

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 guests/visitors.

Access Statement for Bagshaw Museum

Introduction

Bagshaw Museum is a Victorian former mill owner's house set in 36 acres of award winning parkland and ancient woodland approximately 2 miles from the centre of Batley.

Once the home of George Sheard, this gothic house became a museum over 100 years ago in 1911 and was named after it's 1st curator, Walter Bagshaw.

Displays include, 2 local history galleries, the "Spirit of South Asia" gallery, and the fabulous Egyptology gallery.

We have a small refreshments area, selling hot and cold drinks, ice creams and snacks situated within the shop/reception area.

The museum is over 2 floors with lift access to the galleries on the 1st floor. We also have a hearing loop installed and staff have undergone disability and equality training.

We are also members of the VAQAS scheme.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01924 324765 or email bagshw.museum@kirklees.gov.uk.

Pre-Arrival

- The nearest rail station is Batley, which is approx. 2 miles away with taxis available outside.
- Batley bus station is 1.5 miles away with the nearest bus stop being on Woodlands Road which is a 5 minute walk down a steep hill. It is on the 213 bus route.
- We do not offer a collection service.

Car Parking and Arrival

- We have 1 Blue Badge parking space to the rear of the building which is 3 meters away from the accessible entrance and is free.
- The main car park is tarmac and sloping, and is 50 meters away from the main entrance. There is no charge to park.
- Both car parks are well lit at night time.
- The drop off point is at the rear of the building and is well sign posted.
- Entry via the accessible entrance is by means of of an intercom button. This is level access and the door width is 90cm.
- The main entrance at the front of the building has 3 wide steps and no hand rails.
- There are 2 doublewidth doorways, one of which is permantly open and the other is a automatic opener, within the main entrance.

Main Entrance, Reception and Ticketing Area

- The main reception/shop area is on the ground floor 2 meters away from the main entrance with level access throughout.
- Seating is available in this area. It is well lit with wooden flooring.
- The reception/ till is of medium height and a hearing loop is in operation.
- Entrance to the museum is free.

Attraction (displays, exhibits, rides etc.)

- The whole of the ground floor has level access. It is well lit, with wooden floors in every room.
- All doors are permanently open.
- Displays contain a mixture of interpretation boards, with text of varying sizes, photoraphs, pictures and objects.

- Maximum height of the display cases is 180cm.
- Some galleries have low level music/ noise but no flashing lighting.
- There is a lift to access the 1st floor, which has the level access throughout.
- The first floor also has wooden flooring in every room and good lighting with exception of the Egyptian Gallery, where in this room the lighting is triggered by movement sensors as you move through the gallery.
- Seating is available throughout the museum.
- Both floors can also be accessed by stairs which are wide with hand rails on both sides and a landing area.

Public Toilets

- The public toilets and the accessible toilet are located on the ground floor near to the accessible entrance.
- The accessible toilet is unisex and also incorporates the baby changing facility, which is not locked.
- The door is wide and opens outwards.
- The WC is to the left hand side with grab rails on both sides.
- Transfer space is 80cm.
- A red pull alarm cord is situated to the side of the toilet.
- It is well lit with level tiled floor and good colour contrast.
- The taps are lever style and the door lock is a twist lock.

Catering

- There is a small refreshments area on the ground floor, serving, hot and cold drinks, ice cream and snacks.
- There is level access with wooden flooring but space around tables and chairs is limited.
- Tables are small and chairs are lightweight with no arms.

- The refreshment area is self service but staff can assist on request.
- Lighting is bright with a mixture of natural daylight and spotlights.
- The accessible toilet is located on this floor.

Shop(s)

- There is a shop located within the reception area selling a range of pocket money toys, Egyptian souvenirs and confectionery.
- It is located directly in front of the main entrance/ exit, with level access and wooden flooring.
- It is well lit and spacious with plenty of room to manoeuvre a wheelchair.
- The display counters are low level and the till is medium level.
- A hearing loop is installed in this area.
- Seating is available.

Grounds and Gardens

- The museum is located within the grounds of a public park.
- The paths are wide and even but parts of the park are situated on quite a steep hill.
- There are many seating areas around the park.
- Another car park is available in the lower park area which is level and enables access to the playground and other facilities the park has to offer.

Additional Information

- A platform lift is available to enable access to the first floor.
- Motorised scooters have access to the ground floor only.

- Assistance dogs are welcomed and we have water bows available.
- Staff are trained to assist with an emergency evacuation if required.
- Staff receive disability/equality training.
- We do not have wheelchairs to loan.

Contact Information

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Hours Of Operation: 1st March to 31st October, Tuesday to Friday, 11am to 5pm. Saturday and Sunday 12pm to 5pm. 1st November to 28th February, Tuesday to Thursday, 11am to 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 12pm to 4pm.

Local Accessible Taxi: Local Taxi firms are, Oakwell Taxis
01924471111.

Local Public Transport: Bus route 213 to Woodlands Road, runs every 57 mins past the hour from Batley bus station. It is then a 2 minute walk down quite a steep slope to the main entrance. For more information see, Wymetro.com.