Isle of Man Tourism



Visit Report
Bunkhouse Standard

The Venture Centre

Ramsey

Bunkhouse Accredited

Visit date: 14 Sep 2023

Visit type: Day

QiT No: 533549

Summary

The Venture Centre offers a basic standard of accommodation within a very busy Activity Centre. Mainly catering to school and youth groups throughout the year. Families and other groups can be accommodated in a range of small or large dorms and private rooms. The site can house up to 140 guests but tries to accommodate approx. 100 at a time due to the constraints on facilities. This is popular during TT, for cyclists and school holidays.

The owners are to be commended on the programme of upgrade and investment. Double glazed smaller rooms are available housing between 2 to 4 guests, this units are attractive to cyclists and TT users.

The Bunkhouse Accredited rating is awarded with the accommodation registered under the Bunkhouse designator. The walk round took place with Mr Simon Read (owner)

Physical areas

Communal lounges in both North and South camps are comfortably furnished with each area being well defined for their respective usage.

There are also well-equipped kitchens with all the required equipment provided with generous supplies of tableware, glassware and cutlery. All appliances were in good order and suitably maintained. South Camp can be utilised for groups to self-cater, and all the pots, pans and cooking implements are supplied. All meals served in the communal dining areas in both North and South camps with solid trestle tables and bench seating.

A selection of sleeping accommodation provided with bunk beds being the main stay of the sleeping areas. Large and smaller dorms provided with care taken in the spatial aspects of these areas. 140 guests can be accommodated when fully occupied.

Decorative finishes remain in good order throughout with all rooms simply decorated with magnolia walls and red painted doors and beds. The flooring is basic and well suited to these areas due to the constant wear and tear, all carpeted areas mention in a previous visit have been addressed.

Good quality practical mattresses with waterproof coverings are in place and a good level of lighting provided, natural ventilation and heating in place throughout.

All area well suited to the style of operation and can be adapted as and when required for single stays or longer.

All the various rooms / dormitories benefit from some form ensuite bathrooms, separate toilets in place along with separate shower blocks and toilet facilities.

Sensible and practical flooring being well suited to this area and adds to the cleanliness and hygiene perceptions.

Ample "wet room" areas are available, with driers provided, which suits this style of operation. Accessible bathroom facility is available for the less abled bodied guests and access to ground floor accommodation is also fit for purpose.

The bathrooms are of a good overall standard, appearing to be well maintained and presented.

Minimum Entry Requirements

Standard: Bunkhouse

Designator: Bunkhouse

Rating: Accredited

Specialities:

To be recognised within the Quality Assessment Scheme a property must meet all the minimum entry requirements, in all areas of the Operation.

At the time of the visit all 'Minimum Entry Requirements' and 'Additional Requirements/Key Requirements' were provided.

The term 'Progressing' is used to indicate that the establishment is working towards providing the missing items, facilities or services listed.

Information for Proprietors/Managers

Under Section 15 of the Tourist Act 1975 you have the right to appeal the rating achieved by your property within fourteen days of receipt of notice of the rating, in accordance with Section 2 of the Act.