

# Tintinhull Garden Access Statement

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## Introduction

Tintinhull Garden is a small garden with individual rooms of mixed borders, lawns, ponds, a kitchen garden and a woodland area. Dr Price began the layout of the garden with a path leading away from the house lined with box domes in the early 1900's. Phyllis and Captain Reiss moved into the house from Gloucestershire in 1933 and continued to develop and extend the garden. They had been inspired by Hidcote which can be seen in the layout today. Phyllis Reiss was an amateur plants woman of her time and had a good eye for design. Penelope Hobhouse lived here throughout the 1980's and developed the colour schemes further and introduced many of the pots. Her books are an important source of information for the garden team today.

**NB:** Mobile phone reception is adequate across the site. If you encounter any difficulties, please call the office number above as soon as you are able to.  
In case of an emergency call 999.

**NB:** Assistance dogs only are welcome in the garden. All dogs are welcome in the orchard and front courtyard. There is no shaded car parking available. Please be aware there are occasionally sheep in the orchards; please keep all dogs on leads if this is the case.

**NB:** There are areas of unfenced water. The pond in the Pond Garden is 1m deep. There are unfenced drops. There are unfenced beehives in the Woodland area.

**NB:** Most of the paths are uneven around the site and there are steps. There are ramps available where we are able to provide them, but most are of a steep gradient (steeper than DDA recommendations). Manual push wheelchairs are available for visitors, but it is advised to reserve these in advance of the visit.

## Arrival & Parking Facilities

Tintinhull Garden is not well signposted outside of the village including from the A303 so follow signs for the village of Tintinhull; there are brown signs for the garden once you are in the village. The site is just up the road from the 'Crown & Victoria' pub.

The car park has a grass surface and does not have any designated spaces for disabled persons to use. However, there is a drop off point for disabled visitors and blue badge holders outside of the main courtyard. Whilst this is on the road, the road ends at the farmyard next door so is infrequently used. Instead of turning right towards the main car park, continue straight on and drop off on the left outside the main black metal gates. The distance from the car park to the entrance gate of the garden is 150 yards (140 m).

## WCs

There is a wheelchair accessible toilet inside the garden; the door is 3ft 1inch wide (94 cm) opens to the right. There is a shallow ramp into the room and enough space to turn a

wheelchair within. The floor is resin covered concrete. However, the ramps leading to the toilet are of a steep gradient (steeper than DDA recommendations).

A second toilet contains baby changing facilities. The door is 2ft 8inch wide (81 cm) and opens to the right. There are ceiling mounted motion sensor activated lights in both toilets plus natural window light. Both toilet facilities have automatic hand dryers. There are no adult changing facilities.

## **Courtyard**

The entrance to the courtyard and garden is over uneven cobbles. It is 22 yards (20 m) from the disabled drop off spaces to reception across the front courtyard. The courtyard is on a slight slope downwards from the entrance gate, and there is a small curb (uneven, but approx. 3 inches (8 cm)) around 3 sides of the courtyard. There is no curb in front of the reception, visitors with wheelchairs and mobility scooters may access the path to the garden from this point.

## **Visitor reception & book barn**

The visitor reception is 22 yards (20 m) through the courtyard, located in an old stable block. The courtyard is constructed of uneven cobbles and York stone paving, if you have a carer helping with a wheelchair please be aware of low hanging branches of Wisteria over the entrance. It can be a little dark inside but there is natural and electric light. If the weather allows, there are some tables in the courtyard which a wheelchair can be pushed right up to. We have one wheelchair available for our visitors to use.

The door into the visitor reception is always open during opening hours and is 3ft 7inch wide (108 cm). The counter in the reception area has two different heights one at 3ft 2.6inch (98 cm) and the other at 3ft (92 cm). Inside the visitor reception is a second-hand book barn with a 3ft 7.3inch (110 cm) wide entrance and with enough room for a wheelchair to turn inside the room. The stone floor is even.

## **Garden**

There is a small but steep ramp (1:1 gradient) from the courtyard over the door lip and down 1 step into the garden. There are a further 3 steps down into the garden, and a ramp to the right-hand-side of a steep gradient (1:6).



**Steep gradient ramp**



**Uneven, narrow path**

There are benches with arm rests in the garden. It can be difficult to navigate some areas of the garden in a wheelchair due to slopes, and uneven and narrow paths. It is not possible to navigate wheelchairs around the whole garden due to the width of the paths in Cedar Court and the layout of the garden in the kitchen garden. There is a narrow path of 24 inches (60 cm) along the east boundary of Cedar Court, which is flanked by plant beds on either side. There are 2 steps between Cedar Court and the Pool Garden, these can be avoided by taking the route through Eagle Court and Middle Garden. There are steps from all directions into the Kitchen Garden from where visitors also access the arboretum, and at present there is no wheelchair access to these areas.

There are open water features in the Pond Garden and Fountain Garden. The stones in the Fountain Garden are uneven. There is a flat concrete lip around the pool in the Pool Garden, and grass around either side.

The paths are uneven and can be slippery when wet so please take care around the grounds.

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## Map

