

THE POPLARS

Introduction

The Poplars is an old property, the main part being over 300 years old. The stone walls with Virginia Creeper give it character and stands out making us easy to find! We are a long established business in Moulton, well known to the local community. We were awarded a Silver Award in December 2007 by the English Tourist Board.

There is a new section of 4 rooms, called Courtyard rooms, 3 of which have doors direct from the car park. These are our best, largest rooms, with larger en suites. Most of our guests with walking difficulties, heart problems etc find these rooms most suitable.

In the main part of the building we have 7 rooms on the first floor, and 5 rooms on the second floor. The ceilings in the hallway are low on the second floor and there is also a sliding fire door at the top of the second staircase.

The hotel is on a slight slope, with 4 steps down to the reception. The reception lounge, guest lounge and dining room are all on the ground floor.

All our rooms are slightly different, with different measurements to the rooms and en suites, access to the first floor is via a wide staircase with handrails both sides. Access to the second floor is also via a wide staircase but with handrail on one side only. We can assist with luggage to both floors.

Pre-Arrival

We are in a village with a bus service into Northampton, Wellingborough and Kettering nearby. Northampton railway station is approximately 5 miles away, although there are plenty of taxis available either at the station or we can give phone numbers of the taxi companies we use regularly.

Our brochure is at present being designed, but we have 2 small leaflets that we produce here that are available. We do not have facilities to prepare documents in Braille.

Our website www.thepoplarshotel.com provides pictures of our accommodation and further information about the services we provide.

You can contact us by telephone, text, e-mail or fax. Please see the "Contact Information" section of this document for full details.

Arrival and Car Parking

Check in is from 1 pm to 9.30 pm. If you have a disabled badge we can allocate a car parking space for you.

We have a large car park but it is used to capacity when we are full. The car parking surface is gravel.

Main Entrance

There are 3 steps of 7"/18 cm down to the front door with a hand rail on one side. The front door is normally open, with a bell inside to get assistance if the office is closed. The main bell is outside the front door.

Guest Accommodation – Public Areas

The reception is inside the main door. There is a small reception lounge here with seating for check in and registration. The dining room leads off from the main reception. There is also a guest lounge with easy seating nearby.

All the property is carpeted.

There are no toilets on the ground floor, but 2 full bathrooms on the first floor.

Lounge and Dining Room

Breakfast is served from 7.00 am – 8.30 am weekdays, and 8.00 am – 9.30 am weekends. Continental breakfast can be provided from 6.30 am weekdays, by prior arrangement.

Dinner is served Monday – Thursday evenings from 6.30 pm – 8.00 pm. We offer an All Day Menu which is available from 11.30 am – 8.30 pm, 7 days a week, which offers a small choice of sandwiches and a few hot dishes. We are happy to cater for special diets or any particular likes or dislikes. It would help if you could advise us of these before your arrival.

There is no problem with wheelchair access into the dining room but there is a small slope in the dining room to one part. Breakfast can be served in the Courtyard to guests who are not able to eat in the dining room.

Menus can be provided in large print on request.

We are licensed for the sale of alcohol.

The guest lounge has 2 soft sofas, plus 2 or 3 upright chairs with arms. Upright chairs without arms are available on request. There is a large TV with Sky freeview channels. We do not have Sky Sports or movies.

Bedrooms

We have 5 ground floor rooms, 7 on the first floor and 5 on the second floor.

We would suggest that our Courtyard rooms 17, 18 & 19 are best suited to guests with mobility impairments.

Rooms 18 & 19 were refurbished in February 2008. There is a small step over the threshold of 5"/120mm, door width is 33"/75 cm. There are king sized beds in these rooms. The en suite has a 8"/20mm step into the shower. There

is also a toilet and wash basin. Rooms 18 & 19 have sliding doors to the shower. Rooms 16 & 17 have a shower curtain. All the Courtyard rooms have support handles in the shower.

Rooms 16 & 17 have a double and single bed, the door access and en suite with the same measurements.

There is a further 2 Courtyard room, with a king size bed, at the front of the property down 3 steps. This room also has a bath with shower above.

First Floor Details:

Four rooms on the first floor have washbasin within the rooms and share 2 bathrooms. These rooms are up 4 small steps. The bathrooms are along the corridor. There is also an additional toilet.

All rooms (except four rooms as above) have en suites, consisting of shower, WC and washbasin.

There are 3 further rooms on the first floor, 2 doubles and one single en suite room.

There are 5 rooms on the second floor, but the second floor is not really suitable for guests with access disabilities.

All rooms have a hair dryer. Tea, coffee, biscuits and complimentary mineral bottled water are provided in all rooms.

Our beds are normally made with duvets, with a throw provided for extra warmth if needed. We are happy to provide blankets if preferred. Please specify before your arrival if required.

There is a wardrobe, chest of drawers and dressing table and upright chairs (one per guest) in each room.

There is a folder in each bedroom which contains information of emergency contacts, plus general information.

Gardens

We have a patio area, located half way up the car park, with 2 plastic tables and 8 plastic chairs. In the summer there are also umbrellas. There are 3 steps up to the patio. The car park is gravel, so not suitable for wheelchairs, or guests with walking difficulties.

Additional Information

A new fire alarm system was installed in 2007. A fire risk assessment was completed in 2007 in accordance with government guidelines.

We do accept dogs in the Courtyard rooms. There is a charge of £10 per night for dogs.

Smoking – We are a non smoking hotel. For smokers there is an ashtray outside the property, also 2 tables with chairs on a garden patio halfway up the car park where smoking is allowed.

We have one small fridge which can be provided in guest bedrooms, or we can keep perishables in our fridge (available from 6.30 am to 9.30 pm).

Mobile phone reception is ok. Internet access is available free of charge. The broadband wireless cannot be received in all rooms because of the stone built property, but there is an excellent reception on the reception lounge.

Local Information

There is a Co-op store in the village which opens at 7 am every morning, 7 days a week.

At the weekend, when our full dining room service is not available, there are 2 pubs in the village which provide meals. The Telegraph has recently opened a restaurant within the pub offering Chinese food. The Artichoke serves traditional type food, steaks, chicken, pasta etc.

Other pubs in the village, both within walking distance, The Cardigan, and The White Lion. The White Lion has a Sky Sports TV.

Local equipment hire: Hearing, Health & Mobility Ltd, tel: 0845 478 5325
Stagecoach, bus service: 01604 676060
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We open all year except Christmas and New Year.

Future Plans for The Poplars

We are upgrading our televisions to digital and fit digi boxes where necessary.

We welcome familiarisation visits. This can be helpful if friends or relatives live locally as they can come and see the rooms for themselves in advance of the stay.

If you require further details please contact us as above.

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