

Barrington Court Access Statement

Tudor house (Court House) and 17th century stable block (Strode House), restored by Colonel Lyle in the 1920's and refitted with his collection of salvaged antique woodwork. The houses are surrounded by formal walled gardens, inspired by Gertrude Jekyll's plans and working kitchen garden. The Lyles added model farm buildings, creating their 1920's vision of a working medieval estate. Parkland and orchards form part of the estate.

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Points to note about the area:

- There is limited mobile phone access across the site.
- Dogs are welcome except formal gardens. Assistance dogs only in the Café and formal gardens. There is a water bowl alongside the reception building which is refilled regularly.
- There are three manual wheelchairs available for loan from reception. Booking in advance is advisable
- There are areas of unfenced water. The pond in the lily garden and Moats are very deep. There are unfenced drops. Livestock graze in the parkland.
- Traffic drives through the estate throughout the day as access is required for deliveries and tenants.

Arrival and parking facilities:

- There are brown signs from the A358 and A303 and through Barrington village. Satnav incorrectly directs visitors to the rear entrance – follow brown signs from Barrington village. The entrance is signed and the main car park is down a short driveway.
- Cycle racks are available alongside the reception building.
- There are 8 designated spaces for disabled visitors in Beagles car park, which is adjacent to the reception building. The surface is tarmac.
- The main car park is made up of gravel bays and tarmac driveway, the overflow car park is grass.
- Visitors are able to be dropped off at the back of Strode House

Bathroom facilities

- There are no wheelchair accessible toilets at reception.
- There is a large toilet in Strode House (180 metres from Beagles car park) with right and left hand transfer, and space to turn a wheelchair through 150cm diameter circle. There are no adult changing facilities but baby changing facilities are also available here.
- The toilets at reception have a door width of 67cm.
- All toilets have automatic dryers, laminated floors and brick wall surfaces, with non-fluorescent lights.

Visitor reception

- This wooden panelled building is in Beagles car park. It has a carpeted floor.
- The part-glazed double-door entrance is non-power operated, approximately 107cm wide and opens outwards. Staff and volunteers can assist with opening the door if required.
- There is a slight slope up towards reception; the surface is mainly carpeted and wide enough for a turning circle in front of the reception desk.
- There are two reception desks which are both 75cm high and there is a separate table 76cm high which the team use for admission and membership enquiries, event promotions and fundraising messages.
- There is a lot of natural light provided by six windows. During the winter period, light is provided by three hanging light bulbs and is limited.
- There is no induction loop available within reception.
- There is a seat available for visitors to use.
- Three manual wheelchairs are available to borrow from reception, booking in advance is advisable

House

Court House is currently closed for visitor access

Catering

- Beagles Café is accessible via level access.
- The Café is also accessible via a shallow ramp through the double doors (width 107cm) The main doorway to the dining room is 99cm wide and is always open at 90 degrees.
- There is circulation space between some tables of around 120cm.
- There are no induction loops.
- There are no braille menus.
- There are large-handled cutlery and straws available upon request.
- The floor is carpeted, and the walls are panelling. There are Ceiling lights. There is natural lighting. Most chairs have cushioned seats.

Retail

- The shop is located on the Avenue with the Artisan Workshops.
- Entrance is via a manual opening door 112cm wide and with a slight step. Access ramps are available for use.
- Staff/volunteers can assist with access if required.
- The building has Altro style flooring and shop stock contains some soft furnishings which helps to minimise noise.
- There is natural light provided by windows and the shop area is also covered by track lighting.
- Staff will assist in reaching and providing information for products as required.
- The counter top is 90cm high
- There is no induction loop.

Garden

- The formal garden is made up of a kitchen garden and three garden rooms, all separated by stone walls. Each section has at least one bench with arms and is accessed by brick paths which are suitable for wheelchairs, although bumpy and uneven in places.
- The route to the garden is step-free. Path surfaces around the wider garden include brick, tarmac and grass.
- There is a ha-ha on the south lawn and a deep pond in the lily garden.

		
Entrance to formal garden via bridge over moat (unfenced water)	Moat on north side of Court House (unfenced water)	Stone path on south front
		
Uneven brick paths in formal garden		Accessible entrance to Strode House via tenants'/holiday cottage entrance
		
Pond in kitchen garden (unfenced water)	Pond in lily garden (unfenced water)	Haha on south lawn (fenced ditch)