



Guide to Festival Access & Facilities

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This practical and visual guide provides descriptive information about the venues and spaces where events are taking place. The guide is not exhaustive, but does aim to provide as much information as possible so that visitors to the festival are aware of what to expect on the day.

Friendly festival volunteers will be available and ready to provide help and support in accessing the event spaces, and finding the nearest suitable seating, toilets and other facilities.

Videos

A selection of videos showing access and facilities can be viewed on the festival website at whitchurchfolk.com/access

Contact

Please do drop us an email on info@whitchurchfolk.com with any questions or comments.

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Festival venues & spaces

The guide contains information about all of the following venues and spaces.

PLACE

DESCRIPTION



Gill Nethercott Centre & Festival Hub

*Festival Information & Wristband collection in the **Gill Nethercott Centre**. Concerts. Some indoor seating. The **Festival Hub** is an outdoor area (in car park next to Gill Nethercott Centre). Festival Merchandise, Festival Bar, Food & Drink Stalls, Morris Dancing & other displays. Some seating.*



Silk Mill Lawn

Outdoor Morris Dancing, Maypole & other displays. Accessible toilets in the Silk Mill Cafe.



All Hallows Church

Concerts.



Parish Hall

Concerts, Workshops and the Ceilidh.

The Kings Arms

Outdoor Stage (Fringe). Indoor and outdoor seating. Sessions.



Baptist Church

Children's activities & workshops.



The White Hart Hotel

Sessions.



Bell Street Car Park

Car park in the town centre with accessible toilets.



Venues with this symbol
have Accessible & Standard toilets

GILL NETHERCOTT CENTRE and the FESTIVAL HUB

Winchester Street, RG28 7HP

Foyer: Wristband collection and festival information. In the foyer there is some seating.

Main hall: Concerts will take place here.

Car Park: the **Festival Hub** is located in the car park next to the Gill Nethercott Centre. Outdoor area with food and other stalls, a place to buy Festival Merchandise (T-shirts etc) and watch Morris Dancing and other dance & music displays.

Entrance: Accessible with ramp up to automatic doors.

Toilet: Accessible and standard toilets, easily accessible by wheelchairs and prams, with baby changing facility.

Parking - No parking here as the car park will be closed to accommodate the Festival Hub.



Level access leading to the Gill Nethercott Centre and car park.



Ramped access & automatic doors to the main centre entrance.

SILK MILL LAWN

28 Winchester St, Whitchurch RG28 7AL

Outdoor Space for Morris Dance displays, workshops & music.

Cafe & toilets: The Silk Mill cafe is accessible, with accessible toilet plus two large standard toilets.

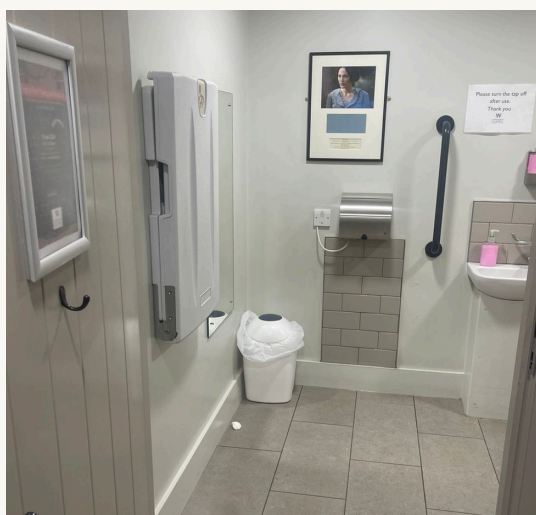
Seating & viewing: There is seating for cafe customers under the purple gazebo and inside the cafe. An accessible viewing area will be designated with seating and space for wheelchair users to enjoy the displays from the path around the lawn.

Paths: There is a compacted gravel path around the edge of the lawn that wheelchairs can pass over fairly easily.

Disabled parking: There are 2 spaces for blue badge holders, directly in front of the cafe and lawn entrance.



Blue badge spaces



ALL HALLOWS CHURCH

44-32 Church St, Whitchurch RG28 7AS

Concert venue in afternoon & evening

Entrance: with both sets of double doors open, the entrance is wheelchair accessible [**photo 1**]. Volunteers will be on hand to welcome festival-goers.

Toilets & Bar: These are located in the Churchrooms, adjoining the main church. To reach them, there are two routes:
The first route is via the steps at the back of the church.
The step-free, accessible route is outdoors. Turn right out the main church doors and then go up the slope [**photo 3**] and up the ramp to the Churchroom door. Inside there are accessible & standard toilets and bar. Please note, part of the slope is steep. A volunteer will be on hand to accompany festival-goers up the slope if desired.

Drop off: There is a layby in front of the church which can be used as a drop-off point [**photo 4**].

Seating: There will be a designated row of accessible seating located just in front of the rear section of pews [**photo 2**].

Distance to other events: It's 0.2 miles into the centre of the town (5-10 minutes if walking). The route is flat or gently sloped and on a pavement all the way. Watch out for a few uneven patches towards the town [**photo 5**].



PARISH HALL

28 London Road, RG28 7LQ

Venue for concerts, workshops and the ceilidh.

Entrance: Accessible, step-free access.

Toilet: Accessible and standard toilets.

Parking - there is no parking at the Parish Hall. The nearest car park is Bell Street.



Sloped access & double doors to the entrance.



BAPTIST CHURCH

Newbury Street, RG28 7DR

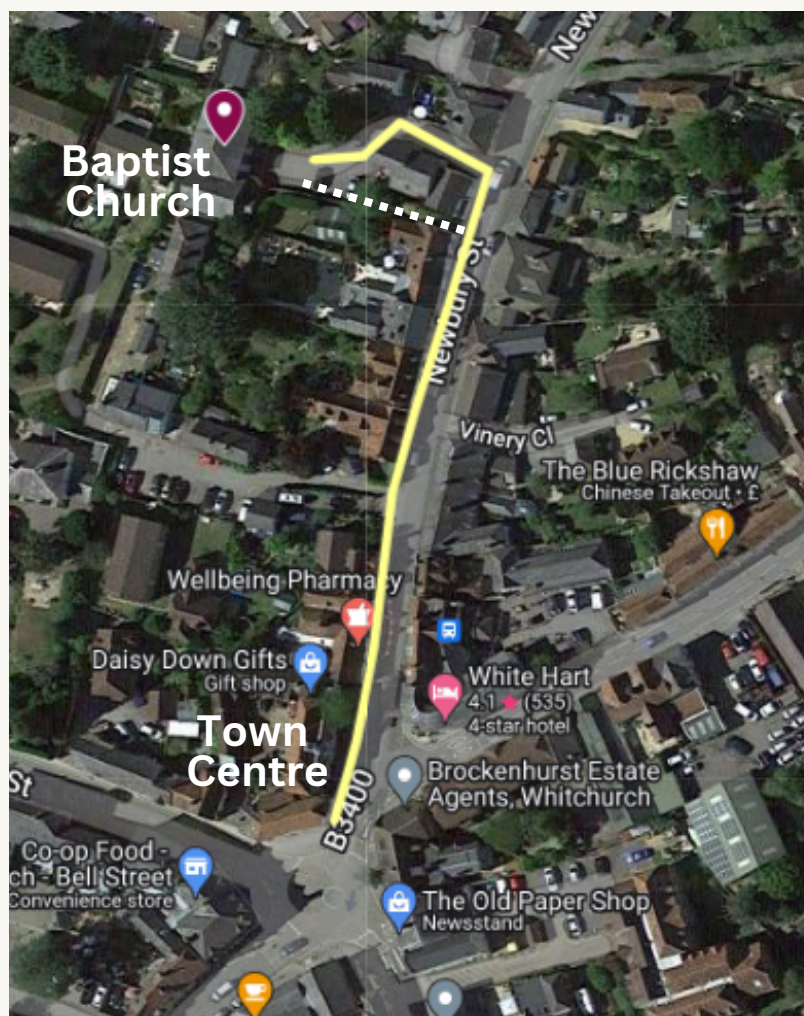
Children and family activities and workshops.

Getting there: The church is a few minutes walk from the crossroads in the town centre. Pedestrian access is signposted on the left as you go up Newbury Street [**dotted line on map**]. If you go on a little further, there is a side road that leads to the church car park [**see map**].

Entrance: Accessible, with a slight ramp up to the front door.

Toilets: standard toilets available. The nearest accessible toilets are at The White Hart Hotel or Bell Street Car Park.

Parking: there will likely be some space in the car park for those with access needs or young children.



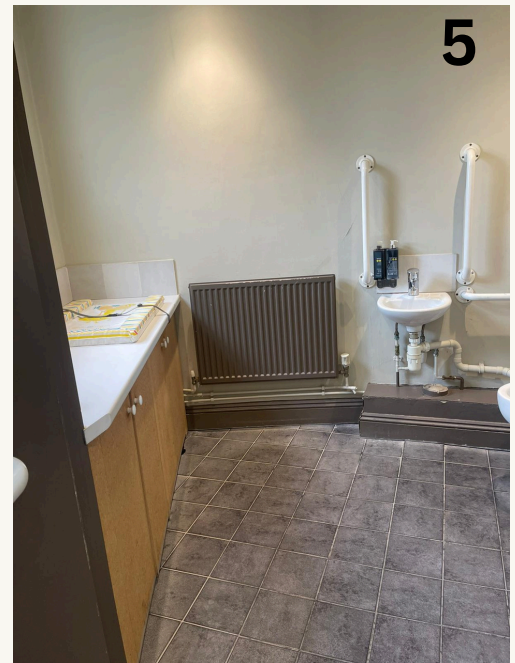
THE WHITE HART HOTEL

Newbury St, Whitchurch, RG28 7DN

Hotel and Pub serving food and drinks all day and evening. And host to informal music sessions.

Entrance: The main entrance to the pub is up several steps. The accessible entrance is around the back of the building. Go to the right as you look at the front door (go along London Street). Go through the car park and there is a ramp up to the rear hotel door [photos 1, 2 and 3]

Toilets: There is a really spacious accessible toilet with designated baby change [photos 4 and 5].



THE KING'S ARMS PUB

10 Church St, Whitchurch, RG28 7AB

Free Fringe music on the outdoor stage in the pub garden throughout the afternoon. Sessions.

Entrance: to the left of the pub, there is flat access into the Pub garden.

Toilet: There is no accessible toilet here. The closest is Bell Street Car Park, a couple of minutes away.

Garden Stage: Please note there is a slight slope up to the garden where the fringe stage is.



BELL STREET CAR PARK

Bell Street, RG28 7AE

Free public car park with some disabled spaces for blue badge holders **[photo 3]**

Toilets: There is an accessible public toilet with Radar Key entrance **[photo 2]**. Turn left at the Blue Ginger Restaurant for ramped access to toilets and car park **[photo 1]**

