

ACCESS STATEMENT

Introduction

Samlesbury Hall's Hut Hamlet is located in the grounds of Samlesbury Hall, midway between Preston and Blackburn on the A677. The huts are self-contained units, with a living/ sleeping area and an en-suite shower room. The whole unit is 16ft long by 8ft deep. The Hamlet is located towards the back of the site, bordering BAE Systems.

You can view photographs of the Hamlet and the huts on our website:
www.samlesburyhall.co.uk/gallery/shepherds-huts .

Pre Arrival

For directions please refer to our website www.samlesburyhall.co.uk/contact.

If you are coming from the M6 you can follow the brown signs to Samlesbury Hall and the A677. We are located about a mile down.

The nearest rail stations are Preston (6.6 miles) and Blackburn (4.7 miles).

The number 59 Stagecoach bus passes the Hall and stops just outside. The buses are every 30 minutes, and every hour on Sunday.

Car Parking and Arrival

The Hall itself has 2 tarmac car parks located close to the Hamlet, and the Hamlet itself has allocated parking just a short walk (~50 metres) from the huts. The car parks are access from one of the two tarmacked drives servicing the Hall. Neither have dedicated footpaths, but they have a maximum 5mph speed limit for cars.

The roads and pathways in the Hamlet are lit by solar lighting, with the road having sensors that light up when movement is detected.

The Hamlet has pedestrian-only pathways that lead to each hut, but access to the hamlet itself is via a road shared with cars (5mph speed limit).

You will receive a lantern on arrival and a small torch on your keyring to help light your way if you wish to explore the grounds or sit outside.

There is also festoon lighting in each grove.

There are two steps into the huts, with each doorway being approximately 2 feet from the ground. The door is 30 inches wide.

Please ask if you require assistance with your luggage and we will be happy to help.

Public Areas – Check In

On arrival please report to the check in desk. This is located in the courtyard of the Hall next to Dottie's Wafflery, and is signposted. The courtyard is a mixture of tarmac and cobbles, and is a pedestrian-only area located next to the carpark.

Check in is a small porch on the ground floor, with a small ramp up the step. There is no handrail. Inside the floor is brick, with large windows and a small radiator.

Outside check in there is a key safe, which is used for guests who wish to arrive outside of check-in hours (2pm – 5pm). And a letterbox for guests to post the keys into should they wish to leave before the Hall opens at 9.00am.

Bedroom / Living area

The living area is 11ft by 8ft.

Facilities are: two standard sized doubles beds arranged as bunks, including shelves at the heads, accessed by a ladder attached to the beds. A small table you may take outside, along with two folding chairs. You have use of tea and coffee making facilities including a kettle.

The entrance to the studio is 30 inches

The top bunk is 5 ft above the floor, the bottom bunk is 1.5 ft above the floor.

The ladder is 22 inches wide.

The room is lit by a mains powered ceiling light, with switches located by the doorway. You also have access to a lantern.

The décor is white walls with wooden accents, and various coloured cushions, blankets, and roman blinds.

The roman blinds cover the windows (both bunks, en-suite, and door), and are operated by a secured chain.

The chairs and tables can be moved.

There is a small cupboard containing the boiler, which powers the gas central heating and hot water.

There is room for luggage storage beneath the bottom bunk, and also hooks behind the door.

The bedding is white cotton.

There is no telephone fitted, but most mobile networks receive good coverage.

There is an information folder in the hut – the information is also available in large print on request.

En-suite

The en-suite has a narrow doorway of 26 inches

The WC is 18 inches from the floor, and the pedestal sink is 33 inches from the floor. Taps are lift and swivel levers.

The shower is self-contained, with a lip of 8 inches.

There are no handrails or supports.

Lighting is supplied from a central mains overhead light, and the room is heated from a towel rail.

The room and fittings are white and chrome coloured, with wooden flooring.

White towels are supplied along with toiletries.

Grounds

The Hamlet has grounds available to wander, but the woodland is not maintained, and as such has natural hazards such as tree roots, animal holes, and brambles. The garden has some trees and bushes, but is mainly grassy areas.

Future Plans

The hamlet is constantly expanding, and we are in the process of adding huts to the site, with a total of 28 expected to be complete by May 2018.

We hope to include a dog-friendly hut in these, and a hut with a ramp and wider doorway for easier access.

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Local Taxi: A1 Taxis 01772 561616 – minibuses and accessible taxis available.