

## **Access Statement**

### **WELCOME TO THE FOREST AND VALE HOTEL**

The Forest and Vale Hotel is a 245 year old listed Georgian Manor House in the centre of Pickering. We have 22 Bedrooms, 1 large function room which can be split into 3 separate areas to host meetings, conferences and events, another smaller room which also acts as a breakfast room. There is a bar and brasserie with a small lounge area at one end.

The hotel makes an ideal base for touring the North Yorkshire Moors National Park, the East coast resorts of Whitby and Scarborough, with historic York and Castle Howard providing the intrigue inland.

#### **Arrival and car parking facilities**

- To the side of the hotel there is a large carpark available to guests free of charge.
- From the car park you can access the hotel through a paved area.
- There is a ramp leading up to a door in front of you which is for wheelchair access. Otherwise, continue through an arch to bring you round to the front door of the hotel.
- 3 small steps will bring you through the door to the main reception area.

#### **Reception**

- On the left you will see the Ryedale room which is ideal as a private dining area or meeting room.
- As you continue forward into the main reception area there is a 2 seater sofa and 2 comfy chairs in-front of a grand unused fireplace.
- Straight ahead are the gent's toilets. The ladies toilets are located past the reception desk on your right opposite the staircase.

#### **Bar and Brasserie dining area**

- To the right and through the double doors, is our bar and brasserie dining area.
- Through the double doors the bar is located to the right. We have 11 tables for dining which can be made into any numbers as required.
- If you turn left through the double doors you will come to our cosy lounge area with comfortable seating and nest tables for between 8 and 12 people.

### **Cottage wing**

- The door located at the back of the lounge takes you to an outdoor courtyard area which leads to the cottage wing on the right.
- Through the main door there is one standard double room on the ground floor.
- Up one flight of stairs there is another double room (overlooking the courtyard) and one single (the single room only has a shower no bath).
- Up one more flight of stairs are two more double rooms (one of which overlooks the courtyard). Please note the staircase in the cottage wing is very steep and narrow.

### **Function rooms**

- Back to the main reception area as you walk past the reception desk you will see in front of you the function rooms – named Southgate and Westgate which hosts our many functions, events and weddings and are also used as a larger breakfast area.
- The large windows along the full length of the back of these rooms give view to the beautiful gardens and outdoor seating area.

### **Gardens**

- To the left at the bottom of the Southgate room is another function area with dancefloor.
- If you turn to your right you will find push bar double doors leading out into the gardens.
- You go down 2 steps to a gravelled seating area, then down a further 5 steps onto the garden itself.

### **Garden wing**

- To the left and through the glass doors leads you to the Garden wing bedrooms. As you go through the glass doors and to your right, a corridor takes you to 4 standard double bedrooms on the ground floor. (2 with a garden view and 2 with a courtyard view)
- Or as you go left through the glass doors there is an outside door with 2 curved steps leading back out to the car park.
- The staircase in-front of you leads up 17 steps where we have 3 superior rooms to the left (one of which can be made into a twin room) along the corridor.
- The deluxe room (with a 4 poster bed) is on the right up 2 more steps. All 4 of these rooms have a garden view.

## **Staircase**

- Back to the main reception area. At the top of the split staircase (13 steps and 7 steps separated by a cushioned seating pew) there is a glass door to your left and a glass door in front of you.
- The glass door to the left leads you to 3 executive rooms the first of which is on the left at the beginning of the corridor and the other two (one of which can be made into a twin) at the end of the corridor down 3 steps with one being on the left and one on the right.

## **Landing**

- Back to the top of the staircase through the glass door in front of you there is a spacious landing with a seating area comprising of 2 chairs and a sofa.
- Following it round to the left you will find another spacious area with a desk, chair and laptop, ideal for working. As you go past that you will find 2 superior bedrooms (one of which can be made into a twin)

## **Main house bedrooms**

- Back to the top of the staircase as you go through the glass door in front of you on the right there are two sets of 4 steps.
- The far set takes you to a superior room with a garden view and a 4 poster bed.
- The nearest set takes you along a corridor hosting 2 more superior rooms both of which have a garden view and can be made into twins, and 1 standard twin room which only has a small shower, no bath and a garden view.
- At the very end of the corridor on the right is a fire door.