

REX OFFICIO ACCESS INFORMATION

OVERVIEW

Please note that whilst our address contains a Dorchester postcode, we are very much part of Purbeck on the western side nearer to the Lulworth Cove, Ringstead & Weymouth part of the Jurassic coastline rather than that of Swanage.

Rex Officio is a two-storey one-bedroom property built on two floors and attached to its sister property Ex Officio. Both have been well sound-proofed. Each floor is around 18ftx18ft and considered not to be suitable for persons in wheelchairs.

Downstairs, there are two doors to the outside each having a stepped lip – one at the front leading to a lawned area and minor C road and the other at the back leading from the parking area via a flat paved path and patio. Rex Officio is set within its own enclosed garden but is not dog-proof. It looks over a small riverlet to fields and hills at the rear and to the hamlet of East Chaldon at the front. There is no garage.

The large single lower floor is a combination of kitchen, dining and seating areas with stairs and cupboard underneath leading to the upstairs bedroom and shower room.

MAIN STATEMENT

Preparation:

We have our own website from which bookings and enquiries can be made via email, fax or phone. We can also be found on Independent Cottages. Full directions for finding the property are sent to guests at the time of confirmation after full payment.

As pointed out on our website, there is no shop or garage for fuel, but we do have a church and public house, Sailors Return. Public transport in the village itself is non-existent, but taxis are available from Wool Station: tel: 077 66 816 047 for Jonathan Gepheart.

Many of our guests pre-order food online for delivery between 4-6pm and we are happy to look out for whichever supermarket chain you use. Otherwise, we have a village shop in Winfrith Newburgh, a mile away. Heavier shopping can be done either in Dorchester, Wareham or Weymouth, all about eight miles away.

On Arrival:

Please arrive after 3pm and depart by 11am to allow for cleaning. We are, however, quite flexible if no other guests are leaving or arriving on the same day.

The entrance to Rex Officio is via a paved drive between the building and the neighbouring thatched cottage. Turn in and continue through to the right to park

at the end. For those wary of the riverlet bank when turning, exit can be made through the adjoining yard. The car park is flat but has been heavily stoned.

Keys are left either under a flowerpot near the rear door or in the door itself.

Garden:

The perimeter consists of picket fencing with a gap for access to the rear door. It is not dog-proof.

Entry Doors and Windows:

The rear door has a 77cm entrance with a small lip (height 16cm) leading straight into the property.

The door at the front also has a 77cm entrance with a small lip (height 20cm) and also leads straight into the property.

All windows open and can be locked with the key nearby.

General Facilities:

Rex does not have a telephone but we do have wi-fi facilities. Equally, mobile phone reception is difficult in the immediate area, Vodaphone being the best in the village and Orange for Lulworth Cove.

Heating and Water:

The central heating uses oil. The heating timer is situated upstairs on the wall near the immersion heater cupboard and is programmed for four times a day for heating and hot water. The central thermostat is on the wall downstairs near the front door. Each radiator has separate temperature controls. The cottage has recently been renovated and has been insulated to the highest standard so the cottage is warm and cosy.

Water is heated through the central heating but there is also an immersion heater which, if used, should be switch off as soon as possible or on departure.

The fuse box is situated in the downstairs cupboard, as are all the cleaning tools, ironing board and patio furniture.

Fire Precautions:

There is a mains operated smoke alarm (with battery back-up) in the bedroom upstairs and downstairs there is both a fire blanket by the back door and an extinguisher on the stair rail pillar by the cupboard under the stairs. A Carbon Monoxide detector has also been fitted to the side of the cupboard by the fridge.

DOWNSTAIRS

Once inside, the ground floor is completely flat and covered with flagstones and one rug in the seating area. To the left of the rear door are kitchen units, oven with hood, sink and drainer, washing machine with dryer and fridge with icebox only. There are instructions for all the white goods. A dining table with four chairs is sited in the corner by the front door and a seating area in the corner opposite the kitchen.

UPSTAIRS

After three steps, the stairs turn to the left and go straight upwards. There are 13 steps and measure 20cm high, 75cm wide and 25 cm deep. There is a handrail on the left hand side and at the top there is a door to the bedroom with 67cm access. Once at the top of the stairs, the first floor is all level. The stairs are carpeted as is the bedroom.

Once in the bedroom, to the immediate left is the door with 55cm access to the bathroom. It has a toilet, wash-hand basin and shower with a non-slip floor. The door to the shower is 67cm wide with a 10cm step into the tray

Windows: The bedroom has one conventional window, again lockable with the key in the handle. It also has a Velux window above the two single beds which can be opened to any degree. It has a black-out shade and is of the type used as an emergency exit.

There is a smaller Velux window in the bathroom.

There is no smoking inside the cottage but an ashtray is provided outside.

Contact Information

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