

**Access Statement**  
**The Irishman's Tower at Hoghton Tower, Hoghton,**  
**Lancashire**

**Introduction**

The Irishman's Tower is one of the three fortified garrisons forming part of historic Hoghton Tower. It is reached by driving up the private drive to the top of the hill.

The Irishman's Tower is a 16th Century, 2 storey stone Tower.

The private entrance door to the Irishman's Tower is in the Inner courtyard, access to which is via the main archway gate.

It accommodates a maximum of two (2) guests over two (2) floors. The property is approximately 43 m<sup>2</sup>/ 463 ft<sup>2</sup>.

The ground floor comprises:

- Kitchen: 7.41 m<sup>2</sup> (79.8 ft<sup>2</sup>)
- Sitting room: 17.64m<sup>2</sup> (190 ft<sup>2</sup>) (includes space taken by stairway)

The first floor comprises:

- Balconied bedroom (overlooking downstairs sitting room): 8.1m<sup>2</sup> (87.2 ft<sup>2</sup>) (excludes space taken up by stairway and landing)
- Bathroom: 3.98m<sup>2</sup> (42.8 ft<sup>2</sup>)

The Irishman's Tower is a grade one listed building preventing the modernisation of the original architectural features. For this reason, access for disabled guests might

be more difficult. Please inform us, prior to booking if you or your partner has a disability that may in any way mean that the steps, narrow doorways, staircase and small rooms might cause access and mobility issues. We can advise you on the suitability of the property for your party and prevent any disappointment on arrival.

There is no external space for exclusive use of guests however there are plenty of walks in the surrounding area.

### **Pre-Arrival**

- Our website page provides an overview of the facilities provided at the Irishman's Tower
- Enquiries and bookings can be made directly via email, telephone or by letter
- Upon booking, all guests will be sent a confirmation letter either by email or in the post. This will contain detailed directions about how to get to Hoghton Tower and the specific access arrangements in place when you reach the start of the private drive
- Hoghton Tower is situated midway between Preston and Blackburn on the A675 - the Old Road. Using the motorway it can be reached via M65 Junction 3 (5 minutes), M6 Junctions 28 & 29 and M61 Junction 8
- Preston Railway Station (25 minutes) has frequent main line services linking London and Scotland
- Hoghton Tower is situated in a rural area so public transport is limited. The 152 bus runs hourly services (Monday to Friday only) between Preston and Burnley. The nearest bus stops are on the main road, approximately a 20 minute walk away from the bottom of the drive
- Taxis can be ordered to collect guests. Telephone numbers can be found in the guest welcome pack
- Preston and Blackburn are the nearest towns

- Manchester and Liverpool and their international airports are both within easy reach and approximately one (1) hour drive away
- This access statement is available on our website page and in the property.

### **Arrival & Car Parking Facilities**

- A security gate is installed at the bottom of the private drive leading to Hoghton Tower. This is closed after 5pm in the afternoon and all day on weekends. Arrangements will be made to allow guests to gain entry on the first day. Guests will be provided with a remote controlled opening device upon arrival to enable independent access
- The main archway gate is also locked after 5 pm and all day on weekends. Arrangements will be made to allow guests to gain entry on the first day of arrival. Guests will be provided with a key to enable independent access
- Car parking for up to two (2) vehicles is provided outside the main archway gate, near the Great Barn. The car parking area is approximately 80 m (262 ft) away from the entrance of the Irishman's Tower
- Disabled car parking is available just outside the fortified gates, approximately 20 m (65 ft) from the entrance to the Irishman's Tower
- The path leading from the car park to the inner courtyard is not level and not paved and therefore is uneven. It is partially lit at night
- The inner court yard is cobbled. Ramps are provided to gain access from the inner courtyard to the entrance of the Irishman's Tower. Alternatively, there are two (2) steps leading up to the entrance (17 cm each). This area can be slippery during the winter and whilst it rains. Please take care
- The pavement leading to the entrance door is made of

ancient paving stones. These are uneven and can be slippery during bad weather. Please take care

- Guests can drive into the inner courtyard upon arrival and departure for the easier loading and unloading of luggage. Vehicles will then need to be moved back to the designated parking areas
- Vehicular access may sometimes be restricted due to other events occurring at Houghton Tower. Information will be provided at the time of booking or closer to your arrival date.

### **Main Entrance**

- For security reasons, all keys will be provided by a member of staff upon arrival. Details will be confirmed closer to your date of arrival
- The main entrance to the Irishman's Tower is through an old, heavy wooden door, 83 cm (33 inch) wide, 170 cm (67 inch) high. It is right hinged. There is a threshold of 6 cm (2 inch)
- This door leads straight into the sitting room. There is a large door mat inset to the floor
- The main light switch is on the wall on the left hand side of the entrance at a height of 132 cm (52 inch)
- A coat hanger is available behind the door (on the right)
- The sitting room has hardwood flooring throughout
- The guest guide will be in this room upon arrival.

### **Stairs**

- The stairs leading from the ground floor to the first floor are accessible from the sitting room
- There are 12 steps with a complete, permanent hand rail on the right hand side. Each stair is 55 cm (22 inch) wide. Each step is 18 cm (7 inch) high. The stairway is made of hardwood (steps are natural, varnished wood, banister

painted white).

### **Sitting room**

- The sitting room has two windows
- To the left of the sitting room is the open fire place (appropriate fire guard provided)
- In front of this fire place is an armchair. It is 83 cm high (33 inch), 80 cm deep (31 inch), 74 cm wide (29 inch). A small side table is provided to the left of the chair. This is 49 cm (19 inch) length, 35 cm (13 inch) wide and 42 cm (16 inch) high
- A two seater sofa (seat width 118 cm/ 46 inch, seat depth 55 cm/ 22 inch, seat height 41 cm/ 16 inch) and an armchair (same as above) can be found on the left hand side of the sitting room. A small side table (43 cm/17 inch wide and high) is provided to the right of the armchair and a small coffee table is located in front of the sofa (53 cm/21 inch high with a diameter of 61 cm/24 inch)
- A desk (80 cm/31 inch high and 54 cm/ 21 inch wide) is provided with a chair
- A 26 inch LCD TV with remote control, DVD player and iPOD dock is provided. This is on a table of 64 cm/25 inch length, 40 cm/ 16 inch width and 48 cm/ 19 inch height
- There is no telephone in the Irishman's Tower
- Furniture is moveable

### **Laundry**

- There is no washing machine in the Irishman's Tower

### **Bedroom**

- The balconied bedroom area is at the top of the stairs
- The fire alarm sounder is in the bedroom at the top of the

stairs

- The bedroom has two windows and hardwood flooring throughout
- A light switch is provided at the top of the stairs, on the left hand side. The bedroom lights can also be switched on from the ground floor
- The king-size bed measures 152 cm (60 inch) wide, 221 cm (87 inch) long and 65 cm (26 inch) high
- All bedding is natural cotton with non-feather pillows and duvet
- There is 68 cm (27 inch) on the left hand side of the bed, 66 cm (26 inch) on the right hand side
- Two reading lights are provided on the bedside tables on either side of the bed
- A small armchair is provided on the right hand side of the bed. The seat height is 45 cm (18 inch), seat depth 55 cm (22 inch) and seat width 55 cm (22 inch)
- A dressing area with full length mirror and wardrobe is at the top of the stairs.

## **Bathroom**

- The entrance to the en-suite bathroom can be found to the left of the bed
- The door measures 67 cm (26 inch) in width, 195 cm (77 inch) in height
- The light switch is outside the bathroom door on the left hand side, 130 cm high
- The bathroom is illuminated by spotlights
- The bathroom has black slate flooring
- The bathroom has underfloor heating
- The heated towel rail is wall mounted behind the door, on the left of the bathroom
- The WC measures 56 cm (22 inch) in depth, 36 cm (14 inch) in seat width and 40 cm (16 inch) in height from the

floor

- The sink is 80 cm (32 inch) in width and 47 cm (19 inch) in depth
- The walk-in shower measures 170 cm (67 inch) in length and 80 cm (32 inch) in depth
- All mixer taps are chrome and are manual levers
- An electric shaver plug point is provided next to the mirror over the sink.

### **Self-Catering Kitchen**

- The kitchen is accessible from the sitting room
- There are two steps leading to the kitchen. Step 1 is 18 cm high (7 inch), step 2 is 12 cm high (5 inch). The doorway is 194 cm (76 inch) high and 65 cm (26 inch) wide
- The kitchen is lit by spotlights. The lightswitch is on the right hand side (130 cm/ 51 inch high) when you enter the kitchen
- There is a skylight providing natural light during the day
- The flooring is non slip ceramic tiles
- The work surface is 92 cm (36 inch) high and 60 cm (24 inch) deep. The sink and electric hob are also 92 cm (36 inch) high
- A combination oven/ microwave is available and is placed on top of the worksurface
- Crockery, glassware and cutlery is provided in the cupboards and drawers together with the necessary cookware
- The fridge- freezer is under the work surface
- A dishwasher is provided
- All instruction manuals are provided in a file in one of the kitchen drawers.

### **Grounds and Gardens**

- There is no external space for exclusive use of guests however there are plenty of walks in the surrounding area.

### **Additional Information**

- Sorry, no pets are allowed at the Irishman's Tower
- The Irishman's Tower is strictly non-smoking

### **Contact details**

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Hours of operation:

Office open 9 am to 5 pm during weekdays

Check-in time from 4 pm to 10 pm on your day of arrival

Check-out time 11am.

Emergency number: Provided on day of arrival

Local public transport numbers: More information in our welcome guide

Local accessible taxi numbers: More information in our welcome guide

## **Future Plans**

- The Irishman's Tower has just opened so there are no immediate plans for the property

## **Contact Telephone and Email Address**

**We welcome any feedback to help us continually improve if you have any comments please phone +44 (0)1254852986 or email [mail@hoghtontower.co.uk](mailto:mail@hoghtontower.co.uk)**

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