



The Ashleigh • Guest Guide



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The History of The Ashleigh

The Ashleigh has been a family-run B&Bin Bournemouth for over 35 years. It began as a classic seaside B&B run by my parents, welcoming holidaymakers to the south coast. In 2019 I took the reins when they retired and set about updating the rooms and amenities while keeping the same warm, personal welcome.

Our building has an unexpected piece of history, it was once home to Chang Woo Gow, the famous 19th-century “Chinese Giant” who toured with P.T Barnum’s circus before settling in Bournemouth. He lived here in the late 1800s, adding a unique chapter to the property’s story.

Over time we leaned into what we do best: being genuinely dog friendly. From personalised pet touches to local walk guides, the hotel has evolved with our four-legged guests in mind and has since picked up national awards for pet-friendly stays. Today The Ashleigh blends old-school hospitality with thoughtful modern comforts, run with the same pride and care it started with all those years ago.



Check in and Check Out

Check-in time is from 4.00pm until 9.30pm. We can sometimes arrange an early check-in so please contact us if you will arrive early and we'll do our best, without any promises! We suggest you refer to the local area guide section on what to do if you arrive early - there is plenty to keep you entertained!

Our latest check in time is 9.30pm. There is no access to the building to check in after this time.

Keys and Door Locking

To lock your room door from within the room, push the button on the inside of the door handle and turn. Some locks will just turn without needing to be pushed in first. When leaving your room, do the same with the button and allow the door to close behind you. The keys will only open the door and will not lock!

The round key is for the main front door and the triangular/square keys are for your room.

House Rules

We are located in a residential community and it's a "home away from home" for our other guests. As such we ask that you respect their privacy and their right to a peaceful existence!

Between the hours of 10pm and 8am noise should be kept to a minimum. We thank you for your understanding.

This is a smoke-free property. No smoking of any substance including vaping.

For the safety and security of other guests and ourselves we kindly request that no visitors are brought into the property without prior authorisation from management.

Please do not let anyone into the building that is not named on your reservation - even if you think they are staying! This is my home!

Parking

Car parking is available for The Ashleigh free of charge however we do not guarantee spaces. The Ashleigh has 10 rooms but only 7 spaces and therefore we are unable to guarantee a parking space. We are only able to reserve our Electric Charging Vehicle space prior to arrival and this is on a first come first serve basis.

If you are parked in one of the double spaces or behind another vehicle then please leave your car keys with us if you are going out or do not wish to be disturbed. We can then move your car if required to let someone else out. This avoids inconveniencing other guests and your help is both required and appreciated!

There is free street parking around the block if preferred.

Wifi

Free WiFi is in operation throughout the common areas and in each guest room.

The network and password are as follows:

Ashleigh: Ashleigh2020

New Hotel - Ashleigh2020

Breakfast

LIMITED AVAILABILITY

08:00 - 09.30 - Monday-Friday

08:30 – 10:00 - Saturday & Sunday

Breakfast is included for guests on a Bed and Breakfast package or at an additional charge of £12.50 per person per day for those booked on a Room Only basis.

Fancy breakfast? Then please just let us know the night before by 9.30PM. The breakfast menu is listed below. Should you have any particular dietary requirements please let us know in advance prior to arrival. Foods offered may contain nuts or other allergens unless advised.

A selection of Juices Cereals, Pastries, Cheeses, Fruit, Yoghurts

Full English Breakfast

[Egg, Bacon, Sausage, Fried Bread/Hash Brown , Tomato, Beans, Mushrooms]

Available to order: Scrambled/ Poached/ Fried Eggs

Toast and Preserves [we make our own Bread, Jam and Apple Juice!]

Pot of Tea or Fresh Coffee

[May contain nuts or other allergens unless advised otherwise. Please accept

our apologies if it has not been possible to offer all of the above each day.

If

there is something you would like, please just ask!]

We have a separate dining area if you wish to bring your pet to breakfast with you. Please enter the dining room through the communal lounge and ensure all pets are on leads at all times.

Security

All guests are provided with the keys to the main front door together with keys to their room. Please do not leave the front door open and do not let anyone into the building that is not named on your booking, even if you think they are staying.

We are required to inform guests that all electrical equipment in these premises are checked regularly by an electrical engineer and certified as safe to use. If you become aware of any problem with any of the electrical equipment in the building please do let us know. Whilst you are of course welcome to use your own electrical devices during your stay we are required to advise that you do so at your own risk.

Housekeeping

Rooms are cleaned daily between 9am - 12pm. If you would prefer not to be disturbed or do not want your room to be cleaned, please hang on the outside of your door the 'Do Not Disturb' sign. Alternatively, if you would just like a top up of items please leave the basket outside your door with your completed 'Room Essentials' form.

Casual Eating Dog Friendly

Boscanova, Boscombe – Bohemian café serving vegan/vegetarian dishes, hearty brunches, and great coffee. Inside & outside dog-friendly.

<https://www.boscanova.com/>

Flirt, Town Centre – Quirky café with milkshakes, waffles, bubble tea, and free dog treats. Inside & outside dog-friendly

<https://www.flirtwithus.co.uk/>

Camden, Westbourne – Diner-style café with bagels, breakfast plates, and relaxed seating. Inside dog-friendly.

<https://www.camdenbar.co.uk/>

Brown Dog Coffee, Southbourne – Independent coffee shop serving organic coffee, brunch, and pastries. Doggy “Wall of Fame.”

<https://browndogcafe.co.uk/>

Darcy’s Bar & Kitchen – Friendly bar-kitchen named after their resident dog. Great brunches and lunches, plus a large garden.

<https://www.darcysbar.co.uk/>

Chineside, Durley Chine – Casual café right by the beach with burgers, fish platters, and a sea-view balcony. Dogs welcome inside and outside.

<https://www.chineside.co.uk/>

Dancing Moose, Ashley Cross – Brunch, small plates, and cocktails with a buzzy atmosphere. Dogs welcome inside; water bowls provided.

<https://dancingmoose.co.uk/>

Sit Down Restaurants Dog Friendly

Urban Reef – Beachfront restaurant with fresh, seasonal dishes and stunning views. Dogs allowed downstairs and on the terrace.

<https://www.urbanreef.com/>

Goat & Tricycle – Gastropub with classic pub meals, real ales, and a courtyard for dogs

<https://www.visitbournemouth.com/list/the-goat-tricycle>

The Oaks, Highcliffe – Traditional pub with excellent food, plus a dedicated dog menu (“Sir Woofchester’s”).

<https://oakshighcliffe.com/>

WestBeach – Stylish seafood restaurant on the pier. Dogs always welcome outside and inside during the off-season.

<https://www.west-beach.co.uk/>

Pho Bournemouth – Vietnamese restaurant offering fresh, healthy dishes; dogs welcome inside.

<https://www.phocafe.co.uk/locations/bournemouth/>

El Murrino Beachside Kitchen – Italian pop-up on East Cliff beach with pizzas, pasta, and cocktails. Dogs welcome in outdoor areas.

<https://www.elmurrino.com/>

The Coconut Tree – Sri Lankan street-food restaurant with vibrant flavours and vegan options. Dogs welcome inside.

https://www.thecoconut-tree.com/restaurant_bars/bournemouth/

Dane & Port – Natural Kitchen – Modern restaurant with creative dishes, high ratings, and a warm welcome to dogs.

<https://www.daneandport.com/>

Sit Down Restaurants not Dog Friendly

Art Sushi – Fine Japanese sushi prepared by an award-winning chef (Michelin Guide listed).

<https://www.artsushi.co.uk/>

Twelve Eatery – Stylish organic, plant-based restaurant known for creative vegan cuisine.

<https://twelveeatery.com/>

The Crab at Bournemouth – Elegant seafood restaurant with AA rosettes.

<https://crabatbournemouth.com/>

Côte Brasserie – Classic French brasserie in an art-deco building.

<https://crabatbournemouth.com/>

The Ivy Bournemouth – Modern British cuisine and afternoon tea in an elegant setting.

<https://ivycollection.com/restaurants/the-ivy-bournemouth-brasserie/>

Tiien Thai – Award-winning Thai restaurant serving authentic flavours in a serene setting.

<https://www.tiienthairestaurant.co.uk/>

NEO Restaurant – Modern British dining with sea views.

<https://www.neorestaurant.co.uk/>

Urban Garden – Lush garden-terrace restaurant in the town centre.

<https://urbangarden.co.uk/>

Westbourne Grill House – Cosy, locals' favourite steakhouse.

<https://www.westbournegrillhouse.com/>

Romanzo – Traditional family-run Greek restaurant.

<https://www.romanzo.co.uk/>

Antepli – Turkish grill with generous portions and fresh bread.

<https://anteplirestaurant.com/>

Bars and Nightlife including Dog Friendly

Dog-Friendly

Sixty Million Postcards

Casual, urban-style bar serving craft beers, cocktails, and comfort food, with a big beer garden where dogs are welcome.

<https://www.sixtymillionpostcards.com/#/>

BrewDog Bournemouth

Craft beer haven with its own brews on tap, guest beers, and a relaxed, dog-friendly vibe.

<https://drink.brewdog.com/uk/bournemouth>

Cosy Club

Eclectic, stylish bar with comfy sofas, chandeliers, and a long drinks list. Great for brunch, cocktails, or a leisurely evening.

<https://cosyclub.co.uk/location/bournemouth/>

Other Great Picks

Sonny's Speakeasy

Hidden, prohibition-style cocktail bar with a moody 1920s vibe — perfect for a more intimate night out.

<https://sonnysspeakeasy.com/>

Brass Haus

Spacious bar with a European beer hall feel, live music, and a great selection of drinks.

<https://www.brasshaus.co.uk/#/>

Barbara's Bier Haus

German-style beer hall with big steins, hearty food, and a sociable, lively atmosphere.

<https://barbarasbierhaus.co.uk/bournemouth/>

Entertainment & Activities - Dog Friendly

Bournemouth Beach (Dog Zones) – Dogs welcome on certain sections year-round (Alum Chine, Durlley Chine, Fisherman’s Walk). Full access on all beaches from 1 October – 30 April.

Boscombe Gardens – Pretty Victorian gardens with walking paths, a mini golf course, and access to the beach. Dogs on leads welcome.
Boscombe Chine Gardens, BH5 1BL

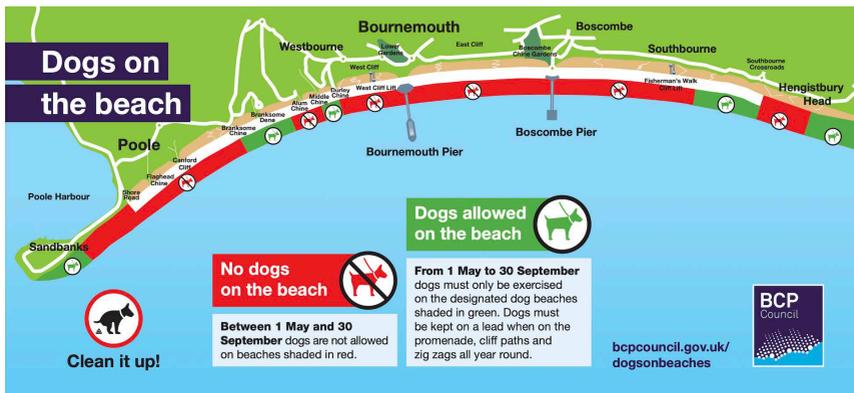
The New Forest – Vast walking trails, open heathland, and dog-friendly pubs. Popular nearby spot: Andrews Mare (about 25 mins drive).

Hengistbury Head – Nature reserve with clifftop walks, beach access, and a café (dog-friendly terrace). BH6 4EN

Alum Chine Tropical Gardens – Quiet garden with exotic plants and easy beach access. Dogs on leads welcome. Alum Chine Rd, BH4 8HS

Urban Reef Terrace – Not just for food — grab a drink and watch the sunset with your dog right by the sea. Undercliff Drive, BH5 1BN

Paddle Boarding with Shaka Surf – Dogs can join owners on paddle boards (if they’re confident on water). Boscombe Beach



Entertainment & Activities - not Dog Friendly

Bournemouth Pier – Arcades, the Oceanarium, Rock Reef indoor climbing/zipline. Dogs are not permitted on the pier. Pier Approach, BH2 5AA

Oceanarium – Aquarium with themed marine life exhibits. Pier Approach, BH2 5AA

Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum – Victorian villa filled with art, history, and exotic objects. East Cliff Promenade, BH1 3AA

Rock Reef – Indoor activity centre on the pier with climbing walls, high ropes, and a zipline. Pier Approach, BH2 5AA

Shelley Theatre – Historic theatre showing indie films, live performances, and community events. Beechwood Ave, BH5 1LX

Bournemouth Pavilion Theatre – Traditional theatre hosting musicals, comedy, and concerts. Westover Rd, BH1 2BU

Laser Quest Bournemouth – Indoor laser tag arena, fun for families and groups. Glen Fern Rd, BH1 2LZ

Escape Rooms – Several in town, including The Lockey and U-Escape, offering themed puzzle challenges.

Parks and Nature

The New Forest National Park – 25 mins’ drive from The Ashleigh, with endless walking trails, heathland, ancient woodland, and wild ponies. Favourites include Andrews Mare, Wilverley Inclosure, and Bolderwood Deer Sanctuary.

Moors Valley Country Park & Forest – Huge forest park with lakes, waymarked walking trails, cycle paths, a miniature steam railway, and a large café. Dogs welcome on leads in some areas, off-lead in the forest trails. Horton Rd, Ashley Heath BH24 2ET

Hengistbury Head – Coastal nature reserve with clifftop paths, harbour views, and a sandy beach. Dogs welcome year-round (on leads in wildlife zones). BH6 4EN

Avon Heath Country Park – Heathland and woodland trails with picnic areas, visitor centre, and dog-friendly café terrace. Great for wildlife spotting. Brocks Pine, BH24 2DH

Alum Chine Tropical Gardens – Exotic planting, shady paths, and direct access to Alum Chine Beach (dog-friendly section year-round). Alum Chine Rd, BH4 8HS

Boscombe Chine Gardens – Valley gardens with flower beds, play areas, and a café. Leads required. BH5 1BL

Meyrick Park – Large open green space near the town centre, perfect for ball games and relaxed walks. Central Dr, BH2 6LH

King’s Park – Expansive park with sports fields, tree-lined paths, and space for dogs to roam. King’s Park Dr, BH7 6JB

Fisherman’s Walk – Cliff-top walk linking Boscombe to Southbourne, with dog-friendly beach access points. BH5

Beaches and Seasonal Dog Rules

Bournemouth, Boscombe, and Poole have beautiful sandy beaches — but there are seasonal restrictions for dogs.

1 May – 30 September (Peak Season):

Dogs are not allowed on main Blue Flag beaches.

Dogs are allowed on designated year-round dog beaches, including:

Alum Chine – West of the main beach area.

Durley Chine – West of the main beach area.

Fisherman's Walk – East of Boscombe.

Southbourne Beach – East of the main lifeguard area.

1 October – 30 April (Off-Peak):

Dogs are welcome on all beaches.

Leads are still required on promenades, piers, zig-zags, and cliff lifts.

Tips:

Always carry water and a dog bowl.

Be aware of strong currents and steep shelving in the sea.

Bag and bin all waste — dog bins are provided along the seafront.

Nearest Vets

Spring Corner Vets (closest)

2 Lowther Road, Bournemouth BH8 8NF

Tel: 01202 553318

Mon–Fri: 8:30am – 6:30pm • Sat: 8:30am – 12:30pm

Notes: Full-service local practice just around the corner from us. Great for routine care or if you need quick help during the day.

PDSA Pet Hospital (low-cost care)

54–70 Castle Lane West, Bournemouth BH9 3JU

Tel: 01202 533630

Mon–Fri: daytime hours (check on the day).

Notes: Low-cost treatment for eligible owners; routine appointments and urgent daytime issues.

Vets Now – Out of Hours Emergency

Station Road, Wimborne BH21 1RQ

Tel: 01202 859933

Open: Evenings, overnight, weekends and bank holidays.

Notes: Dedicated emergency and critical care when daytime practices are closed.

Other useful options (daytime)

Medivet Bournemouth – Charminster / Winton area

Aniwell Veterinary Clinic – Kinson Road

Natterjacks Vet – Poole (handy if you're out that way)

What to do in an emergency

Call the vet first so they're ready for you.

If it's out of hours, call Vets Now on 01202 859933.

Keep your phone on loud and go straight there unless told otherwise.

If your dog has eaten something on the beach

Rinse any sand/sea water from the mouth.

Do not force them to vomit.

Call a vet for advice — sea-water ingestion, fish hooks and palm oil can all be risky.

Bring with you

Pet insurance details if you have them

Medication list or photo of labels

Recent photos of your pet (for quick ID)