

# Holiday Information for people with visual impairment

## Specialist Hotels

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. They are situated in Teignmouth in Devon, Weston Super Mare in Somerset, Aldwick near Bognor Regis in West Sussex and Windermere in the Lake District.

To book, contact them by email or telephone the hotel directly.

**Cliffden Hotel**, Dawlish Road, Teignmouth, Devon, TQ14 8TE

Tel :- 01626 770052 e-mail :-

[cliffden.hotel@actionforblindpeople.org.uk](mailto:cliffden.hotel@actionforblindpeople.org.uk)

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

**Lauriston Hotel**, 6-12 Knightstone Road, Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset

BS23 2AN

Tel :- 01934 620758 e-mail :-

[lauriston.hotel@actionforblindpeople.org.uk](mailto:lauriston.hotel@actionforblindpeople.org.uk)

**The Russell Hotel**, Kings Parade, Bognor Regis, West Sussex, PO21 2QP

Tel :- 01243 871300 e-mail :-

[russell.hotel@actionforblindpeople.org.uk](mailto:russell.hotel@actionforblindpeople.org.uk)

**Windermere Manor Hotel**, Rayrigg Road, Windermere, Cumbria, LA23 1ES

Tel :- 01539 445801 e-mail

[windermere.manor@actionforblindpeople.org.uk](mailto:windermere.manor@actionforblindpeople.org.uk)

website :- <http://www.actionforblindpeople.org.uk/>

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

**The Belmont Hotel** in Llandudno is owned by The Royal Blind Society. 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](mailto:belmont@royalblindsociety.org)

Belmont Hotel, Andy Moran, 21 North Parade, Llandudno, Conwy, North Wales, LL30 2LP

website :- <http://www.royalblindsociety.org/belmont.htm>

**The Bradbury Hotel** (formerly Honeywood House) also owned by The Royal Blind Society 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 :-  
[honeywood@royalblindsociety.org](mailto:honeywood@royalblindsociety.org)

The Bradbury Hotel, Station Road, East Preston, West Sussex, BN16 3AL

## **Hotels providing accommodation for a range of disabilities**

**Merton House Hotel** in Ross on Wye in Hereford is a charity and 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 :-  
[reservations@mertonhouse.org](mailto:reservations@mertonhouse.org)

Merton House Holiday Hotel, Edde Cross Street,

Ross-On-Wye, Herefordshire, HR9 7BZ

website :- <http://www.mertonhouse.org/>

**Lovat Lodge Hotel** overlooks the Moray Firth in Scotland. The hotel was formerly owned by the charity Arthritis Care but is currently forming its own charitable trust. 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.

Contact :- Tel: 01667453298 e-mail :-  
[LovatLodge@arthritiscare.org.uk](mailto:LovatLodge@arthritiscare.org.uk)

Lovat Lodge Hotel, Thurlow Road, Nairn, IV12 4EZ.

website :- [www.lovatlodgehotel.co.uk/](http://www.lovatlodgehotel.co.uk/)

**The Promenade Hotel** owned by the charity 'Livability' (formerly John Grooms) is located in Minehead, Somerset and enjoys picturesque views of the harbour and coastline. The Promenade Hotel is located in Minehead, Somerset and 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.

Contact :- 01643 702572  
e-mail :- [promenade@livability.org.uk](mailto:promenade@livability.org.uk)

Website :- <http://www.livability.org.uk/page.asp?id=85>  
The Promenade Hotel, The Esplanade, Minehead, Somerset,  
TA24 5QS

**The West Shore Hotel** in Llandudno is run by the charity John Grooms and has accessible rooms with wheel-in showers. This would be ideal to use as a base for viewing the

picturesque North Wales coastline and the breathtaking mountain scenery of Snowdonia.

Contact :- 01492 876833

e-mail :- [westshore@livability.org.uk](mailto:westshore@livability.org.uk)

website :- <http://www.livability.org.uk/page.asp?id=84>

West Shore Hotel, West Parade, Llandudno, Conway, LL30 2BB

**The St. Annes Hotel** is situated in St Annes on Sea in Lancashire and 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 that they will be bringing Guide Dogs at the time of booking.

Tel :- 01253-713108 e-mail :- [enquiries@st-annes-hotel.com](mailto:enquiries@st-annes-hotel.com)

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

website :- [www.st-annes-hotel.com](http://www.st-annes-hotel.com)

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