

## Town Walls Tower Access Statement

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### Introduction

Town Walls Tower is the last surviving watchtower in Shrewsbury. The town was once encircled by a defensive wall constructed during the reign of Henry III. In 1860 the tower was turned into a dwelling by John Humphreys of Swan Hill Court which is located directly opposite the tower it provided accommodation for his coachman. Currently the tower is leased by Shrewsbury Girls School.



## Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. Pre-booking to visit Town Walls Tower is essential
2. Town Walls Tower is located in the town centre of Shrewsbury. The closest public car park is St Julian Friars, SY1 1XL which is pay and display, there are no car parking facilities at the Tower itself. Further parking can be found at St Chad's Terrace, Shrewsbury, SY1 1JX, on a first come first serve basis and there is a commercial charge. Pay & Display bays are available on the road outside the church, more information can be found on the Shropshire Council website
3. Entrance to the Tower is by guided tour - please arrive promptly for the start time listed on your ticket
4. Rain water gulley immediately outside entrance door which is 150W x 40D
5. There is no induction loop available
6. We have no regular staff or volunteers with fluency in British Sign Language
7. There are no designated quiet areas, however the last time slot of the day sees less visitors, these are subject to visitor numbers and movement.



## WC'S

1. There are no on-site toilet facilities at the Tower, however there are lots of toilets in and around the Town Centre the nearest being the Orchard Cafe Nr the Shrewsbury Roman Catholic Cathedral, 12 Belmont Shrewsbury SY1 1TE. Or St Chads Shrewsbury SY1 1JX which has an accessible toilet



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## Tower

1. The tower door aperture is 700W, 1850H to the centre of the arch wide. Entrance to the Tower is by a very large step 350H aperture 350 W
2. There is no level access to the Tower
3. Space inside the tower is very limited and restricted due to the nature of the building
4. There are uneven floors and narrow staircases
5. Stairs up to the top floors are carpeted and of different tread depths, narrow, with no hand rails
6. Ceilings above the stairs are low 1501H
7. There are narrow doorways less than 750mm with the door leading from ground to first

floor being 600mm

8. Due to the size and nature of the spaces in the tower there is some element of sound echo

9. The tower is lit by natural light and fluorescent lighting

10. There is no seating available inside the tower

11. If you are visiting with children please bear in mind that due to the size and structure of the building, there is no space for pushchair storage

12. There are no toilets on site

13. Space inside the tower is very limited and restricted, the stairs leading up to the upper flights of the tower are similar to stumble steps these are found in castle defences, they are different heights and depths ranging from 217mm – 232mm.

14. The Entrance door leads out onto narrow pavement before a road

15. There is no wheelchair or PMV access to the Tower

16. Visitors can leave large bags with a member of the welcome staff, at own risk

17. Due to the size of the Tower, tour groups are limited to a maximum of 6 visitors and by timed-ticket

18. The tour lasts for 30 minutes and covers most floors of the property (not basement)

19. The Tower has four floors (including a basement level) and access to these floors is by a single staircase without handrails. Stairs to the basement are brick and narrow in depth varying heights

20. There is no lift at the property



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## Catering

1. There are no catering facilities at Town Walls tower

## Garden

1. There are bricked stairs and a concrete sloping slab going down to the small garden area with no hand rails
2. Slopes vary in gradient with some steep sections
3. The garden is mainly grass surfaced which can get muddy in wet weather
4. The rest of the garden consists of flower beds



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