

## **Cae Hir Gardens - Accessibility**

Cae Hir is a garden open to the public set on a 6 acre site on a hill. The site rises from ???m above sea level to ???m above sea level in an ever increasingly steep incline. Originally 4 fields, the B4337 road runs along the top edge of the lowest field, with Cae Hir cottage situated on the road along the bottom edge of the next field up. The cottage was dug into the hillside, and so to get up to the garden we have to get our visitors up the slope past this cottage to 'Y Sied' – our reception area/tearoom and small nursery. From here, the garden continues to climb the slope to the top of the next 3 fields, now the top of the garden.

Accessibility for wheelchair users is therefore a genuine issue, and one which we are slowly working to better, however as it stands we are still a long way off being accessible for wheelchair users and mobility scooters. Parking for those with restricted mobility is best done in the original small 'lay-by' carpark on the same side of the road as Cae Hir Cottage. This car park is at road level, and a short walk along the road in front of the cottage takes you to the first of 2 steps you will need to traverse to get to 'Y Sied'. It is followed by the slope up past the cottage and the second step which lands you on the gravel area of the Nursery. To get to the patio in front of 'Y Sied' is about 10 metres along this gravel.

The garden itself is laid to lawn with several gravelled areas dotted around. As mentioned, it was originally 4 fields, 3 of which were behind the cottage. This land – 4 acres – now makes up the main garden. The original banks between the fields still exist and have steps going up them. At either end of both banks however the lawn slopes up as a path between the 2 heights. This was originally done for getting the lawnmower to the top of the garden, but also serves as a steps-free way up for our visitors. However the 'second' and 'third' fields are markedly steeper than the 'first', which is just a gentle slope. As a result we offer a 'Restricted Mobility' entrance fee, which is half the price of the full adult entrance fee.

Remember however that should you not go into the garden, but just come up to our tearoom (Y Sied) and the nursery, there is no entrance fee.

For any further information or questions you may have on accessibility please do not hesitate to contact us. Email is best as it is sometimes difficult for Julie to answer the phone, but do feel free to ask for a phone call back.