

## Henfaes and Porth y Swnt Access Statement

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### Introduction

1. Porth y Swnt is a visitor centre located at the entrance to Henfaes car park, in the middle of the village of Aberdaron.
2. There is 4G reception for EE, Vodafone and reciprocal carriers in the car park. Reception inside the building is poor. In an emergency visitors should call 999 (or 101 in a non-emergency situation).
3. Assistance dogs are welcome. All dogs are welcome in the car park and in the shop and reception area at Porth y Swnt. Only assistance dogs are permitted in the exhibition.
4. Light levels are very low in the first part of the exhibition, the space known as 'The Deep'. This section can be passed through quickly without going into the darkest areas.

### Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. Aberdaron is signposted along the B4413 and B4417. Upon arrival in the village, Henfaes car park is located very centrally, near the bridge crossing the river.
2. There are 3 designated disabled bays located 15-20m from the entrance to Porth y Swnt.
3. The majority of the car park surface is made of paving grids with gravel. The surface of the designated parking area for disabled visitors is tarmac with access to paving to reach the entrance of the visitor centre.
4. There is no transfer vehicle.
5. It is possible to drop visitors outside the entrance to the visitor centre or near the beach to the west of the car park.
6. There is an overflow car park with the surface a mix of gravel, earth and sand. There are no designated disabled bays in the overflow and it is situated approximately 160m from the entrance to the visitor centre.
7. The overflow car park provides the closest access to the beach and coast path

### WCs

1. There is an accessible toilet located within Porth y Swnt visitor centre
2. The accessible toilet is 1.4m x 2.16m
3. The accessible toilet is left-hand transfer.
4. There are no Changing Places facility for adults however the accessible toilet has a baby changing facility.
5. The area is lit by halogen spot lamps.
6. All WCs (including the accessible WC) have automatic hand dryers.



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## Visitor Reception

1. The visitor reception has engineered wood flooring with carpet tiles acting as a doormat at entry and exit points.
2. The external approach to the visitor reception is level paving stones.
3. The entrance door is 1.05m wide
4. The entrance door is manual opening and opens outwards. It can be stiff and heavy to open. Staff are on hand to assist with opening the door if required. There are shutters adjacent to the door that are often open during fair weather allowing access through a separate 1m wide entrance.
5. The reception desk is 0.82m high. Staff are able to move within the visitor reception space to talk to visitors, they are not confined to behind the reception desk and it isn't necessary for visitors to be able to reach up to the desk.
6. The area is lit by overhead spot lamps and natural light from the large window and door at the front of the building. There is also a door to the rear of the reception area that provides further natural light. There are no fluorescent bulbs in this area
7. There is a bench and two chairs in the reception area, neither of these options have armrests.
8. There is currently no induction loop available at the reception desk
9. There are no manual wheelchairs or powered mobility vehicles available for loan

## Exhibition

1. The exhibition is in the same building as the visitor reception – Porth y Swnt visitor centre – and is reached via the same main entrance door and via reception- see visitor reception section above.
2. The flooring throughout is a combination of engineered wood, resin and wooden sleepers/gravel with very little soft furnishings.
3. The area is lit primarily by halogen spot lamps and natural light through skylight windows. Light levels are very low in the first part of the exhibition, the space known as The Deep and in one installation known as The Swnt. Both of these areas are optional parts of the exhibition and can be bypassed. There is one corridor area between The Deep and The Way that is lit by a LED strip light.
4. There are no steps within the exhibition. The area is gradually ramped throughout.
5. There is a minimum area of 1.5m diameter circle to turn a wheelchair in the middle of each of the individual exhibition areas (The Deep, The Way, The Light and The Fold). The exhibition narrows and widens at regular intervals.
6. There are benches in The Deep, The Way and The Fold. These do not have armrests.
7. The exhibition space is generally un-manned, staff or volunteers are located at visitor reception or the shop.
8. The only WCs (including one accessible WC) are accessed via the reception area.
9. There are no guided tours.
10. A handheld audio guide is available.
11. There are no restrictions on access for powered wheelchairs or powered mobility vehicles inside the exhibition.
12. There are benches available in the reception, throughout the exhibition and in the garden. There is also a table and two chairs at the rear of the reception where people are welcome to sit at any stage of their visit.

## Retail



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1. The shop is in the same building as the visitor reception – Porth y Swnt visitor centre – and is reached via the same main entrance door and via reception- see visitor reception section above.
2. It is not a National Trust shop.
3. The shop occupies a small space of approximately 3.5m x 5m and the space between display stands is narrow.
4. The shop has engineered wood flooring
5. There is lots of natural light
6. The till point does not have induction loops.
7. Staff can assist by reaching down items to view if they cannot be reached by customers or passing items from inaccessible display stands. Staff can also tell visitors the price of items.

## Garden

1. There is a small garden at the rear of the Porth y Swnt Visitor Centre. The garden has a small lawned area, gravel, two raised beds and a steep wildflower bank.
2. The garden is one open space of approximately 6m x 8m with no dividing barriers or gates. The main area of the garden is flat (lawn and gravel).
3. There are steps made of railway sleepers and gravel leading up to a higher-level seating bench set in the grassy bank overlooking the garden. The steps do not have hand rails
4. There is no interpretation or water features in the garden
5. The only permanent seating is the bench set in to the steep bank overlooking the garden. On sunny summer days deck chairs are set out onto the small lawn.

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## Map

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