



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



The Town Hall

Festival Information centre & wristband collection



All Hallows Church

Concerts



Parish Hall

Concerts

Methodist Church

Concerts



Silk Mill Lawns

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



Gill Nethercott Centre

Children and family activities

The Kings Arms

Outdoor Stage (Fringe). Indoor and outdoor seating.



The White Hart Hotel

Sessions



Bell Street Car Park

Car park in the town centre with accessible toilets.



Venues with this symbol

have both Accessible & Standard toilets

THE TOWN HALL

Newbury Street, Whitchurch, RG28 7DW

Festival Information & Wristband collection.

The downstairs office of the building will be open to festival-goers to pop in to collect festival wristbands, programmes, and to find out information.

Entrance: flat and accessible to wheelchairs.



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.

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.



METHODIST CHURCH

13 Winchester St, Whitchurch RG28 7RQ

Seated concerts.Refreshments provided by the church.

Entrance: the main entrance is step-free, with a sloping ramp up to double doors.

Toilets: These are accessed from the outside, down the left hand side of the building to a blue door. There are steps up to the blue door. Wheelchair users and others who require accessible toilets are directed to use the fully accessible toilets at the nearby Gill Nethercott Centre.

Seating: There will designated accessible seating areas allowing easy access in and out.



SILK MILL LAWNS

28 Winchester St, Whitchurch RG28 7AL

Festival Hub (food and craft stalls) on the front lawn. Morris dancing, performances and drop-in workshops on the rear lawn.

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

There is a compacted gravel path around the edge of the front lawn that wheelchairs can pass over fairly easily. The rear lawn is mostly grass and no paths. There are some slopes on a very easy incline. There is seating on the rear lawn. There are chairs with armrests, bench seating and tables with undersides 61cm-64cm above the ground. There is ample space for a wheelchair user to manoeuvre.



GILL NETHERCOTT CENTRE (Children's Festival)

Winchester Street, RG28 7HP

Children & family activities.

Entrance: Accessible with ramp up to automatic doors.

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

Parking - car park adjacent.



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



Ramped access & automatic doors to the main centre entrance.

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.

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.



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].



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]

