

Newtown Old Town Hall Access Statement

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Introduction

Newtown Old Town Hall is situated on Newtown National Nature Reserve towards the west side of the Isle of Wight. It stands alone on an open grassy plot with a road running along on one side and is the only remaining evidence of the former importance of Newtown.

- Newtown is a small, quiet Hamlet with no shops, cafes or street lighting.
- Assistance dogs only, railing available outside where dogs can be secured during visit.
- The entrance to the hall is approached by a flight of 10 concrete steps with a railing on one side and a further, shallow step, into the reception lobby.
- There is no lighting in the entrance lobby or main hall, but windows provide plenty of natural light. Limited lighting on the lower floor.
- A spiral staircase leads from the reception lobby to the lower floor, but this floor can also be accessed via another door from outside if needed.
- Mobile phone reception is usually very good across the site. In an emergency please speak with one of the members of staff or ring the National Trust emergency phone on 07851 290128.
- The property is not suitable for pushchairs, wheeled mobility aids or dogs.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- From the A3054 main Yarmouth road turn left onto Corfe Road (shortly after the Shalfleet traffic lights). Follow the road, passing Corfe Scout camp on your left. Eventually you will come to a T junction and Town Lane, where there will be a sign for Newtown Old Town Hall.



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Turn left, go over the bridge and up the hill a short distance, the Hall will be on your right but continue a few meters and turn into the National Trust car park on your left. Drop off possible prior to parking.



- The car park is laid with gravel and has two designated Blue Badge spaces which are easily visible near the entrance. Spaces may be limited at busy times.



Parking charge for non-members, members scan cards at the car park machine. Parking is free for Blue Badge holders.

- Nearest bus route/stop is on the main Yarmouth Road with a walking distance of about a mile. There is no footpath between Shalfleet and Newtown.
- Bicycles may be secured to the railings at the Town Hall or in the car park

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- Toilets are situated in the car park and have a tiled floor, wash basins, soap and paper towels. There is a step into the men's toilets.
- There is an accessible toilet via a concrete ramp, which has smooth lino flooring, basin, soap and paper towels. There is right-hand side transfer and an alarm. There is no baby changing unit currently available.
- Sanitary bins provided
- Lighting is automatic and fluorescent.

N.B Toilets open around the clock March to October. Ladies and gents locked in the winter but accessible toilet open through the year.

The road to the Town Hall from the car park is tarmac with grass around the building.

Visitor Reception

- The main entrance is via the South door which is up ten concrete steps and opens inwards. Normally kept open except in poor weather, but staff available.



- The reception lobby has wooden flooring with an internal coir door mat. The Hall has wood and stone floors throughout. No soft furnishings but not usually more than 10 visitors to an area so low noise levels. Access can also be made via a door to the ground floor only, door opens inwards, this entrance/exit has four concrete steps. The ground floor room is all stone with two small windows. Artificial lighting provided by spotlights.
- There is a reception desk at the entrance and staff move to greet/ talk to visitors.
- An induction loop operates at the till point.
- Chairs can be made available if needed.

Catering

- There is a grassed area around the town hall suitable for picnics. There is no café on site, but the visitor point in the car park may also be used for eating own refreshments.

Walk routes

- Two walk routes start from the visitor point car park. Please see the access statement for Newtown National Nature Reserve.

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