

Red House Access Statement

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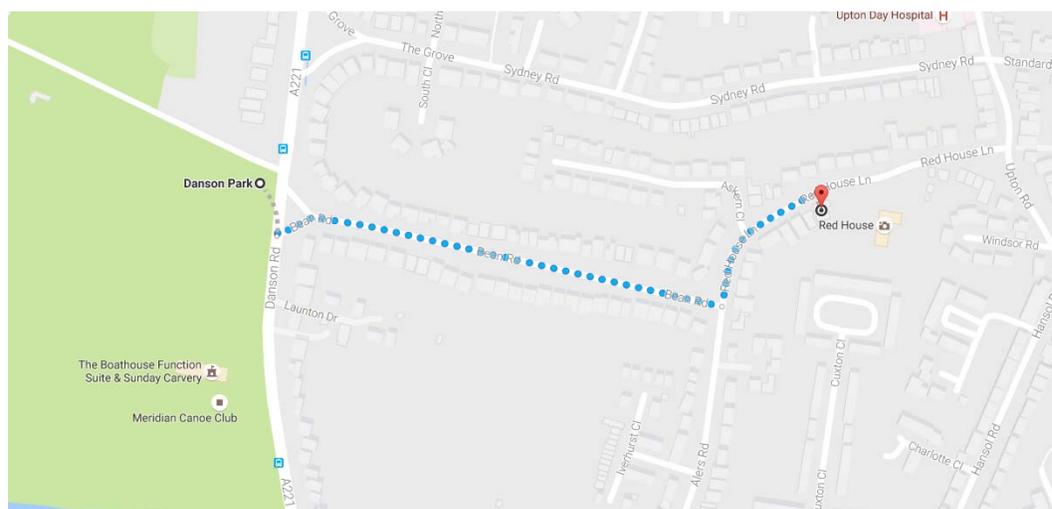


Introduction

- Situated within a conservation area in Bexleyheath town centre. Built in 1859 Red House is surrounded by a 2 acre garden accessed via brick paths, with a gravel drive from the roadside.
- Good mobile reception across the site. In case of an emergency on site contact the property office on 0208 303 6359.
- No dogs on site except assistance dogs.
- Paths around garden can be uneven and slippery, especially in wet weather conditions. Two small steps needed to enter the main house (access ramps are available on request) Ground floor is accessible but the only access to first floor is via stairs. On overcast days light levels in the house can be low. No access for motorised scooters.

Arrival & Parking Facilities

- Red House is situated on Red House Lane, off Upton Road. Sat Navs following the postcode may direct you to Cuxton Close (behind the property). Brown signs show route from A2.
- Red House does not have a car park.
- There are 2 blue-badge spaces in front of the house, subject to availability. These must be pre-booked in advance by calling our office on 0208 303 6359. The spaces are on a gravelled driveway.
- The closest public car park is at Danson House (DA6 8HL), 1 mile away. It is owned and run by Bexley Council and may be subject to parking charges.
- There is no transfer vehicle from Danson House car park to Red House, and it is a 15 minute walk.
- Bexleyheath train station is a 15-minute walk away.
- The nearest bus stop is on Upton Road, a 5 minute walk away.



WCs

- Red House has an accessible toilet situated behind the Coach House. There are no toilet facilities in the main building.
- The accessible toilet is 150cm x 215cm
- The accessible toilet is left hand transfer.
- Baby changing facilities are available.
- There are no adult changing facilities.
- WCs are lit with artificial light. Lights are controlled by a movement sensor; if no movement is detected lights will go off.
- WCs do not have automatic hand dryers.

House

- Access to the house and grounds is via a 25m driveway, covered with 20mm deep gravel.

- There are two wide steps up to the house: one into the porch and one from the porch into the house. Ramps are available on request for these steps. There is also a thick coir mat in the porch.
- The door is 140cm wide, manually opened inwards. Volunteers are available in the Entrance Hall if assistance is required.
- Red House has no soft furnishings, and wooden or tiled floors that creak heavily and may cause sound echoes.
- Many areas of the house are lit with natural light, and therefore the light levels are subject to the weather conditions. There is some artificial lighting, but in many areas is low.
- The Morris bedroom has blacked out windows for the purposes of conservation and is lit instead by an artificial spotlight. The floor in this room is uneven.
- The first floor is accessible by stairs only. The stairs are wooden with a handrail. There are two turns with small landings.
- The narrowest doorway in the house is to the Bachelor's Bedroom on the ground floor and is 75cm. The rest of the doorways in the house are 80cm or wider.
- There is space to turn a wheelchair in the majority of rooms in Red House. The smallest room is Morris' bedroom which is 300cm x 550cm.
- There are no seats around the house but visitors can request folding stools (without arm rests) to carry around on their visit.
- Volunteers are present on each floor.
- There are no WCs within the house.
- There are no induction loops available in the house.
- Powered mobility scooters are not allowed inside the house.

Garden

- There are only two sets of steps in the garden: 2 into the Scullery Courtyard and 3 at the end of the north end of the Rose arch. Alternative stepless routes are available for both.
- The main entrance way into the site is gravel, while the rest of the site is accessible via brick pathways or grassy lawns.
- There are no slopes on the paths, however there are potential slip and trip hazards of uneven paving near trees and shrubs.
- Around the toilet block, the surface changes from concrete to brick and can be a trip hazard.
- The paths do not have handrails
- There are a number of benches around the garden for visitors to use.
- Visitors are welcome to walk across the grass and picnic in the garden, but we ask that rubbish is taken away with them.

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