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**Access Statement for The White Hart, Somerton, Somerset -July 2013**

**Introduction**

The White Hart is a traditional Coaching House on the former royal seat of Wessex in Somerton, close to the edge of the Somerset Levels and Glastonbury. The White Hart offers a public bar, restaurant, garden seating and 8 first floor en suite bedrooms. We endeavor to ensure all our guests are made to feel welcome and where possible facilities are in place to accommodate all our guests and visitors. The following statement is a summary of our provisions.

**Pre-Arrival**

- If you have any special access requirements it is useful if these can be specified when booking to ensure any preparations can be discussed in advance.
- Specific food requests, allergies or intolerances can be arranged in advance, please state any dietary requirements when booking.
- Menus and information can also be provided in large print by prior arrangement
- You can enlarge the font on our website by holding down the Ctrl key and pressing +
- We are contactable and all our facilities can be booked by:
  - Internet [www.whitehartsomerton.co.uk](http://www.whitehartsomerton.co.uk)
  - Email [info@whitehartsomerton.com](mailto:info@whitehartsomerton.com)
  - Telephone 01458272273

**Arrival, Parking and Entrance Facilities**

***Public Transport***

- Somerton is a rural village, and thus public transport is limited however there is an hourly bus service to Wells, Glastonbury, Yeovil and Taunton.
- The nearest train stations are Castle Cary (approximately 20 minutes drive), Yeovil Pen Mill or Yeovil Junction (approximately 25 minutes drive).
- There are local taxi services that have accessible taxis if required, but they require advance booking. Please ask at the time of booking.

***Parking and Entrance***

- The White Hart is easily accessible from the B3151 and runs due east of the M5 and due north of the A303.

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- There is no official car park at The White Hart however there are FREE short and long stay car parks in Somerton and within close proximity to the pub.
- There is parking available opposite the pub with a maximum of two hours- ideal for meal bookings.
- If you require assistance of any kind, please just ask. We are happy to help with wheelchair pushing or carrying luggage.
- Please enter the pub through the main door on the high street below the Stag. Please ask a member of staff to hold the doors open for easier disabled access.
- There are no steps or impediments into the restaurant from this direction.
- There is also an entrance into the rear of the bar round the back of the pub although this has a small step and is not ideal for disabled access.
- There are no steps throughout the bar or restaurant and there is a disabled toilet on the ground floor at the back of the restaurant, easily accessible for wheelchairs.

### Main Entrance and Reception

- Both front and rear entrances are publicly open according to our opening hours – see website or call for up to date information.
- The flooring is solid wooden throughout, with rugs in the main entrance.
- Once through the main two doors there are no further doors throughout the interior of the ground floor.
- There are no further steps throughout the ground floor.

### Public Areas

- All the public areas at The White Hart are on the ground floor.
- All doors and corridors are wide enough for a wheelchair.
- There is a toilet suitable for wheelchair users on the ground floor towards the back of the restaurant.
- We can provide larger font menus upon request.
- Dogs are allowed in the bar and the garden, on a lead. We can provide water in a bowl upon request.
- The furniture in both restaurant and bar is flexible and can be moved on request to accommodate wheelchairs.
- Tables vary in height from 72 to 78cm with two restaurant tables standing higher at 113cm with accompanying taller chairs.
- The bar measures at 98cm tall.
- The two main doors into the bar and restaurant are 1m wide and 0.90m wide respectively.
- Lighting is good in all areas, although lights are dimmed in the restaurant during the evening service to create atmosphere.
- Background music is played in the public bar and restaurant areas.

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### Grounds and Gardens

- We have a seated garden area at the back of the pub and a terrace area at the back of the bar and alongside the restaurant.
- There are small steps leading from the garden to the restaurant and bar. Wheelchairs can be lifted up with assistance. Please just ask a member of staff if you need help.
- The path leading up to the terrace is sloped and suitable for wheelchair access.

### Bedrooms

- There are 8 en suite bedrooms, all are located on the first floor. All rooms are accessed via a staircase.
- Two of the rooms have a step between the corridor and the bedroom. Four of the rooms have a step up to the bathroom from the bedroom.
- Assistance dogs, such as Guide Dogs, are welcome to stay in the rooms.

We regret that as The White Hart is a very old, listed building, full wheelchair access to the upper floors is not possible as the only access is via a staircase. Unfortunately, the design and age of the building does not allow any space for the provision of a lift or dedicated and accessible bedroom

### Additional Information

- Mobile phone reception is good, but guests are welcome to use The White Hart's landline where necessary.
- We are a no smoking building throughout. Smoking is only permitted in the open garden areas
- If any food or medication requires refrigeration, please ask and these can be stored in our main fridge on request.
- We have tried to be as accurate and provide as much detail as we can in our Access Statement. We are always willing to give information on any specific aspect of The White Hart if this statement does not answer your particular requirement.
- Please inform us by telephone, email or letter of any specific requirements, giving us as much detail and advance notice as possible, so we can make your visit as comfortable as possible

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