



Holiday Information for people with visual impairment

This list has been compiled as a result of many requests for holiday information for people with visual impairments. Unlike the majority of our literature we have not visited all the places included. Those with an asterisk * we have visited.

We have tried to ensure the information is correct but we strongly urge you to consult with the owners of each property about the appropriateness of the accommodation for your own specific needs.

Specialist Hotels

Action for Blind People

The charity 'Action for Blind People' have four hotels that in addition to the facilities you would expect from a quality hotel, provide all the extras that may be required by visually impaired guests such as talking alarm clocks, liquid level indicators, large press button telephones and facilities for guide dogs. All the hotels have wheelchair accessible rooms with wheel-in showers. To book, contact them by email or telephone the hotel directly. Details as follows:

Cliffden Hotel

Dawlish Road, Teignmouth, Devon, TQ14 8TE

There is also a self catering unit on site which is called 'The Coach House'.

Tel:- 01626 770052

E-mail:- cliffden@visionhotels.co.uk

Website:- www.visionhotels.co.uk/cliffden-hotel/

Lauriston Hotel

6-12 Knightstone Road, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset
BS23 2AN

Tel:- 01934 620758

E-mail:- lauriston.hotel@actionforblindpeople.org.uk

Website:- www.visionhotels.co.uk/welcome-to-the-lauriston-hotel/

The Russell Hotel

Kings Parade, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 2QP

Tel:- 01243 871300

E-mail:- russell@visionhotels.co.uk

Website:- www.visionhotels.co.uk/russell-hotel/

Windermere Manor Hotel

Rayrigg Road, Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1ES

There is also a self catering unit on site which is called 'Low Brandle Howe'.

Tel:- 01539 445801

E-mail:- windermere@visionhotels.co.uk

Website:- www.visionhotels.co.uk/windermere-manor-hotel/

The Royal Blind Society

The charity 'The Royal Blind Society' own two hotels that in addition to the facilities you would expect from a quality hotel, provide all the extras that may be required by visually impaired guests. To book, contact them by email or telephone the hotel directly. Details as follows:

The Belmont Hotel

21 North Parade, Llandudno, Conwy, North Wales, LL30 2LP

The Belmont faces the north end of Llandudno's Pier and overlooks the Bay of Llandudno and its promenade. It is ideally located for most amenities and has the benefit of level surroundings. The majority of bedrooms are accessed by the talking lift and have en-suite facilities. Wheelchair accessible rooms with en-suite wheel-in showers are available.

Guide dogs are welcome; beds and bowls are provided for their use. A designated spending area is situated just outside the hotel. A loop system has been fitted in the restaurant and bar lounge areas. Liquid level indicators, talking books, large print library and newspaper and braille facilities are all available for guests use.

Tel:- 01492 877770

E-mail:- belmont@royalblindsociety.org

Website:- www.royalblindsociety.org/belmont.htm

The Bradbury Hotel (formerly Honeywood House)

Station Road, East Preston, West Sussex, BN16 3AL

This is a small specialist hotel for blind and partially sighted guests situated in Sussex. It has been furnished and decorated with colour contrast, ease of use and glare reduction in mind. Bedrooms are equipped with easy-to-use TV's, and information in large print and on cassette, along with radio cassette players, hospitality tray, liquid level indicators, talking clocks, touch lamps, etc. Bath and shower rooms have easy-turn taps with hot water temperature regulators. Items such as raised toilet seats and toilet frames are available to those guests who require them and full facilities are available for guide dog guests. All rooms are equipped with emergency alarms. There are no ground floor rooms, bedrooms are accessible by stairs or a talking lift. Wheelchair accessible rooms with wheel-in showers are available.

Tel:- 01903 770339

E-mail:- bradbury@royalblindsociety.org

Website:- www.royalblindsociety.org/honeywood.htm

Hotels providing accommodation for people with a range of disabilities

Merton House Holiday Hotel

Edde Cross Street, Ross-On-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7BZ

The hotel is a registered charity that provides holidays for people with all kind of disabilities. It does not have specific aids for sensory impairment so people with severe visual impairment would need to be accompanied by a sighted companion. It does have ground floor rooms with en-suite wet rooms.

Tel:- 01989 563252

E-mail:- merton.house@clara.co.uk

Website:- www.mertonhouse.org

Lovat Lodge Hotel

Thurlow Road, Nairn, IV12 4EZ

Overlooking the Moray Firth in Scotland the hotel was formerly owned by the charity Arthritis Care. It has adapted facilities including lever taps, adjustable beds, accessible bathrooms and wheel-in showers. Lovat Lodge is wheelchair accessible and has wheelchair accessible suites with bathrooms.

Tel:- 01667 453298

E-mail:- info@lovatlodgehotel.co.uk

Website:- www.lovatlodgehotel.co.uk

The Promenade Hotel

The Esplanade, Minehead, Somerset, TA24 5QS

Owned by the charity 'Livability' (formerly John Grooms) the hotel enjoys picturesque views of the harbour and coastline. It is fully accessible by wheelchair users and offers a wide range of amenities including 8 accessible rooms, a sunny conservatory and garden.

Tel:- 01643 702572

E-mail:- promenade@livability.org.uk

Website:- www.livability.org.uk/page.asp?id=85

The West Shore Hotel

West Parade, Llandudno, Conway, LL30 2BB

Owned by the charity 'Livability' (formerly John Grooms) the hotel is an ideal base for viewing the picturesque North Wales coastline and the breathtaking mountain scenery of Snowdonia. The hotel has accessible rooms with wheel-in showers.

Tel:- 01492 876833

E-mail:- westshore@livability.org.uk

Website:- www.livability.org.uk/page.asp?id=84

The St. Annes Hotel

The Beach, 69 - 71 South Promenade, St. Annes on sea,
Lancashire, FY8 1LZ

The hotel has 26 beautifully furnished bedrooms and suites with high-tech equipment. All bedrooms are fully accessible with wheel-in showers except those on the very top floor. Guests need to state when booking if they will be bringing Guide Dogs.

Tel:- 01253-713108

E-mail:- enquiries@st-annes-hotel.com

Website:- www.st-annes-hotel.com

Varied Group Holidays UK and Worldwide

Vitalise Holidays

Vitalise Holidays Team, Shap Road Industrial Estate, Shap Road, Kendal, Cumbria, LA9 6NZ

This registered charity provides inspirational group holidays in the UK and worldwide for holidaymakers with visual impairments. Every holiday group is made up with sighted guides (holiday makers who are given information on basic guiding techniques by Vitalise). Many of their holidays require a certain degree of mobility, they do provide a grading system on their website to help you decide which holidays will suit your level of fitness and mobility. If you have limited mobility or use a walking aid or wheelchair, it is important that you inform them when booking, so that they can advise if the holiday itinerary and accommodation will be suitable for you.

Tel:- 0845 330 0149

E-mail:- violidays@vitalise.org.uk

Website:- www.vitalise.org.uk/vitalise_holidays

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