

The Homewood Access Statement

The Homewood is accessed via guided tour only

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Introduction

1. The Homewood is a late 1930s Modernist House with a 6-acre garden.
2. Mobile phone reception at The Homewood can be patchy and unreliable. In an emergency if visitors have a problem whilst at the property, they should telephone 01372 467806.
3. Assistance dogs only are welcome at The Homewood.
4. Access to The Homewood is via a pre-booked guided tour.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. The Homewood situated approximately one and a half miles outside Esher on the A307 towards Cobham. There are no brown tourist signs and there is no access from the A3.
2. There are directions available either from the website or from the entrance kiosk at nearby Claremont Landscape Garden
3. The Homewood is accessed via a narrow driveway with a speed limit of 5mph.
4. Welcome guides will assist with parking upon arrival at the property.

WCs

1. There are no facilities at The Homewood, all WCs are situated at Claremont Landscape Garden where there is an accessible toilet available.
2. The accessible toilet at Claremont is approximately 1.5m x 2.2m.
3. The accessible WC is right-hand transfer
4. The accessible toilet is lit by artificial light, with fluorescent bulbs.
5. The WCs (both accessible and non-accessible) have automatic hand driers and fluorescent lighting.
6. There is a pull-cord emergency alarm system in the disabled toilet, which when activated alerts staff in the kiosk. There is a reset facility available in the disabled toilet.
7. There are baby-changing facilities available in the toilet block.

Visitor Reception

1. Visitors will be greeted by welcome volunteers outside the house. There is no reception building at The Homewood.

House

1. The entrance to the House is from a tarmac drive, this is an 80mm high terrazzo step up to the front door.
2. The entrance door is 850mm wide and opens manually inwards. The guide will assist with opening the entrance door if required.
3. The house is lit with lots of natural light – if artificial light is needed there are fluorescent lights in the study.
4. The access to the first floor is by a wide spiral staircase only – the staircase consists of 17 steps with a rise of approximately 17cm.
5. The tour of The Homewood is by guided tour only, there is one guide leading the tour and another following to ensure that all visitors stay together.
6. There are no facilities in the house.
7. Due to limited space and lack of paths around the garden at The Homewood powered mobility scooters or wheelchairs would be unsuitable.

Garden

1. There are no formal pathways around the garden which is principally mown grass between planted areas
2. There are brick steps on the steeper gradients none of which have a handrail
3. A stream runs through the garden which links ponds through small water falls
4. Over the stream there is a low arch bridge without a handrail
5. Interpretation will be provided by the tour guide
6. There are benches and seats on the patio
7. The patio contains an open swimming pool with no railings to protect the edges

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Map

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80cm single leaf terrace

7cm – terrace door step

8cm – terrazzo step – front door

16/17cm riser steps – 17 steps

80cm width – study doors ground floor

85cm width front door.