



## ACCESS STATEMENT FOR THE COLLOQUY

### INTRODUCTION

*The Colloquy is a chic retreat for a family celebration, university reunion or a big birthday. It also provides a contemporary location for corporate retreats, board meetings, management courses and executive training. Beyond the Colloquy's own garden there are 700 acres of fields, orchards and woodland for you to wander in: and beyond that, 8000 square miles of Wales, Herefordshire, Shropshire and the Borderlands to explore.*

*We have tried to provide as much information as possible in this statement, if you have any queries please don't hesitate to ask. We look forward to welcoming you.*

### PRE-ARRIVAL

*We have two websites for you to view [www.thecolloquy.com](http://www.thecolloquy.com) and [www.whiteheronproperties.com](http://www.whiteheronproperties.com)*

*All bookings and enquiries can be made via email, phone or fax.*

*The Colloquy is nearest to Leominster station at about 14 miles; Hereford is around 18 miles and Ludlow around 20 miles.*

*There is a bus service (National Express) to Hereford bus station and a local bus comes to Lyonshall from the same bus station. Shobdon Airfield is approximately 3 miles away.*

*We offer the facility to hire wheelchairs and other aids and equipment, please ask for prices and details when booking.*

*You can arrange to have shopping delivered to the property when you're there via Tesco home delivery.*

### ARRIVAL & CAR PARKING FACILITIES

*The car park is situated in front of the colloquy and is 6 meters from the main entrance.*

*There is parking for at least 10 cars at the property.*

*The entrance at the front has one step-17.9cm high, 28cm deep and 100cm wide. The door is 100cm wide and is hinged from the left.*

### MAIN ENTRANCE & RECEPTION

*Entering the Colloquy through the lower cobbled courtyard there are two main entrances – the first through a travertine marble lower hallway with large stone steps-22.2cm high, 29cm deep and 100cm wide, into a large sitting area through double doors hinged from both sides and are 115cm wide, with an immediate view up to the upper courtyard and the magnificent clock (still working and wound every Friday - it only strikes during the day so if it is striking in the night please let us know as it will be because there has been a power cut and the time clock may be reading the wrong time). The second entrance is through the original thoroughfare. Now enclosed but formally open this hallway has the original, unusual porcelain wall bricks and stone bricked polished floor. All internal doorways are 2' 9" to 3', and there are differing levels throughout the building with short steps from one room to the next. There is one bedroom with a wet room on the ground floor (Room 7) where wheelchair access is possible, although the user would need some help.*

### HEATING

*The property is heated entirely by a wood chip boiler which is occasionally supplemented by additional gas boiler when the weather is really cold. All downstairs areas have underfloor heating and upstairs the bedrooms have radiators. This has reduced our carbon footprint enormously however we would still ask you too keep the heating at a reasonable level, to keep all doors and windows closed and not to turn the thermostats up to more than 20 degrees as you will still overload the system and we do not have a plumber available at weekends.*

*TROUBLE SHOOTING - Should the heating not work the hot water can be operated by immersion heaters. All the controls for the heating are found in the boiler room and the three immersion heaters are clearly marked. Please do not fiddle with any other controls for the heating - the only thing that may be worth considering if the heating or hot water is not on is that there may have been a power cut in which case the time clocks may well be set at the wrong time and will need putting back to the correct hour. Please only allow technically competent members of your party to mess about with these!!*



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### PUBLIC AREAS

The sitting room at the top of the hallway steps (Sitting Room 1) has two opening casements so access into the courtyard is easy over a long bench seat. This sitting area has a hole-in-the-wall fire and some sink-into sofas with TV and X-box. Some double doors open into the huge dining area and chill zone/cinema. A second sitting room is situated to the right of Sitting Room 1 in the old tack room with all the original boards on the wall. You can still make out the shape of the saddle stands on the east facing wall. This houses a second Sky plus TV.

### Self catering, Take away and In House Caterer

Catering - our in house caterer is James Moss 01544 340602 who can help you with anything from freezer food to full scale formal banqueting with or without washing up and full service. There are other options which you can see on our "EAT" page. We do also have caterers available so do please ask us if James is not available.

### EATING OUT- PUBS & RESTAURANTS

(Our ratings in brackets)

#### **The Royal George Lyonshall (\*\*)**

Lovely family, friendly pub with good pub food and very handy for a walk. Sue and Kevin will look after you really well!

#### **Bateman Arms (\*) Shobdon 01568 708374.**

Untested by us, please let us know of any experiences that you have.

#### **Boat Inn (\*\*\*) Whitney on Wye 01497 83122.**

Reasonable pub food with lovely view onto the river.

#### **The Cook House (\*\*\*) Ludlow 01584 856665.**

On the outskirts of Ludlow - delicious venue.

#### **The Harp (\*\*\*) Old Radnor, Powys 01544 350655.**

Great views into Wales and reasonable food too.

#### **The Hat Shop (\*\*\*) Presteigne, Powys 01544 260017.**

Quirky and reasonable grub.

#### **Hibiscus (\*\*\*\*) Ludlow 01584 872325.**

One of the best of the Ludlow foodies clustered. 2 Michelin stars.

#### **Hyderabad (\*) Kington 01544 231999.**

Friendly people for standard Indian takeaway.

#### **Jules (\*\*\*) Weobley 01544 318206**

Good character restaurant, reasonable food but with sometimes questionable hosting!

#### **New Inn (\*\*\*) Pembrokeshire 01544 388427**

Food's ok with large portions but the building is wonderful 17th century and the beer is good too.

#### **Red Lion (\*) Pembrokeshire 01544 388427**

#### **Red Lion (\*\*\*) Weobley 01544 318220**

Reasonable pub grub with friendly service compared to The Salutation where if the service is poor and the food takes an age to arrive.

#### **Riverside Inn (\*\*\*) Aymestry 01568 708440**

Lovely restaurant on the banks of the River Lugg. Good food - we think.

#### **Royal Oak (\*) Gladestry 01544 370669**

A bracing 4 mile walk over Hergest Ridge from Kington brings you to this quirky Welsh pub with standard pub food.

#### **Stagg Inn (\*\*\*) Titley 01544 230221**

We are very lucky to have this wonderful Michelin starred pub within walking distance and would definitely recommend a visit during your stay.

#### **Swan Hotel (\*) Kington 01544 230510**

Mixed reports but probably the best Kington has to offer.





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### SHOPS

- **Kington – 3 miles** - Co-op, two butchers, deli, green-grocer, fish-shop, chemist, antiques, hardware store, etc
- **Ludlow – 15 miles** – Tesco but a real market town so great butchers and bakers, a regular outdoor market and some good clothes and gift shops. Worth a visit.
- **Hay on Wye – 15 miles** – Antique shops, second hand book shops, some nice pubs, also worth a visit.
- **Leominster – 14 miles** – Morrison's, good "antique" dress shop and some nice antique markets, but not the place for food.
- **Hereford – 18 miles** – Tesco, Morrisons, Sainsburys and all of above plus...
- **www.tesco.com** - Will deliver to the door – postcode HR5 3JB
- **Pembridge** – Good farm shop as you exit the other side.
- **Marston Meats** – about 2 miles – fresh farm meat and homemade pies and sausages etc.

### LEISURE FACILITIES

There is a Golf Course at Kington where you can play for a green fee. Best to ring and book (01544 230340). Clubs can be hired from the pro. There are also courses nearby at Leominster and Weobley.

- **Canoeing** – Wye Valley Canoe Centre, [www.wyevalleycanoes.co.uk](http://www.wyevalleycanoes.co.uk), Glasbury-on-Wye, Hereford Tel: 01497 847213  
A must on a nice day with beautiful black mountain scenery all around. Costs variable and depending on how far you go. Lots of picnic spots along the way.
- **Flying Lessons** – Shobdon Airfield 01568 708369. About 5 miles away - adventure for those who love the skies with helicopter, glider or aeroplane lessons.
- **Hiking** – Offas Dyke Path 01547 528753 Loads of fabulous walking all around us including Offas Dyke.  
[www.offas-dyke.co.uk](http://www.offas-dyke.co.uk)
- **Karting** – Border Kart Racing, Presteigne 01544 327006. Great fun on the go-karts around a well organised track.  
[www.kinsham-raceway.co.uk](http://www.kinsham-raceway.co.uk)
- **Mountain Boarding** – Tillington, 04132-760261 [www.courtfarmleisure.co.uk](http://www.courtfarmleisure.co.uk) Good fun for winter snowboarders, pros and beginners alike (take out insurance!)
- **Oaker Leisure** - Kingsland 01547530711 [www.owlactivities.co.uk](http://www.owlactivities.co.uk) Wonderful woodland adventure land for kids and adults alike, including quad biking, paintballing, clay pigeon shooting, abseiling, rope climbing, rafting, Borneo breakout, low ropes in 175 acres of Herefordshire woods. 15 minutes away this is a wonderful day, or half day's entertainment for mature groups, family groups or kids.
- **Quad Biking** – Trace and Vicky Phillips, Hillbrook, Craswall, Longtown, Herefordshire, HR2 0PH 01873 860291 A longish drive but through beautiful countryside and well worth the journey. [www.mountainmayhem.com](http://www.mountainmayhem.com)





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- **Rally** – Phil Price Rally School, Knighton 01547-550300 Excellent off-road rally training [www.philprice.co.uk](http://www.philprice.co.uk)
- **Riding** – [www.tregoydriding.co.uk](http://www.tregoydriding.co.uk) – situated at Glasbury just the other side of Hay-on-Wye and very close to the canoeing start point if you wanted to try to combine the two activities 01497 847351
- **Shooting** – Griffin-Lloyd Shooting Ground, Knighton 01547-550634 Clay pigeon ground [www.griffinlloyd.co.uk](http://www.griffinlloyd.co.uk)
- **Squash** – Our court is not heated so we suggest you use fast balls. Please do not allow any children into the gallery area unless supervised - there are very steep stairs and a very low wall. The combination to the padlock on the gate protecting unsupervised access is 007.
- **Swimming/Gym** – East Radnor Leisure Centre, Broadaxe Lane., Presteigne, Powys, LD8 2AY 01544 260302 Well heated indoor pool – call for timings. They also have a ball park for kids, gym and further squash courts Or The Burton Hotel in Kington which has a indoor pool, hot-tub, sauna, sunbeds, steam room and a huge gym. At this moment it is £15 for a day's entry but we are in the process of trying to gain corporate membership. The hotel itself is in need of an uplift, but the brand new leisure centre is very well appointed. [www.hotelherefordshire.co.uk/leisurecentre.html](http://www.hotelherefordshire.co.uk/leisurecentre.html). Also beauty treatments and massage available by arrangement.
- **Tennis** – Leominster Leisure Centre, Bridge Street, Leominster 01568 612540 Indoor and outdoor tennis courts [www.herefordshire.gov.uk](http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk)

## OUTDOOR FACILITIES

The Squash court has its own wc and washing facilities and is accessed from the long south facing terrace through double doors hinged both sides-100cm wide. The squash court itself is unheated so a red spot ball is recommended. Rackets, balls and shoes are provided - please remember indoor shoes only. Our hot-tub, sauna and health room can be found in the Old Potting Shed near the car-parking area up three stone steps. All these facilities may be used free of charge by any of our guests however, you may have to book a slot for some of the above. The Potting Shed is a self-contained, heated area. There are also changing rooms for the outdoor swimming pool which is open between May and end of September. Our swimming pool is fenced off for children's safety and is open between 9am and 8pm daily.

## BEDROOMS

All bedrooms have ensuite bathrooms, TV; and independent kitchen areas. All beds are pocket sprung and have 100% Egyptian cotton sheets, with king or super king duvets. Four of the beds are super king; one bedroom has twins - which can be made up as a super king, the remaining three bedrooms have king-size beds. On the lower-ground and ground floor the heating is under floor and on the first floor stunning black Italian efficient radiators. Measurements are approximate:

- **Bedroom 1** 20ft by 20ft with set of stairs up to day beds
- **Bedroom 2** 20ft by 15ft with set of stairs up to single bed and additional pull out bed
- **Bedroom 3** 15ft by 15ft
- **Bedroom 4** 25ft by 20ft
- **Bedroom 5** 15ft by 15ft
- **Bedroom 6** 20ft by 20ft
- **Bedroom 7** 20ft by 25ft with set of stairs up to day bed and bath
- **Bedroom 8** Large self contained character cottage with mezzanine double bed and shower/wetroom downstairs, plus kitchen and sitting room plus day bed (full size single) downstairs.





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### BATHROOMS

All bathrooms have modern taps mostly wall mounted. If there is no shower in the bathroom then there is also a bath shower-head. Towels provided are all bath sheet size. All bathrooms can be entered via a bedroom through standard sized doors 100cm wide.

### GROUNDS AND GARDENS

The one hectare walled garden was built in the early 1800s and is a safe-haven for families as it is enclosed and gated on all sides. A well-lit long terrace runs along the south side of the Stables with a larger dining terrace and a gas barbecue on the terrace (gas provided and a spare available from James Moss should you need it). The Swimming pool is protected by a tall ironwork fence which has two gates on it. Both these gates are padlocked and the combination number is 007. The pool is fully heated and is fully maintained throughout the summer months between May and September. It has a constant depth of 1.4 metres and has a tile finish. Chlorine is tested on a daily basis and remedial treatment is applied.

### Additional Information

### HOUSE RULES AND REMINDERS

- Sauna and hot tub must only be used by adults; or children only under supervision. Please ensure that your children know not to wee in the hot tub. If it has to be emptied you are unlikely to be able to use it again. (see further details below.) Before using the hot tub please remove any make-up or sun oil and please have a shower. (Will you ensure that all members of your party have read the sheet of simple instructions before entering). Please do not allow your children to change any of the settings on the hot tub.
- The Swimming pool is fenced and padlocked is used entirely at your own risk. In any case it must only be used under strict supervision. No running or diving, and please no sitting on the pool roller (again see full details below). Children must not be left alone inside the fenced area. The pool is a uniform 1.4m deep.
- Media Centre. Please do not touch any of the settings on the media centre, either by using the computer or any of the switching equipment. PLEASE do not allow your children to have any of the controllers for this very expensive piece of equipment. Please do not try to plug or unplug any of the leads in the back of the computer. If you want to plug in your i-Pod there is a lead at the front with IPOD clearly marked on it (full details below). Any damages or call out from our computer consultants will be chargeable. There is an instruction sheet by the media centre – please read it before firing up! By special arrangement you can use microsoft office for Power Point presentations. Please do not try to access any sex orientated sites - we have bars placed on many access words - we have many children staying in this property and we would not want them to inadvertently find unsuitable material.
- Sun Awning. Please always wind in when not in use – it is not a rain shelter.
- Absolutely no dogs!
- Please drive slowly through our lanes – there have been a couple of accidents recently, and there are a lot of children and dogs around the area, not too mention tractors and farm machinery that may damage you! 20 – 30mph is max speed.
- Please but all your recycling into the large green bins, having rinsed out any tins, bottles or cartons. Please leave food that you don't want to eat in the fridge or on the sides in the kitchen - if it gets put out there are foxes around! All other waste in black bin liners and put in the large municipal size bin.
- Please report damages, however small - then we can replace glasses and crockery as it is broken.
- Do bring your own swimming towels for use in the sauna, hot-tub and swimming pool and your own CDs/DVDs.





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- *Check out after a week stay or a long weekend is 10am; or 6pm for a two night weekend. Please be responsible for the environment. Do not overheat the house and/or leave all the windows open. Please turn lights off- particularly those for outside and in the garden.*
- *Remember the refuse collection on a Friday morning at 8.30am at the bottom of the drive. The large municipal bin is also emptied on a Tuesday.*
- *Remember to include toilet rolls, dishwasher tablets, washing up liquid and washing powder on your shopping list.*
- *No fireworks or loud parties outside please – please be considerate of the several houses in the neighbourhood which includes members of our farm staff who have to get up early in the morning!*

### LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORT NUMBERS:

- **Sergeants Bus Service** 01544 230481
- **The Little Bus Co** 01568 613742

### LOCAL ACCESSIBLE TAXI NUMBERS:

- **Access Taxis** 01544 267739
- **Ricky's Cabs** 07778 997950

### OTHER CONTACT INFORMATION:

- **House no** - 01544 340378
- **James Moss - Manager** 01544 340602
- **Jo Hilditch (owner)** - 01544 340205 or 07977 108031
- **Office** - 01544 340241
- **Doctor** - 01544 23030213

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