Accessibility Guide for Blervie House

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Welcome

Blervie House is a historic Scotland-listed Country House that has been renovated over three years, resulting in a house that offers traditional elegance combined with today's modern conveniences. The House is in private grounds overlooking stunning views of the Moray Firth and has a comfortable, relaxing atmosphere. Luxury fittings and furnishings abound. The House is a large family home, and guests are invited to experience it as a home. Every room is unique; certain rooms have extensive walk-in showers, 2 with a step-up (listed property), and there is a lift to all floors. We are always happy to advise on the benefits of individual rooms.

At a Glance

Level Access

- The main entrance has 3 steps. There is no lift and no ramp.
- There is level access from the main entrance to:
  - Dining Room
  - Morning Room
  - Sitting Room
  - The Garden
  - The Terrace

Bedrooms

- We have non-allergic bedding.

Level access bedrooms

- From the main entrance to the bedroom, there is level access.
- The route to the bedroom is 750mm wide, or more.
- The bedroom door is 750mm wide, or more.
- There is unobstructed floor space 1200mm by 900mm, or more.

Hearing

- Some staff have disability awareness training.

General

- Staff are available 24 hours a day.
- Some staff have disability awareness training.
- We have emergency evacuation procedures for disabled visitors.

Getting here

Blervie House
Rafford
Forres
Moray
IV36 2RU

Travel by public transport

- Blervie House is in a very rural situation in the Scottish Highlands to make the most of a stay in this area most people will need a car when staying here. We do have extensive parking for any size vehicle on site and there is no need to book or request parking.

Travel by taxi

- You can get a taxi with Mundole Taxis by calling 01309 673168. The taxi company has a wheelchair accessible vehicle.
- Blervie is situated in the Scottish Highlands and is best enjoyed with your own transport however various local taxi firms will arrange private daytime tours and we can make appropriate recommendations.

Parking

- We have a car park. The parking is less than 50 metres from the main entrance. Parking is free.
- There is a drop-off point at the main entrance. The drop-off point does not have a dropped kerb.
- From the car park to the entrance, there is level access. The route is 8000mm wide, or more.
- The drop off point is a Portico at the front door of this Listed Residence that enables visitors to drop off within 1m of the front door.



The Portico at the Front Door

Arrival

Path to main entrance

- From the street to the main entrance, there is level access.
- The path is 8000mm wide, or more.

Main entrance

- The door is 12500mm wide.
- The main entrance has 3 steps.

- The House is a Listed Mansion built of substantial proportions and quality. The steps are very generous and we are always on hand to provide additional assistance.



Front Door Access at Blervie House



Front door access at Blervie House

Getting around inside

Lift

- We have 1 lift.
- You can get a lift to all floors.

The Lift

- The lift is a platform lift.
- The lift door is 1000mm wide.
- The lift is 1000mm wide. The lift is 1500mm deep.

- The lift says the floor number at each floor.
- The lift buttons have raised numbers or letters.
- The lift shows the floor number, at each floor.
- This is an easy to operate lift that visits all the floors in this property - namely ground floor, first floor and second floors.



The lift at Blervie House

Bedrooms

- All bedrooms have windows.
- Bedrooms have ceiling lights, wall lights, floor standing lights, bedside lamps, desk or table lamps, spot lights and natural daylight.
- Lights are LED and energy saving. All bedrooms are non-smoking.
- We have non-allergic bedding.
- All bedrooms have fitted carpets.
- The house has whole House Ventilation so all incoming air is filtered.
- We can move the bedroom furniture, to improve accessibility.
- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access.



Photo of Robertson bedroom at Blervie House

Accessible bedrooms

Accessible bedroom Robertson

- From the main entrance to the bedroom, there is level access. There is a lift. The route to the bedroom is 1800mm wide, or more. The bedroom door is 1050mm wide. There is 1500mm at the side of the bed. The bed is 600mm high. There is 0mm under the bed.
- The bedroom is double. The bathroom is ensuite. The bathroom door is 1050mm wide.
- The bathroom has a separate shower. The direction of transfer onto the toilet is to the left and right. There is 600mm at the side of the toilet.
- There is 1200mm in front of the toilet. The toilet seat is 560mm high.
- The basin is 750mm high. There is no space under the basin.
- The walls and the bathroom fittings have high colour contrast.
- Bathroom fittings are white and wall colours are darker.



Photo of Robertson bathroom at Blervie House

Lounge

Morning Room

- From the main entrance to the lounge, there is level access. The route is 1800mm wide, or more. The door is 1050mm wide.
- This is one of many guest lounges on the ground floor close to the main door and the lift. It has easy access, a lot of room and wide doorways.



Photo of the Morning Room at Blervie House

Lounge

Sitting Room

- From the main entrance to the lounge, there is level access. The route is 1800mm wide, or more. The door is 1050mm wide.

- This lounge is easily accessible on the ground floor with level access and stunning views over the Moray Firth.



Photo of Sitting Room at Blervie House

Place to eat and drink

Dining Room

- From the main entrance to the dining area, there is level access. The route is 1800mm wide, or more. The door is 1050mm wide.
- To get to a table, there are no steps.
- The route through the dining area is 800mm wide, or more.
- There is no background music.
- The table and plates have high colour contrast.
- We cater for vegetarian, gluten free (celiacs), lactose free (dairy free) and low fat specific diets.
- Blervie House serves traditional Scottish Country Fare using the best local seasonal produce available.



Photo of the Dining Room at Blervie House

Reading Room

- The Reading Room is designated a quiet relaxing room for guests to enjoy reading or watching the TV in a quiet relaxed manner.



Photo of the Reading Room at Blervie House

Getting around outside

The Garden

- From the main entrance to the gardens, there is level access.
- The route is 2000mm wide, or more.
- There are a number of routes to the Rear Gardens the route many guests choose takes them out of the Front Door and round the side of the house on to the Sun Terrace - which is a level route.

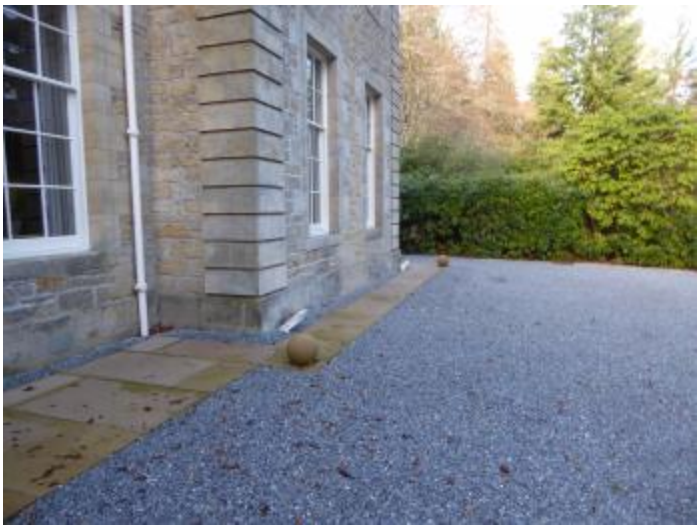


Photo of access to the Garden at Blervie House

Terrace

The Terrace

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The route is 2000mm wide, or more.
- The entrance is 2000mm wide.
- To get to a table, there are no steps.
- The Terrace is a great place to enjoy breakfast or afternoon tea in the sunshine



The Terrace at Blervie House

Customer care support

Accessibility equipment

- We have walking sticks, walking poles, serious reader lamps, magnifying lights and magnifying glasses plus an extra large TV screen.
- We make every effort to accommodate assistance dogs but one of own dogs is not reliable with other dogs.
- We have an area to charge mobility scooters and battery powered wheelchairs.
- We will happily point out the most accessible sockets and work with guests to satisfy their needs.
- You can hire mobility equipment from Mobilty Equipment Hire Direct by calling 0800 994 9000.

Emergency evacuation procedures

- We are a flexible family business and will always work with our guests requirements, if any guests have special requirements and they can advise us in advance we can always put appropriate measures in place.

Customer care support

- Some staff have disability awareness training.
- Staff are available 24 hours a day.
- Blervie is a family owned and run Guesthouse. Our ethos is to talk to all of our guests in order to share information with them to make their stay enjoyable. We do not provide various information formats however this property is our home and we live on site. We do find it more beneficial for all parties to our guests and help them plan accordingly to get the best out of their stay whether it relates to their stay in our home or visiting some of the local sites.



The upstairs landing at Blervie House

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