

## Greys Court access statement

Greys Court is an intimate family home and peaceful estate set in the rolling hills of the Chilterns. Continuously lived in since its first mention in the Domesday Book until 2003, Greys Court is an intriguing collection of buildings incorporating the ruins of a fourteenth-century fortified house, with wall and towers remaining.

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### Points to note

- Greys Court consists of a mansion, gardens, woodland/farmland estate, and several out buildings
- There is limited mobile phone reception through the site.
- Dogs are welcome on the wider estate and tea-room, but not inside the mansion or walled gardens please. There is a water bowl outside the tea-room.
- There is one manual wheelchair available for loan.
- There is a pond in the garden, it is filled.
- There are Ha Ha's at the bottom and top end of the site.

### Arrival and Parking Facilities

- There are brown signs from the direction of Henley on Thames and the nearby village of Nettlebed. There are brown warning signs 100 yards for the entrance.
- The main surface of the car park is cell-web reinforced filled with stone aggregate.
- The car park and visitor reception are roughly 200 yards for the main area of the property.
- There are 5 parking spaces outside the mansion for those with access issues and there is over flow parking. Visitors that park here can drop off at the entrance to the house. To get you disabled parking and to drop off you will need to stop next to Visitor Reception.
- There is a grass over flow car park next to the main visitor car park - this is weather dependant.

### WCs

- The only toilets on the site are situated next to the shop. There is an accessible WC that also includes baby changing. These are roughly 250 yards from the main visitor car park.
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- All the toilets have automatic hand dryers.

## **Visitor Reception**

- This is the building next to the car park. The entrance is up a short ramp of approximately 7.5% gradient and 2.1 metres long.
- The counter is 95cm high, but there are two tables that are 76cm high.
- There is no induction loop in the building.
- The path from Visitor Reception to the main area of the site is also a road, there is a speed limit of 5 MPH.
- Once outside the mansion the pathway around the oval lawn in front of the Mansion is gravel.

## **Mansion**

- There are 3 steps up to the Mansion; each is approximately 15cm high. There is a ramp available outside the entrance, the ramp is 2.57m long and has a gradient of 16.5%
- All the doors in the mansion are approximately 94cm wide.
- Rucksacks and large bags are required to be left at the front door with a room guide.
- The ground floor is on one level.
- Access to the first floor is via a staircase. There are handrails on the left hand side. There are 19 stairs each is approximately 15cm high. Once on the first floor, there are another 4 stairs 15cm high, to see the library and the double guest bedroom. Access back down to the ground floor is down another stair case of 18 steps 15cm high.
- Seating is available if required throughout the Mansion, please ask a room guides for assistance. There is usually someone in each room.
- There is no induction loop in the Mansion.
- 4 wheeled powered mobility vehicles and powered wheelchairs cannot be accommodated in the Mansion due to the entrance steps and narrow corridors and turning circles.
- Large print and braille guides are available for the Mansion. Please ask a room guide.

## **Donkey Wheel**

- Access to the Donkey wheel is down 2 stairs, each approximately 8 cm high. There are no stairs inside the building. There is no handrail.
- 4 wheeled powered mobility vehicles may struggle to get in and out of the building, and turning circle is narrow.
- The floor is cobbled and uneven in places.
- The lighting is low in the building, so you need to be aware when coming in from the outside daylight.

## **Retail**

- The entrance is level. The floor is concrete and the lighting is fluorescent.
- The door way is 90cm wide and the door way opens inwards. The door way is non-power operated.
- The counter is 97 high but staff and volunteers are able to assist with service and with lifting and carrying goods if necessary.

## **Tea Room**

- The pathway down to the tea room is via pathway that has been differentiated with the correct gradient for wheelchair users to follow.
- There is a 3.10m long ramp with a gradient of 12.5% up to the tea room entrance, or the exit door can be used if preferred. The entrance and exit door are 114cm

wide. The doors open outwards, and are not power assisted, but the catering team can assist if required. The doors open to a 90 degree angle.

- The outside tables are 90cm high and the tables inside the building are 75cm high.
- There is no induction loop available in the tea room.
- The floor is a vinyl covering and the walls are plastered. The lighting is halogen.
- There are no large print or braille menus.

## **Garden**

- The garden is a series of walled gardens; each garden is entered via a gate. The gates between 84cm and 160cm wide. Between each garden there is a small step.
- There are set paths through all the gardens, they switch between gravel and paving. Some of the paving is uneven and there are some small steps in the garden that are worn.
- In the white garden there is a pond with water and a veranda which can be accessed across the grass. There is seating around the gardens.

## **Estate**

- There is wood and farm land surrounding Greys Court. There are no purpose built pathways for the estate walks, but there are defined paths. These can be muddy, stoney or have tree roots.
- There are no stiles on the estate walks only gates.

## **Images**