



This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

Covid Statement

We follow Scottish Government guidelines on best practice for Covid, as these are constantly evolving, our operating systems are too. We have signed up to the [Good to Go](#) Covid readiness scheme for the hospitality sector and follow best practice. Changes that we've made include limiting guest numbers, installing hand sanitisers throughout the building, moving to a purely self catering basis and adopting a Covid-specific, more intense cleaning regime.

We've moved to a self check-in and out system. To support the self catering arrangement, we now have 2 very well equipped guest kitchens with storage space, crockery, pans, fridge space etc allocated by room. We appreciate the additional planning challenges that the pandemic has brought to everybody and we're very happy to chat with you to help you to explore options and to plan your break.

Access Statement for Jessie Mac's, February 2021.

1. Introduction

Situated in the Victorian village of Birnam in rural Perthshire, this small hostel/self catering outfit is the perfect place to stay whether you are visiting for business or leisure. Based in the village of Birnam, we are just 5 minutes walk from the local train station, 2 minutes walk to the nearest bus stop or a 15 minute walk to the neighbouring and larger village of Dunkeld. We are located on a flat, main street with free on-street parking outside the building.

We offer 7 bedrooms, one of which is on the ground floor with private wheel chair access and en-suite shower.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please contact us:

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Landline 01350 727324
Email info@jessiemacs.co.uk.

2. Pre-Arrival

- For full details and maps of how to reach us please see the directions section of our website. Alternatively, you can plan your journey by car (<http://www.theaa.com/route-planner/index.jsp>) or public transport using (<http://www.traveline.info>) to get directions Our postcode is PH8 0BG. What 3 Words: [///wizard.duties.flipping](http://wizard.duties.flipping)
- The nearest railway station is Dunkeld and Birnam, which is 0.3 miles away (a 5-10 minute walk). Please note that this station has an unusually low platform

and therefore it is a big step to get on or off a train. You will also need to climb a flight of steps if arriving on the northbound platform (platform 2). If walking from the station you will need to descend a shallow set of steps before taking the lane towards Birnam village. There is no taxi rank at the station but you can book a taxi in advance by ringing Marion on 07725 346 643.

- The nearest bus stop is 200m from Jessie Mac's – ask the driver for the stop at Birnam Hotel. There are small shelters and seating. All buses can accommodate one wheelchair. The No. 23 Stagecoach bus runs to/from Birnam to Perth or Aberfeldy approximately hourly. The M90 Citylink bus stops at the same place - currently there are two northbound (to Inverness) and two southbound services (to Edinburgh / Glasgow via Perth connection) each day. (N.B. These services are operating at a reduced level during the Covid pandemic and are likely to change regularly during 2021. Please check with the service operators for latest details).
- The pavement on the street leading to Jessie Mac's is paved.
- This Access Statement is available in larger print on request.

3. **Car Parking and Arrival**

- There is free on-street parking on the main road outside the front of the property. There are no restrictions on parking there apart from in front of the Post Office which must be kept clear. There is a small kerb, although the area at the Post Office has a dropped kerb if you require to be dropped off there. The pavement is tarmac and fairly level. There is normal street lighting.
- There is one step to the foyer of the hostel. There is no handrail.
- There is a separate entrance door available direct into the ground floor bedroom. This has only a tiny step of a few millimetres and the Yale lock is approximately 1 meter off the ground to suit wheelchair users.



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- The front door is 860mm wide.
- Assistance can be given with luggage.



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4. **Welcome Area**

- Guests are welcomed in the hallway, which is level throughout. The flooring is carpet with 1 large rug. The area is evenly and well lit with overhead lighting.

Guests accessing the ground floor bedroom from here have one step of 160mm down into the bedroom (Lyon).

- Apart from the ground floor bedroom, all other facilities are up at least one flight of stairs. There is a bannister on one side (left when going up) for support. The whole house aside from bathroom and kitchen areas is carpeted with low pile carpet.

5. **Bedrooms**

- Ground floor - there is 1 bedroom with a double bed, and an optional pull out trundle single bed, with step free level access from the main street (or one step down from the entrance hall). The wardrobe in this room has a rail in it at a height suitable for wheelchair users. There are a number of plug sockets at a convenient height as well. An extra heater is available in this room to boost the temperature if necessary and a supply of blankets and hot water bottles are stored in the wardrobe.
- On the first floor there are two bunk rooms (one with two sets of bunks and one with one set of bunks) that are reached by stairs only.
- There are four bedrooms on the second floor. Two have double beds. One has a double bed and a set of bunk beds. One has a double bed, a single bed and a set of bunk beds.
- The door to the ground floor bedroom from the entrance hall is 770mm wide, the door direct from the street is 960mm wide
- The doors to the other six bedrooms are between 810 and 860mm wide.
- Furniture can be removed or rearranged in the ground floor room only.
- A trundle bed for use by an assistant/friend or other family member is available in the ground floor bedroom.
- The height of the ground floor double bed from the top of the mattress to the floor is 610mm.
- In the other bedrooms the heights of the double beds range from 600-650mm above the floor. The lower bunks are 450mm above the floor. A wooden ladder leads to the upper bunks which are not recommended for use by under seven year olds.
- Rooms are bright and evenly lit. Bedside lamps are also in each room.
- All of our bedrooms offer the following: Lighting as above, good colour contrast between the floor, walls and doors, short pile carpet, all bedding is non-feather, digital television with remote control, subtitles, and audio description facilities, ensuite facilities.

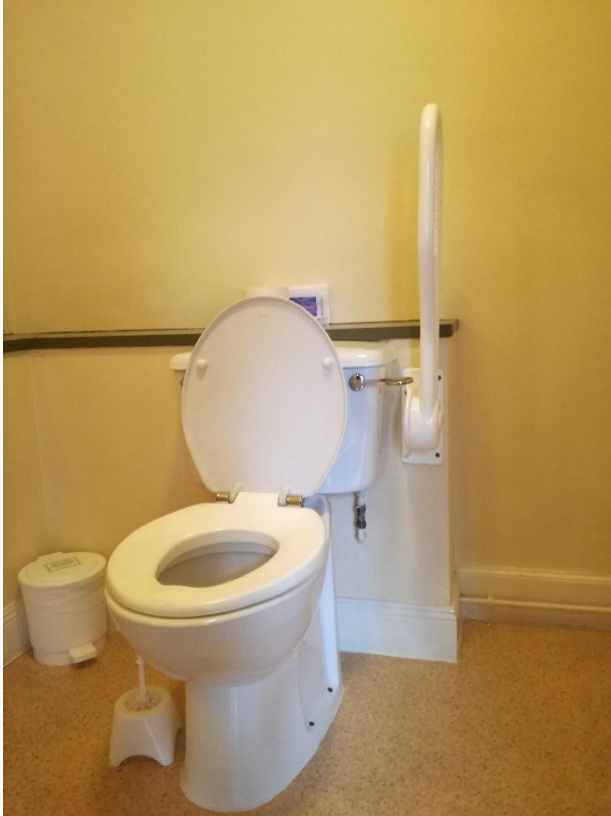
6. **Bathrooms, Shower-rooms & Toilets (Ensuite or Shared)**

- All rooms have en-suite bathrooms. The ground floor bedroom en-suite bathroom offers the following:

- Door opening to the bathroom is 800mm.
- A shower with seat and grab bars. There is a small step of 100mm into the shower.



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- The toilet height is 460mm.
- Seat raiser.



- - The wash basin height is 800mm.
 - Lever taps on the washbasin.
 - Grab rails, horizontal and vertical, around the shower.
 - Horizontal grab rail on one side of the toilet.
 - Well lit with overhead lights and a fluorescent light over mirror.
 - Good colour contrast between the doors, floor, walls and towels.
 - Non-slip laminate flooring.

 - The doors to the bathrooms in the other 6 bedrooms are 640-740mm wide. They have the same lighting. Some bathrooms have lino flooring, others have tiles. We are replacing tiles with lino as we refurbish the bathrooms. All of the rooms have a shower only, apart from one of the second floor family rooms which has a bath with a shower over. The step into the bath is 550mm. All bathrooms have good colour contrast as above.
7. **Public Areas - Halls, Stairs, Landings, Corridors**
- All public areas, halls, stairs, landing, are well lit using a combination of ceiling and wall lights.
 - There is short pile carpet on the stairs, hall and landing.
 - There is a flight of steps to the first floor (10 steps, left turn, 3 steps, left turn, 10 steps) with a handrail on one side (left when going up). There is a similar flight

of steps between the first and second floors. Each stair is 160mm high. A seat is available on the first floor landing.

8. **Public Areas - Lounge**

- The guest lounge, dining room and guest kitchen are all situated on the first floor.
- The door opening to the lounge is 900mm wide.
- The lounge has a mixture of seating with sofas and soft chairs as well as some high chairs with arms, together with two low coffee tables.
- Lighting is natural daylight and an overhead light as well as smaller lamps around the room
- The flooring is short pile carpet.

9. **Public Areas - Kitchen**

- Due to Covid restrictions, we are operating on a self catering only basis, however, we have 2 well equipped kitchens for guests to use.
- Both guest kitchens are situated on the first floor and are open to the guests between 6.45 am and 9.30 pm. Both are well lit and have non-slip lino floors. Larger kitchen - the door opening is 860mm wide and counter tops are at a height of 920 mm.



Smaller kitchen (below) - door opening is 750 mm wide and counter tops are at a height of 900mm.



10. **Public Areas - Dining Room**

- The dining room is situated on the first floor.
- The door opening to the dining room is 830mm wide and it is level throughout,
- Lighting is natural daylight and overhead lighting
- The flooring is short pile carpet.

11. **Garden**

- Although not available to guests as a garden, there is access to the courtyard at the rear of the house to the bike shed and drying room. Access from the house is via a set of steep and uneven external stone steps with a single handrail from the first floor. Caution should be exercised using these steps in wet or cold conditions as they may be slippery.

12. **Additional Information**

- We have a set of evacuation procedures – should you require it someone will come to your room and assist you with evacuation.
- Pets are welcome in most of the bedrooms and we can provide bedding / towels / food bowls etc if you have forgotten anything for your pet.
- We have tried to ensure door frames contrast in colour with surrounding walls.
- The nearest Shopmobility is located 14 miles away in Perth at Canal Street Car Park, 31 Canal Street, Perth, PH2 8LE. Telephone 01738 783960
- The nearest General Hospital with an A&E unit and walk-in NHS is 14 miles away (Perth Royal Infirmary) the nearest Doctor's surgery is 0.5 mile away and the nearest pharmacy 0.7 miles away in Dunkeld. Please let us know if you require further information about these.

- Free WiFi Internet access is available.
- We can offer a list of nearby attractions and suggested places to eat.
- There are a number of all ability access paths in our area. We are happy to help you to find a suitable route. The most challenging is the mountain, Schiehallion, which has been labelled as Scotland's first accessible Munro:
- http://www.phototrails.org/default.cfm?walk=East-Schiehallion-path-to-munro-summit&page=trail&walk_id=275

13. Future Plans

- We are planning to upgrade the bathroom in the ground floor bedroom to make it a wet-room with a wheel-in shower.

14. Contact Information

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Hours Of Operation: Open year round 8am - 8pm.

15. Photos & videos

- Photographs of the building can be found at: <http://www.jessiemacs.co.uk>
- Videos are under production and will be available on our [Jessie Mac's Youtube channel](#). If you have specific video or photographic requirements, just ask and we'll do our best to meet your needs.

16. Who We Are



Mairi - Assistant Manager



Dot - Manager & Owner and **Tufty** the boss.



Brenda - owner and helper outer.