

Skillywadden Barn: Access, Health and Safety.

1. General

Skillywadden Barn is set up to look as much like an ordinary home as is possible in a holiday home, therefore you will not find lots of notices exhorting you not to do things, however there are some things that we ask you to take note of to minimise the risk of accidents. We hope that you appreciate the need for this.

2. Outside paths and seating area.

Once you leave the drive, the paths and area with table and chairs are cobbled, and in wet weather they can become very slippery. There are no handrails. Please take care when walking to and from the Barn, and supervise children. Motion sensitive lights are positioned to light the drive, path, door to the Barn and cobbled yard behind the Barn, however, we recommend that you bring torches as there are no streetlights in our lane.

3. Entrance hall, bedrooms and kitchen.

The floors are either slate or quarry tiles, and are extremely hard. Please mind the step up into the double bedroom, and the slope in the kitchen doorway. Also, take note that doorways are lower than the standard height found in most homes. Please mind your head when entering and leaving the front door and double bedroom. There is a step up to the double bedroom from the entrance hall.

4. Stairs.

These are narrow and steep, and do not have a full bannister. They are not suitable for people with limited mobility, or very young children. There are toughened glass panels at the top of the stairs, however, we ask you to ensure that you do not allow children to play against the glass, or climb on the handrails. The stairs are the only access to the sitting room and kitchen.

5. Multi- fuel burning stove.

If you use the stove, please ensure that you operate it with the door closed.

- Do not place any items on the top of the stove when it is on as it gets very hot.
- Only burn logs or grade 'A' smokeless fuel.
- Store matches well away from the stove.
- Ensure that children keep away from it and are not allowed to touch it.
- Do not store any flammable materials on the base the stove stands on.
- Do not remove the metal surround on the slate base.
- Do not leave the stove unattended.

6. Cooker/ Toaster/ Microwave.

Please follow the instructions for use which are kept in the Information Folder. Please do not leave food cooking unattended on the top of the cooker. After using the microwave or the toaster, please ensure that they are switched off at the mains.

7. Fire Extinguisher/ Fire blanket.

These are stored in the kitchen.

8. Smoke detectors/ alarms.

There is one smoke detector/ alarm at the bottom of the stairs, and one on the ceiling in the sitting room, near to the doorway to the kitchen. They are wired into the mains and have a back- up battery. If the alarm sounds, please vacate the Barn by the nearest available exit.

Occasionally, when the battery is low, the detector will sound. If this happens, please let us know and we will replace it.

9. Showers/ toilets.

These are located on the ground floor, one in each of the bedrooms. Each shower has its' own extractor fan to minimise condensation during and after use. Please ensure that the fans are turned off after you have finished with the showers. There is a separate fan for the toilet in the twin bedroom. Please do not leave this running either. If they are left running for extended periods, there is a risk of overheating. As a precaution against people slipping, we provide wooden duckboards for you to stand on when you step out of the shower instead of bathmats which could slip on the slate floors.

Please do not flush anything other than toilet paper down the toilets. We are not on mains drainage, and the waste water system cannot cope with other sanitary items. They will not go through the macerator, and will burn out the motor.

10. Parking & access to the Barn

There is off road parking available on the drive for one car inside the gates. The drive is paved, but access to the Barn is via a cobbled sloping pathway with a step. There are no handrails. Not suitable for anyone with limited mobility or wheelchair users.

11. Outdoor area

Access to the courtyard garden is via the path from the front door of the Barn or direct from the back door in the double bedroom. Picnic bench and seating are available for guests.

Washing line and clothes pegs can be found here.

There are steps up to the lawn between the garden shed and the woodshed, or alternatively, there is a path and slope along the back of the owner's house leading to the lawn.

12. Transport

The only local public transport is the 16a bus which runs between St Ives and Penzance. The bus stop is about 5 minutes walk from Skillywadden Barn, at ColdHarbour.

The nearest railway station is at St. Erth where trains to St Ives run regularly, and there is plentiful parking. There is also a regular service from there to Truro and Penzance. Regular trains run to London Paddington and the north.

13. Connectivity

Mobile telephone signal strength and connectivity is intermittent. It may vary widely day by day. Likewise, Wifi is not guaranteed. Signal strength/ speed may not be adequate for streaming/ downloading/ uploading data. Visitors are advised not to depend on connectivity that they may be used to at home.