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This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

## **Access Statement for Bagshaw Museum**

### **Introduction**

Bagshaw Museum is a Victorian former mill owner's house set in 36 acres of award winning parkland and ancient woodland approximately 2 miles from the centre of Batley.

Once the home of George Sheard, this gothic house became a museum in 1911 and was named after its first curator, Walter Bagshaw.

Displays include, two local history galleries, the "Spirit of South Asia" gallery, and the fabulous Egyptology gallery.

We have a small refreshments area, selling hot and cold drinks, ice creams and snacks situated within the shop/reception area.

The museum is over 2 floors with a platform lift access to the galleries on the first floor. We also have a hearing loop installed and staff have undergone disability and equality training. We are also members of the VAQAS scheme.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01924 324765 or email [bagshaw.museum@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:bagshaw.museum@kirklees.gov.uk).

### **Pre-Arrival**

- For sat navs or to use a journey planning website, enter our postcode: WF17 0AS
- Batley rail station is approx. 2 miles away.
- Batley bus station is approx. 1.5 miles away.
- We do not offer a collection service.

### **Car Parking and Arrival**

- Car parking is free
- The drop off point is at the rear of the building and is sign posted.
- We have 1 Blue Badge parking space to the rear of the building which is 3 meters away from the accessible entrance.
- The main car park is tarmac and sloping, and is 50 meters away from the main entrance.
- Car parks are locked 1<sup>st</sup> April – 31<sup>st</sup> October 17:30, 1<sup>st</sup> November – 31<sup>st</sup> March 19:30

- Entry via the accessible entrance is by means of an intercom button. This is level access and the door width is 90cm.
- The main entrance at the front of the building has 3 wide steps and no hand rails.
- There are 2 double width doorways, one of which is permanently open and the other is an automatic opener, within the main entrance.

### **Main Entrance, Reception and Ticketing Area**

- Entrance to the museum is free.
- The main reception/shop area is on the ground floor 2 meters away from the main entrance with level access throughout.
- Seating is available in this area. It is well lit with wooden flooring.
- The reception/ till is of medium height and a hearing loop is in operation.

### **Attraction (displays, exhibits etc.)**

- The whole of the ground floor has level access. It is well lit, with wooden floors in every room.
- All doors are permanently open.
- Displays contain a mixture of interpretation boards, with text of varying sizes, photographs, pictures and objects.
- Maximum height of the display cases is 180cm.
- Some galleries have low level music/ noise but no flashing lighting.
- There is a platform lift to access the first floor, which has level access throughout.
- The first floor also has wooden flooring in every gallery and good lighting with exception of the Egyptian Gallery, where in this room the lighting is triggered by movement sensors as you move through the gallery.
- Seating is available throughout the museum.
- Both floors can also be accessed by stairs which are wide with a hand rail and a landing area.

### **Public Toilets**

- The public toilets and the accessible toilet are located on the ground floor near to the accessible entrance.
- The accessible toilet is unisex and also incorporates the baby changing facility, which is not locked.
- The door is wide and opens outwards.
- The WC is to the left hand side with grab rails on both sides.
- Transfer space is 80cm.
- A red pull alarm cord is situated to the side of the toilet.
- It is well lit with level tiled floor and good colour contrast.
- The taps are lever style and the door lock is a twist lock.

### **Catering**

- There is a small refreshments area on the ground floor serving hot and cold drinks, ice cream and snacks.
- There is level access with wooden flooring but space around tables and chairs is limited.
- Tables are small and chairs are lightweight with no arms.
- Lighting is a mixture of natural daylight and spotlights.

### **Shop**

- There is a shop located within the reception area selling a range of pocket money toys, Egyptian souvenirs and confectionery.
- It is located directly in front of the main entrance/ exit, with level access and wooden flooring.
- Lighting is a mixture of natural daylight and spotlights with room to maneuver a wheelchair.
- The displays are low and medium level and the till is medium level.
- A hearing loop is installed in this area.
- Seating is available.

### **Grounds and Gardens**

- The museum is located within the grounds of a public park.
- The paths are wide and even but parts of the park are situated on a steep hill.
- There are many seating areas around the park.
- Another car park is available in the lower park area which is level and enables access to the playground and other facilities the park has to offer.

### **Additional Information**

- A platform lift is available to enable access to the first floor.
- Mobility scooters have access to the ground floor only.
- Prams and pushchairs have access to the ground floor only.
- Assistance dogs are welcomed and we have water bowls available.
- Staff are trained to assist with an emergency evacuation if required.
- Staff receive disability/equality training.
- We do not have wheelchairs to loan.

### **Contact Information**

Address (Inc postcode): Bagshaw Museum Wilton Park Batley West Yorkshire WF17 0AS.

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Email: [bagshaw.museum@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:bagshaw.museum@kirklees.gov.uk)

Website: [www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums](http://www.kirklees.gov.uk/museums)

Grid Reference: 53.727906-1.645365

Hours Of Operation: 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> August, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 11:00 to 17:00 (last entry 16:45) Saturday and Sunday 12:00 to 17:00 (last entry 16:45)

1<sup>st</sup> September to 31<sup>st</sup> October Saturday and Sunday 12:00 to 17:00 (last entry 16:45)

1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> March Saturday and Sunday 12:00 to 16:00 (last entry 15:45)

Kirklees School holidays Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> October 11:00 to 17:00 (last entry 16:45)

1<sup>st</sup> November to 31<sup>st</sup> March 11:00 to 16:00 (last entry 15:45)

Some Bank Holidays

Local Accessible Taxi: Oakwell Taxis 01924471111.

Local Public Transport: For up to date details please see [arrivabus.co.uk](http://arrivabus.co.uk)