

**Access Statement for Palmer's
Pescott's Close, Birdham,
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Introduction

The house is the first on the left in a private Close in the quiet village of Birdham. Palmer's is close to great cycling and a good walking location and close to Chichester Harbour with the picturesque Birdham Pool. It is just off the Saltern's Way –m from Chichester via the Chichester Canal to West Wittering via Birdham and Itchenor. Palmer's is half a mile off the main road to The Witterings and West Wittering beach but only 4 miles from Chichester and the A27.

We aim to make your stay as comfortable as possible for all members of the family. The front has solid paving for up to 4 cars and a wide access. All the doors are a minimum of 1000 wide throughout the property. The front door and utility room are both reached via a covered passageway.

Downstairs there is a groundfloor single room, with full wheelchair access, which has its own accessible bathroom / toilet. This has both a walk in shower with shower seat (5cm lip to the shower) with grab handles plus there is a double-ender full sized bath, an accessible toilet and a large washbasin.

Upstairs are 5 double / twin bedrooms accessed by shallow-pitched wide stairs with handrails on both sides. There is an open plan dining room/kitchen and a large lounge with TV. The large sofas are arranged around the natural wood burner. The house is very suitable for clients with restricted mobility. Underfloor heating throughout downstairs - Controls in utility room. All hot water is via a heat pump / PV production with gas central heating. Upstairs the heating, if needed, is by radiators.

Pre-Arrival

Contact us by - Landline phone, fax, email or the web.
Wifi is available and is free of charge. There is an access code for the WiFi in the House Handbook.

www.chichesterselfcatering.co.uk

Alternative large print format is available and more details are available about the general locality from our website which also has large print format etc.

Public transport – Southern Rail - from Chichester Station, 4 miles away. www.nationalrail.co.uk/stations_destinations/CCH.aspx

Bus - a local hopper from The Witterings via Sidlesham to Selsey. Bus stop from either Birdham Stores or Church Lane stops - Bus no 151. Limited times.

Bus route from Chichester to The Witterings and Bracklesham Bay regularly every 15 mins during the day. Route number 52/53 called “The Circuit” 10 minutes walk to local bus stop in either direction – half a mile.

www.stagecoachbus.com/customerserhelp.aspx

The Collection of guests may be possible with advance notice from Chichester on the evening of your arrival.

Taxis are available from the railway station. Cost approx. £12.

A shopping service may be available, with notice in advance, of certain provisions. Or you can get Tesco's, Ocado, Sainsbury's etc to deliver in advance.

Shop-mobility scheme in Chichester plus hiring services. Call Chichester District Council on 01243 788166. Also for other facilities.

Accessible taxis from: www.chichestercabcompany.co.uk
www.stationtaxi.org.uk www.starlineminicabs.co.uk/

Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

Ample Off-road parking for 4 cars. Pescott's Close is a narrow road – so please be considerate if you have to park in the Close itself. If need be – park on Crooked Lane just before the school.

Access to the house by a block paving and paved driveway.

Main Entrance, Reception

Low cill to pass through to enter the house. (2 doors are available for wheelchair access.)

Large turtle mat in main entrance (Note: it will not allow the door to open if placed within the door swing!).

Vinyl flooring throughout downstairs – please be careful to NOT wear stilletoes or score / damage the surface with sharp objects.

Public Areas

Spacious south-facing lounge which leads on to the kitchen / diner for ease of access via double French doors.

Doors are either glass or heavy fire doors but are easy-swing. A burglar alarm can be set if you wish.

Boot / shoe rack provided.

Extra hanging space by the front door and also in the utility room cupboard.

Dog tray provided. Please bring your own bowls etc

Room for dog cage / bed as necessary.

Public Areas - Sitting room / lounge, kitchen/diner etc

Good down lighting that is adjustable in almost all rooms. TV has DVD player and Freeview. Wood burning stove in lounge.

Small CD / radio player – the radio reception is not great locally.

Contrast flooring to skirting boards – vinyl.

All doorways have full wheelchair access and are all well Dimensioned – 1m.

In your welcome pack there is milk, tea and coffee, sugar, olive oil, salt & pepper, ketchup etc. **Note: This is our family holiday home – it is VERY well equipped! We ask that you don't use our supplies though – except for the herbs and spices and oil / vinegars. Thank you. Please let us know if**

there have been breakages. You are requested NOT to wash the best cutlery in the dishwasher – it destroys them! Use the stainless steel cutlery instead at all times. Thank you.

Waste Closets

Disabled access WC in downstairs bathroom – Includes wash basin and support bars.

Other WC/handbasin, reasonable size with plenty of clear lighting – this is next to the front door.

Laundry

A++ rated Washing machine located in utility room. Front loading.

Large washing whirly-gig in the garden outside – please save electricity where you can. Freestanding drying racks (stored in the walk-in Utility room cupboard.

Leisure Facilities

Gas BBQ on back patio.

Frisbees and outside games / balls in storage box in utility room, along with kites. Please use this for muddy boots too!

Board games and some books in bookcase in lounge. Plenty of childrens' soft toys, books and games in the small "kids room" off the lounge

Small selection of adult books / local area books

House handbooks also include local info and activities information / places to go etc. It is themed.

Outdoor Facilities

Children's paddling pool.

Moderate size rear garden, north facing – gets sun especially in the morning and evening.

Clothes line / whirlygig and pegs.

Note: It contains a large deep pond, which is covered with netting and has a small retaining wall but there is a risk of drowning – so please supervise small children AT ALL TIMES.

Bedrooms & Sleeping Areas

Upstairs bedrooms ALL have wide doors and are close to the family bathroom / WC. Dimmable lighting. Extra lamps. Level entrances. Hypo-allergenic bed linen etc. Twin or super king size bed options for some rooms. Large chest of drawers in each room or wardrobe. Master bedroom has an ensuite shower / toilet / basin.

Bathroom, Shower-room & WC [Shared]

Modern large power shower with glass screen. 15 cm step up to shower tray. Entry to shower is 60cms at its narrowest part. Shower tray length 1.2m and width 900mm. The large shower head lights up and changes colour depending on the water temperature! Down lighting. Travertine flooring. Large heated towel rail. Double ender bath. Shower and bath mats. Plenty of floor space.

Toilet. Wash basin and shower taps are twist/turn type for ease of use.

Self-Catering Kitchen

Located straight on from main lounge via double glass doors. Grey kitchen units.

Mixer lever taps over large kitchen sink and drainer. Plenty of work surfaces and cupboards both above and below worktop height. Gas 5-burner hob and twin wall-mounted ovens, downlighting.

Dishwasher Large fridge/freezer. Microwave in the utility room as it is so large! Green waste recycling "bucket".

Well supplied with kitchen utensils including potato ricer, tongs, mixers, hand blenders etc. Saucepans, cookware etc are usually located under the work surface.

Most crockery, glasses are located above work surface level but this could be altered if required.

Downlighting and directional lighting – cooker hood above hob.

Grounds and Gardens

Accessed presently via the garage only so it may be inaccessible.

Mainly lawn but also mature herbaceous borders and shrubs.

Large south-facing patio to the front. Bird feeder.

Bench that catches the morning and evening sun to the rear and is ideal for the first cup of the day! Gas BBQ.

Plenty of car parking

Additional Information

Child cot, high chair are free to use. A child monitor may be rented for £6 per week.

Bedding for child an additional £5 but it is preferred if you bring your own please.

NO SMOKING anywhere on the property please. There is an ash bucket outside the front door!

Waste disposal – a red recycling bin and a black waste bin are stored just outside the front garage – close to the fence. Bin day is a FRIDAY. Please see separate forms for instructions. Collection on alternative weeks for either recycling or household waste.

- ✓ Assistance Dogs welcome! For other pets please speak to Gayle. We are a pet-free family! See Pet friendly information and T&C's please.

Please keep the sound levels down when the patio doors are open. We pride ourselves on our friendliness for others and the local wildlife!

Future Plans

- Complete the large twin facing rear conservatory – ie fit the roof, windows and doors! and the small patio outside the kitchen sink window. Complete the ramp access to the rear garden from the conservatory.

Osteopathic Treatments etc available. Living Elements Clinic
You are welcome to book a treatment appointment at the clinic during your stay with us with Gayle Palmer - we can offer various treatments with numerous benefits including Osteopathy, cranial Osteopathy and Hopi ear candling etc.

More details from www.livingelements.co.uk



Living Elements Clinic, Keynor Lane, Sidlesham PO20 7NL.

Telephone: Clinic: 01243 641665

Work: info@livingelements.co.uk

Clinic Hours of operation: At clinic 8am-7pm, Mon, Tues & Thurs at least! - outside of that and at weekends, get me on my mobile.

I live in Sidlesham – just 3miles (5mins) away in case there is a problem.



Great Guidelines for Later Life

In conjunction with my Mum I have developed a programme for seniors and their families to have a step-by-step guide to creating order, peace and direction for the rest of your life and beyond. I found that helping her age gracefully had no clear resources to help us – so I created them! Follow on

<https://www.facebook.com/greatguidelinesforlaterlife/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/ChichesterSelfCatering/> and also
<https://www.facebook.com/HenPartyHaven/>

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