

Mompesson House and Garden Access Statement

A Grade I listed building, Mompesson House is the largest and finest house on Chorister's Green, in the Cathedral Close. It is a perfect Queen Anne townhouse, built in 1701, with a limestone façade, symmetrical windows and elegant wrought-iron railings. The interior features beautiful mid-18th-century plasterwork, marble chimney pieces and light, airy rooms. The walled garden to the rear is bounded by the 14th-century Close wall and includes our Garden Tea-room.

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Introduction

1. There is reasonable mobile phone reception across the property.
2. Assistance dogs are welcome. There is a water bowl next to the railings in front of the Entrance Door which is refilled regularly or can be filled on request.
3. Fixed Induction loop available on ground floor at Visitor Reception Desk which is regularly checked. Upstairs rooms only accessible via a staircase.
4. There is a manual wheelchair available to use. If possible please ring to book before visit. There are also two walking sticks and a folding stool available to borrow during a visit.
5. Visitors can sit on all of the downstairs window seats and any of the chairs in the Library.
6. Due to small rooms, visitors are asked to hand over large bags at Visitor Reception and are given a ticket for retrieval at the end of their visit.
7. Photography is allowed, without flash.
8. A pretty walled garden to the rear, with an uneven path, and an accessible toilet.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

1. Follow the signs to the Cathedral, positioned around Salisbury.
2. There are no car parking facilities at this city-centre site but a drop off point is available just outside the property.
3. There are two spaces for Disabled Visitors right in front of the property, on a flat tarmac surface. Please ring the property beforehand if you require one of these spaces.
4. There is a 4 stepped approach to the House. A ramp without handrails is available, but an alternative level entrance is also available on request.
5. The entrance doorway opens inwards and is 1200mm wide. You will be welcomed by our Reception Assistant, who will assist you on your visit.



Main entrance door in to Visitor Reception



Entrance steps



Alternate level entrance and main exit



Courtyard and access to WCs

WCs

1. There is an accessible toilet in the courtyard next to the tea room, accessed through an archway, of 840mm extending to 1020mm width.
2. There is an emergency assistance alarm and baby changing facilities.
3. The accessible WC is a left hand transfer.
4. There is no natural light but they are lit with fluorescent bulbs.
5. Both of the accessible and non-accessible WCs have automatic hand driers.

Visitor Reception – just inside the main front door of the house

1. Wooden floor with a large carpet and underlay.
2. The entrance door is 1100mm wide and it open inwards. It is kept propped open throughout the day.
3. The main reception desk is 750mm in height and there is a lower section of 700mm. Staff can come round to talk to a visitor who cannot see over or reach up to the desk. There is a clipboard available for visitors to write on if they cannot reach the desk.
4. There is lots of natural light from two large windows and the open doorway. There is also a lantern with artificial florescent bulbs.
5. There are chairs available to sit on in the entrance hall, one with armrests.

House

1. Wooden floors throughout the house are mainly carpeted, occasionally with mats too.
2. There is lots of natural light throughout the house, as well as fluorescent bulbs which can be used on darker days.
3. The oak staircase is the only means of accessing the upper floors. There are 13 steps, a mid way landing, and a further 13 steps. Although there are handrails to the stairs, the stairs are quite wide, so both handrails cannot be used at the same time. A folder is available at the reception desk which has information and photographs of the upstairs rooms.
4. Circulation around the property is generally quite easy though some corridors are a little narrow. Rooms that are open to the public usually inter-connect and doors are kept in the open position whilst the property is open.
5. There is space for a wheelchair to turn round easily in all of the downstairs rooms except for the Library, which is quite small.
6. Visitors are welcome to sit on any of the downstairs window seats and on any of the chairs in the Library.
7. There are volunteers in all of the rooms and staff carry out frequent walks round the house. The volunteers wear pendants which can be pressed to alert staff for assistance.
8. There are no WCs in the main house.
9. There are no guided tours.
10. There is a large print guide available from Visitor Reception and also a Braille guide.



Entrance Hall



Top of staircase



Library

Catering

1. There is a small tea room in one corner of the garden.
2. There is outside seating available for 22 people, with cover provided over some of the tables and chairs. Inside seating is available for 24 visitors.
3. A 700mm wide ramp with no handrails is in place to enable access to the inside part of the tea room. The edge of the ramp has been highlighted and a reasonable gradient has been achieved. The ramp can be easily removed if needed; there is one step of 120mm.
4. The doors open inwards and both of them together measure 1200mm in width. This is kept open on warm days but staff are available to assist if they are closed on colder days.
5. The counter height is 900mm but visitors can be seated if they experience difficulty queuing and staff will then assist them.
6. There is not much circulation space between tables and chairs in the inside area, but the tables are not fixed, so provision can be made to make more space if needed.
7. One doubled handled mug and straws are available.
8. Menus are available in standard print but there is no induction loop available.



Ramp and doorway



View of tea room

Garden

1. A small walled garden provides a pleasant place to rest, to hear the Salisbury Cathedral bells and to enjoy the plants and shrubs through the various seasons.
2. A good view of the entire garden is possible from a number of vantage points.
3. There is a path made of paving stones around the edge and grass in the centre of the garden. The paving stones can sometimes be slippery in bad weather and a few of them are slightly raised.
4. There are a few steps but a 700mm wide ramp, with no handrails is in place which allows access to three sides of the garden. The edge of the ramp has been highlighted and a reasonable gradient has been achieved.
5. There are a few benches placed around the garden, with armrests.
6. There is a small water fountain, covered with a grate and large pebbles.



Garden path



Lawn in centre of garden



Wooden bench



Water fountain

Shop

1. There is a small shop in the courtyard.
2. There are 2 steps to enter the shop marked by 2 olive trees on either side of the door; a ramp is available if needed and staff are happy to assist.
3. The door opens inwards and is always kept open. The doorway is 920mm wide.
4. The majority of the display units are around the edge of the shop; the tables in the middle are not fixed and could be moved if needed.
5. The height of the till point is 900mm and staff are happy to assist.



Entrance to shop



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