This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our clients/guests/visitors.

### **Access Statement for Lavant House Stables**

Situated 2 miles outside of Chichester, West Sussex, we are a friendly, professional riding school, the best place to learn to ride well and safely. All of our horse stalls, indoor riding school and yard are on one level and easily accessible. We encourage visitors to meet the team, horses and ponies.

Located in 80 acres of beautiful West Sussex countryside, we have our own woodlands and pasture fields nestling under the South Downs. For Open Mornings and outdoor events we have a grassland picnic area. Everyone is welcome to bring picnics. Also available to purchase are drinks and light snacks from our vending machines in the Club Room located in the stable yard.

The stable yard and administration office are always manned during normal working hours. Professional staff members always on hand to assist and advise. Visitors must be accompanied at all times by staff members when horses and ponies are in the stalls or being ridden.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01243 530460 or email riding@lhstables.co.uk.

### **Pre-Arrival**

Details on how to find us are on our website www.lhstables.co.uk. By car take the A286 (Petersfield) from Chichester to Lavant, turn left towards Lavant Primary School, approx 1/2mile after the school, turn left towards Lavant House School, our entrance is next to the school and clearly signposted Lavant House Stables.

The nearest railway station is Chichester approx 3.5 miles. Taxis are available at the station

### **Car Parking and Arrival**

There is a large level car park on site for 100+ cars.

Ample space for disabled parking

Access to inner yard for disabled vehicle carriers by prior arrangement

### Main Entrance, Reception

The main entrance is situated adjacent to the car park, with pedestrian access to the main stable yard. Vehicle access to the yard by prior arrangement

All visitors are requested to go to the main office which is situated in the stable yard and clearly signed as "Office", to ensure they are accompanied by an appropriate member of staff

There are sheltered seats/benches in the stable yard and some covered seating at the riding arena viewing points

## **Open Mornings**

Specific days throughout the year, Free entry, parking and all activities: Pony rides, Tractor rides, Treasure Hunt, Pony grooming, Face painting, Woodland walk, Bouncy slide (weather permitting), grassed picnic area, refreshments

**Normal working days** (year round, closed Tuesday ) - Free entry: Guided tour of our facilities, meet the horses & ponies, refreshments/pay vending machines, free parking

### **Public Toilets**

Unisex toilets are located on ground level of the stable yard with two steps up.

### **Grounds and Gardens**

Level pasture field adjacent to the car park available as a picnic area for Open Mornings and events (weather permitting)

Sheltered seats/benches at intervals in the stable yard area

Woodland area, uneven rough terrain, not suitable for buggy/wheelchair access

## **Indoor Riding School**

Access is ground level. Currently restricted for wheelchair users due to the soft surface of the indoor riding school floor. Viewing points from access doors

#### Additional Information

Dogs: We welcome trained assistance dogs on leads only, water provided. For the safety of the horses and clients domestic dogs not permitted.

We have evacuation procedures in place, should you require help a staff member will ensure you are assisted to a safe refuge point in the event of an evacuation of the stable yard

# **Future Plans**

A virtual tour of our facilities will be added to our website www.lhstables.co.uk

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Hours Of Operation: 7.30 - 20.00 (closed Tuesday)

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