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**ACCESS STATEMENT**

The following information may assist visitors with disabilities:

**Lower car park : 500 yds from Castle entrance**

- Gravel surface
- Accessible WC
- Steps and slopes between levels
- Access to main drive via gravel pathway
- Steep gradient to top driveway

**Upper car park: 200 yds from Castle entrance**

- Designated parking area for visitors with disabilities
- Alternative arrangements on request
- Drop-off point

**Grounds:**

- Gravelled and grassed pathways
- Alternative level pathway to walled garden
- Some paths with steps and exposed tree roots
- Walled garden: gravel, uneven stone steps to sloped lower level
- Some surfaces consist of bark chippings

**Stableblock**

- Ramped entrance
- Cobbled surface to stable yard
- Level entrance to Railway Museum and ramp to lower level; wheelchair users to return via same route to exit.
- Maximum width – 25” in some areas; alternate route available.
- Powered mobility vehicle users to transfer to manual wheelchair at entrance to Railway Museum.
- Uneven cobbled surface in Slave Trade Exhibition
- Lift to Granary Gallery Exhibitions, Dolls’ Museum and Model Railway Room
- Low level public telephone
- Ramped entrance to Shop

**Outer Courtyard (Gents’ toilet, Ice Tower)**

- Gradual sloped hard surface to courtyard
- Circular stone steps to Ice Tower
- Entrance to Tea Rooms for visitors with disabilities via cobbles
- Ramp to Kitchen Courtyard (Ladies’ toilet, accessible toilet) leading to:
- Level access to Victorian Kitchens and all areas therein.

**Barbican to Main Castle Entrance**

- Wide uneven cobbled surface at Barbican WCs
- Loose gravel on sloped surface to entrance

## House

- Ramped entrance at front door and to Reception area.
- **Grand Stairs** – 50 carpeted steps to State Bedroom divided into 5 landings: 4 landings accessed by 9 steps each and one by 14 steps. Height of steps: 15cm
- **State Bedroom to Grand Hall Gallery:**
  - 8 carpeted steps down then 4 stone steps up to Gallery
  - 36 feet ( 10 metres) level access to transept then
  - 75 feet (20 metres) level access to Keep link steps
  - 8 stone steps up then 36 feet (10 metres) level access to Nursery
  - Return same route then 7 stone steps to Lower India Room
  - 15 feet (5 metres) level access to Chapel
- **Return to Ground floor includes:**
  - 34 stone steps divided into 3 landings: 1<sup>st</sup> landing accessed by 11 steps and 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> by 5 steps each. Height of steps: 16cm
  - Level surface to exit through Tea Rooms
- **Victorian Kitchens from House Exit:**
  - 14 stone steps
  - 8 steps up or ramp from Kitchen Courtyard to Outer Courtyard
- **Powered Mobility Vehicles (PMVs)**  
Admission is at the discretion of the staff due to the physical limitations of the building. Please see section on 'Grounds' for suitability for PMVs. PMVs used on the property at user's own risk and liability.

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### Services/facilities include:-

- 2 wheelchairs at Castle reception
- Photograph album
- Adapted WC in kitchen courtyard
- Level entrance and exit at Tea Rooms
- Staff driven golf buggy – booking essential
- Sensory list in House
- Fragrances: Walled garden, ruined chapel in grounds and Victorian Kitchens
- Braille and large print guide

### NB

- To comply with Health & Safety guidelines, the number of wheel-chair users permitted into the House and Victorian Kitchen areas at one time is restricted to three.
- Wheelchairs are not permitted to be used upstairs in the house.

Our staff and volunteers will be pleased to assist with any difficulties – please ask.

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