

Mr Straw's House Access Statement

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Introduction

1. Three story Edwardian semi-detached property situated on a small residential street off B6045, set over three floors of steep stairs. One small stone step up through front garden gate. Three stone steps to side gate. Three stone steps to the front door, car park opposite the property.
2. Mobile phone reception is good throughout the property. Internal radios are also used by all the team to ensure safety of visitors.
3. Assistance dogs are welcome inside the property. All other dogs are welcome on a lead in the Orchard and back garden of No.5.
4. Mr Straw's House is part of 2 semi-detached properties with three very steep flights of stairs and a hand rail only on one side. Access to the front of no 5 is via three stone steps. Access to the back garden of no 5 is via three steps from the building or round the side. The garden is on a slight incline. Light levels are low within Mr Straw's House to help with our conservation work. We don't allow any bags into the historic half of the property and will need to put any bags in cupboard in reception.
5. Original privy space used for toilets. Step up into each toilet.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. Mr Straw's House is off the B6045 Blyth Road, and visitors should follow the signs for the hospital. Signs to Mr Straw's House are white signs. The postcode is accurate and will bring visitors to the property.
2. There is a bus stop at the bottom of the street, and the train station is approximately a 15 minute walk away from the property. It is a slight incline from the station to the property.
3. We have 0 designated spaces for disabled visitors, however as a pre-book property there is always ample space within the orchard car park. The car park is across the private road to the property.
4. The carpark is predominantly grass although walkways are hardstanding.
5. There is no transfer vehicle available for visitors.
6. It is possible to have a drop off on the street in front of the property if required, before parking in the car park.

WCs

1. There are two visitor toilets in the old privy spaces at the back of the properties, however no accessible toilet.
2. One toilet has rails on both sides of the toilet.
3. Toilets are accessed through no 5 Blyth Grove.



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4. Both toilets have a stone step to access.
5. There are no child or adult changing facilities available.
6. The toilets are lit with one light bulb, and limited daylight.
7. There are 0 automatic hand dryers in either toilet.

Visitor Reception

1. Reception and shop is situated in No 5 Blyth Grove. The shop/reception area has exposed and varnished wooden floorboards. The tearoom area is carpeted throughout.
2. Entrance to no 5 is via a step up through the garden gate, up a garden path, and three stone steps with a hand rail on the right hand side and then two further steps in the narrow corridor.
3. The entrance door is 770mm wide at the narrowest point when the door is fully open.
4. The entrance door opens inwards; there is a bell on the right hand side of the door frame if assistance is required. Staff/ Volunteers are on hand to open doors if required.
5. The reception desk is 920mm high with a lower section 760mm high. Staff will come around the desk to assist if necessary.
6. There is 1 bay window and 1 smaller window in reception; however natural light is low due to orientation. The artificial light is from ceiling fittings.
7. There are chairs available in reception, some with arm rests.
8. There is currently no induction loop available at the reception desk.
9. There is a virtual tour, located in reception for those who feel the stairs may be too high. This is both audio and written.

House

1. Access to No 7 is back out the front door of No 5, down the steps to the street level, along the pavement and up 1 step, then a slight incline to the front door of no 7 where there are 2 steps up into the property.
2. The route No 5 to No 7 is all tarmac.
3. There is no ramp available.
4. The entrance door opens inwards, and visitors are escorted around to the front of the property. The door can be opened from both outside and inside.
5. There is no other entrance available.
6. The entrance door is 770mm wide at the narrowest point when the door is fully open.
7. There are 0 rooms where there are no soft furnishings.
8. The house is lit with UV light bulbs, however it is also kept lightly lit for conservation reasons.
9. Access to the top two floors is up 3 steep flights of stairs, with a handrail on right hand side, for the main flights. Access to the bathrooms also includes 3 steps with no handrail.
10. The corridors are very narrow with widths less than 750mm due to furnishings, notably the front entrance hallway, the corridor to the kitchen, the corridor to the bathroom and back bedroom.
11. There is no space to turn a wheelchair in any room within the property.
12. There are seats on each floor for visitors to use. None of these have arm rests.
13. Typically there are volunteer guides on each floor. On self guide days there are volunteers on the ground floor and then covering the top 2 floors on rotation.
14. There are 0 toilets in the historic property.

15. The majority of visits are by guided tours. None of the team deliver BSL tours and do not use a loop.
16. There is a virtual tour in reception, where visitors can read/ listen and view the information about the house from reception if they cannot manage the stairs.
17. The house would not be able to accommodate any wheelchair or electric buggy.

Catering

1. The small catering facilities are located in the reception area, please see visitor reception information.
2. Some chairs have arms.
3. Hot drinks are by table service. Staff/ volunteers are happy to assist anyone who requires it.
4. There is not circulation space over 12000 mm between tables.
5. There is currently no induction loop at the till point.
6. Menus are not available in large print, or braille however staff would be happy to assist where required.
7. There are 0 double handed mugs, nor straws available, however larger cups/ mugs can be provided if required.

Retail

1. The retail space is within the reception area. See information about visitor reception.
2. There is circulation space available, however the building itself is not wheelchair accessible.
3. There is currently no induction loop at the till point.
4. Staff/ volunteers are trained on working at height and would be able to assist any visitor reaching items at height from the shelves.
5. There is not a large print price list, however staff/ volunteers are available to assist if required.

Garden

1. The garden is mainly turf, with overhanging apple trees. There is a step into the replica greenhouse, and the path to the greenhouse is slate chippings. There is a path around the side of No 7 which provides access into the garden however this is very narrow. Access to the back of No 5 is up three steps and through a gate, or through the property. The path is not wide enough for a wheelchair to move between the two gardens with ease. The orchard is in the back of the car park and is lawn only.
2. Access can be granted around the side of No 7 to the back gardens where no steps are present.
3. Both gardens are mainly turf, with concrete paths joining the two gardens. The path to the greenhouse is as above, and access to the back of no 5 garden is turf only.
4. There is a slight, negligible incline around the back of No 7.
5. Access to the gardens is through visitor reception (normally) which includes three steps into the property, and two steps out the back door.
6. The steps at the front of the property has a handrail on the right hand side, there is no handrail for the back door steps.
7. There are gates to each garden from the front, and the sides.
8. There is a Gardens Guide, and additional information available in the greenhouse.



9. There are three tables and 8 seats in the back gardens, and two picnic tables and a bench in the orchard.

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