



Brockhampton Access Statement

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Introduction

1. Brockhampton is a 1,700 acre estate situated just outside Bromyard in the rolling Herefordshire hills. Nestled in the heart of the estate is the medieval moated manor which can be accessed via a Tudor gatehouse .
2. There are four way-marked walks on the estate which run over challenging terrain with steep slopes and sometimes rather muddy areas. The walks cross through farmland, landscaped parkland, dingles, streams and woodland, and if you are unfamiliar with the area, please ask for a map in visitor reception.
3. There is an accessible path around the blue orchard walk.
4. Phone signal is intermittent throughout the estate, in the unfortunate event of a bad fall on the wider estate it is suggested you contact 999 directly, for those with access to a smart phone we recommend you download the app 'What 3 Words' which can act as a point of reference for the emergency services. If you require assistance within the manor or surrounding facilities the number to call is 01885 482 077 however please note there is not always somebody in to take the call so it may be best to ring up before you visit to assure we are prepared. If you have any concerns upon your visit then please don't hesitate to chat to a member of staff upon your arrival.
5. Assistance dogs are welcome across all areas and all dogs must be kept on a lead.



The entrance to the top car park and drive leading to Lower Brockhampton

Arrival & parking facilities

1. The entrance to the estate is just off the A44, just outside of Bromyard. Before the turning there are brown National Trust signs which mention the distance you have to drive until turning. Please be warned, some Sat Nav devices may take you to an alternative entrance so please look out for and follow the brown signs once near. You will first pass a pull-in and small hut; if this is open, please pull in to the right here to have your membership card scanned if you are a National Trust member.
2. If you continue following the driveway, you'll spot the top car park; the manor is another mile on from here down the winding driveway. Please note there are no designated blue badge spaces in the top car park. There is also a toilet block with a female, male and an all access WC as well as a baby changing station. Please be aware that the Old Apple Store tea-room is currently closed and we sometimes close the top car park. If this is the case when you visit, keep following the signs down to Lower Brockhampton car park.
3. If you continue to drive a further mile on the track you'll come to the main car park at the bottom of the valley, where the manor is situated. There are six designated accessible parking spots in the car park. The overflow car park is on a grass field adjacent to the main car park and is approximately 200 metres from the Visitor Reception hut.

WCs

1. There are two all access WCs on site, one in the top car park and the other near the manor house behind The Granary kiosk. Both toilets have wheelchair-friendly cubicles with wall rails and the areas are lit with both



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natural light and bulbs. There are also male and females WCs and baby changing facilities.

2. There is no Changing Places (adult changing table and hoist) facility at Brockhampton

Visitor Reception

1. The Visitor Reception building has a hard tiled surface on the floor and is an oak-framed building meaning there is a slight echo inside.
2. There is a slight slope up into the building with a wooden door which is usually propped open.
3. Staff and volunteers are happy to assist by meeting and greeting outside if preferred or opening the door to welcome you inside.
4. There are a couple of chairs to take a seat inside the building and there is one manual wheelchair and one powered mobility vehicle which can be loaned on the day or booked prior to your visit by calling 01 885 482077
5. There is an induction loop available in Visitor Reception.

Retail

1. Opposite the gatehouse is the second-hand bookshop which has a small step up so is not suitable for wheelchairs. If there is a volunteer inside the bookshop they are always more than happy to assist.
2. The bookshop is very small, meaning you do not necessarily have to go inside to be able to browse.



Entry to the second-hand bookshop



The entrance to the manor is through the gatehouse over a flat path. You can also climb the wooden steps to go up into the gatehouse.

The House

1. Access to the manor itself is via a small slope upwards and it is possible to put a ramp down for easy wheelchair access. Please note, the first two rooms only are wheelchair accessible. There are two steps down into the kitchen and the first floor requires a short climb up a wooden staircase.



Entrance to manor house



Steps down into the kitchen

2. Being a medieval house, the manor consists of lots of wood and hard surfaces meaning there is an echo inside. It is quite dark inside the manor house for conservation purposes.
3. There are seats dotted around inside the house for visitors to take a seat on – in the kitchen, lounge, and upstairs.
4. There are no WCs inside the manor house, but it is only a short walk from the manor house to the toilet facilities behind the granary.
5. Large print, braille guides and a virtual tour are available in the manor house. Please ask a member of staff or volunteer for assistance.

The courtyard

1. The granary café kiosk is located just across the courtyard from the manor house, which has an uneven and rough surface. The door is wide enough to fit a wheelchair and pram through, with a small slope upwards into the kiosk.
2. There is limited indoor seating available in the room opposite the Granary, which is also accessed via a small slope.
3. Catering staff are more than happy to assist with helping to reach items and there is an induction loop at the till point.
4. Seating is also available in the courtyard; there are several wooden tables with attached benches, sheltered under parasols on warm days. You are welcome to picnic anywhere in the orchard or estate at Brockhampton.

Orchards

1. There is an accessible path through the orchard walk, shown in the map overleaf. There are benches situated throughout the walk, and the gates through the orchards are all accessible.

Access at Brockhampton



Accessible path
marked — on map.



There are two steps into the manor house, but a ramp can be put down for entry. Only the first two rooms in the house are wheelchair accessible.

Both the gatehouse and first floor are only accessible by steep wooden steps.



Large print, braille guides and a virtual tour are available for use in the manor house. Please ask a member of staff for assistance.



There are induction loops in the welcome and arrival centre and granary kiosk.



Assistance dogs are welcome in all areas.



Accessible toilets can be found in the courtyard and the top car park. Manual wheelchair and powered mobility vehicle available for loan from the welcome and arrival centre.



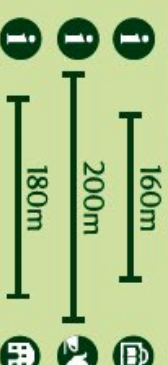
The entrance to the granary kiosk is level and accessible.



There is a small step into the bookshop which is not accessible for wheelchairs.



Walking distances



- P** Car park
- P₂** Accessible parking
- i** Welcome and arrival
- WC** Toilet
- WC** Accessible toilet
- GK** Granary kiosk
- SB** Second-hand bookshop
- B** Benches
- VT** Virtual tour