced with concrete and the room is well-lit.

Kitchen facilities include two 4-burner gas hobs, a fridge, a toaster, a cordless kettle, pans, crockery and cutlery. There is no freezer.

Crockery and some kitchen equipment are kept in low storage units.

### Dining Room

The dining room is located next to the kitchen. There is a clearly marked step down from the kitchen into this area. The floor is level from here and surfaced with lino, and the room is well-lit. There are dining tables, stools and chairs without armrests.

### Drying Facilities

The drying room is located next to the kitchen. There is a level threshold from outside through a single leaf door which opens outwards. This is a very small room; staff are happy to help with drying.

## First Floor

To reach the first floor there is a flight of 9 external stone steps with a handrail to one side.

### Bedrooms and Bathrooms

The bedroom contains three bunk beds and a single bed, is carpeted and is well-lit with ceiling lights. All bedding is provided.

The WC and shower have fluorescent lighting and non-slip flooring. The shower has a step up to enter. There is:

- One 7-bedded room
- One WC
- One shower

### Grounds and Garden

The ground around the hostel is made up of both sloping and flat areas; there is outdoor seating in front of the main building and the Granary.

### Cycle Shed

The cycle shed is located next to the car park and has level access. The shed is padlocked and the key can be requested at reception.

### 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 is good in and around the hostel.
- Wi-Fi is not available at this hostel.

### Contact Information

- Address: YHA St Davids, Llaethdy, Whitesands, St David's, Pembrokeshire, SA62 6PR.

- Telephone: 0845 3719141
- Email: stdavids@yha.org.uk
- Ordnance Survey Map 157; Grid reference SM739276.
- Hours of operation: Reception is open from 9am-10am and then from 5pm-9pm.
- Local buses: The 342 and 411 run from Haverfordwest to St David's City Hall. The 404 and 413 run from Fishguard to St David's City Hall. For more information please see the [Richards Bros website](#).
- Local taxi: Frank's - 07975775688.

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.