

## **Sandham Memorial Chapel Access Statement**

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### **Introduction**

1. Situated south of Newbury, Berkshire, off the A34 in the quiet village of Burghclere.
2. The property is accessed by crossing a narrow public road from our car park, up a 50 metre brick path, with 4 steps – (which are 40 cm deep and 10cm high), and then a further 60 metres around the building by level raised paths to the entrance of Visitor reception.
3. Access into the Chapel is by 3 steps (two 32cm deep and 11cm high and the third 12cm deep and 15cm high) without a handrail. There is a portable ramp available which is 72 cm wide with a 1:3 slope.
4. Accessible parking is available by request at the rear of the property - access to all areas is then level paths except for the Chapel – see above. There is also a drop off point – see plan.
5. We have a wheelchair available for use. Please call or ask at visitor reception.
6. Whilst the perimeter of the building has even 127cm wide brick paths the rear garden paths are a stony compacted aggregate.
7. There is no artificial light in the Chapel as this was not the original intention and is not currently considered appropriate for the site. There is a torch and tablet on which the painting detail can be viewed close up.
8. Assistance dogs are welcome in all parts of the property and other dogs in the grounds only.
9. Mobile phone reception can be mixed depending upon the network.

### **Arrival & Parking Facilities**

1. The property is signposted by a large brown sign from the A34 south and a smaller sign to direct you to the property through the village. If travelling from the A34 north the exit sign takes you off slightly before a main junction and requires travel through local roads; it is easier to exit the A34 at the Tot Hill junction and follow local signs as above.
2. There are no designated spaces for disabled visitors in the car park or layby opposite, but we can accommodate 3 cars at the rear of the property upon request.
3. The distance from the car park to the visitor reception is about 85 metres; from visitor reception to the chapel entrance 15 meters (via steps) or 50 metres by level brick paths.
4. The surface of the lay-by is tarmac; the surface at the rear is compacted aggregate.
5. It is possible to drop visitors closer to the Chapel entrance upon request – see plan.
6. There is a wheelchair available for loan at the property.

### **WCs**

1. There is one accessible toilet which is 2.5 metres x 1.5 metres
2. The toilet is left hand transfer.
3. There is no adult changing facility.

4. There is some natural light through two upper glass panes in the door and automatic fluorescent light when the door is opened.
5. There is no automatic hand dryer.

## Visitor Reception & Retail

1. The entrance is via a sloped brick path not exceeding 1:12 providing level access in to the reception through an inwardly opening 84cm wide door. The door is usually open but if closed there is always a volunteer in this area to open it. The floor is vinyl; the remaining area in the visitor experience area is wooden floor boards.
2. There is an informal reception desk of 1 metre high, however volunteers or staff will come around this for anyone who cannot see or reach the top. There is a clipboard, pen and paper available for anyone to use who cannot reach the top.
3. The area has natural light from two windows and the two glass panels in the door in addition to a central non fluorescent light.
4. There are small stools available and if requested a non-armed chair can be provided.
5. There is a fixed induction loop available at the reception desk and a mobile one which can be used in other parts of the site
6. There is sufficient room for wheelchair turning.
7. There is always a volunteer who can help select retail items which cannot be reached.
8. The space is not noisy nor is there an echo.

## Visitor experience

1. Access from visitor reception to the first room is via an 84cm wide doorframe (there is no door).
2. Access to the other two rooms is through 67cm-wide doorframes from a 1-metre wide corridor.
3. The main exhibition room has two tablets which contain accessible material and include the film and archive material in the other two rooms if access to them is not possible.
4. There is sufficient room for wheelchair turning in all three rooms but not the corridor from the first room to the other two – see plan and photographs for detail.

## Chapel

1. The entrance to the Chapel is accessed from visitor reception / exhibition area either via three steps (the first of which is 25cm deep and the other two of which are 40 cm deep and all of which are 10cm high without a handrail) through an inward opening 67cm-wide door or via a level brick path around the building – about 60 metres.
2. The entrance to the chapel is by three steps (two 32cm deep and 11cm high and the third 12cm deep and 15cm high) without a handrail but there is a portable ramp available, which is 72 cm wide with a 1:3 slope). The inward opening Chapel doors can be opened to a width of 130cm. There is a lip of about 1cm across the threshold.
3. The chapel interior allows for wheelchair turning.
4. The floor is stone and level.



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5. There are small non-armed chairs around the perimeter of the chapel interior.
6. There is no artificial light but there is a torch available.
7. There is a tablet on which images of the paintings can be seen and enlarged.
8. There is a large print and braille guide to the paintings.
9. Guided tours of the paintings are by pre-arranged visit only.
10. There is always a volunteer in the chapel.
11. There is a downloadable podcast available from the website.

## Garden

1. There is a garden at the front and rear of the property.
2. The front garden is wild meadow during the summer months with mown paths; it is broadly level except near the building where it slopes upwards; there are 4 steps (which are 40 cm deep and 10cm high) from the lower level to the brick paths surrounding the building.
3. The back garden is all level, with perimeter brick paths around the building, and all other surfaces are a stony compacted aggregate.
4. There are benches around the edge of the garden and spaces next to them for wheelchairs. There are also two tables and benches again with space for a wheelchair.

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**See plan and photographs**

Blue badge parking area by prior arrangement

127cm wide brick path around building

Visitor entrance

Chapel

3 steps into chapel  
- 2 x 32cm deep &  
1 x 12cm deep

3 steps - 1 x 25  
& 2 x 40cm  
deep

Drop off point

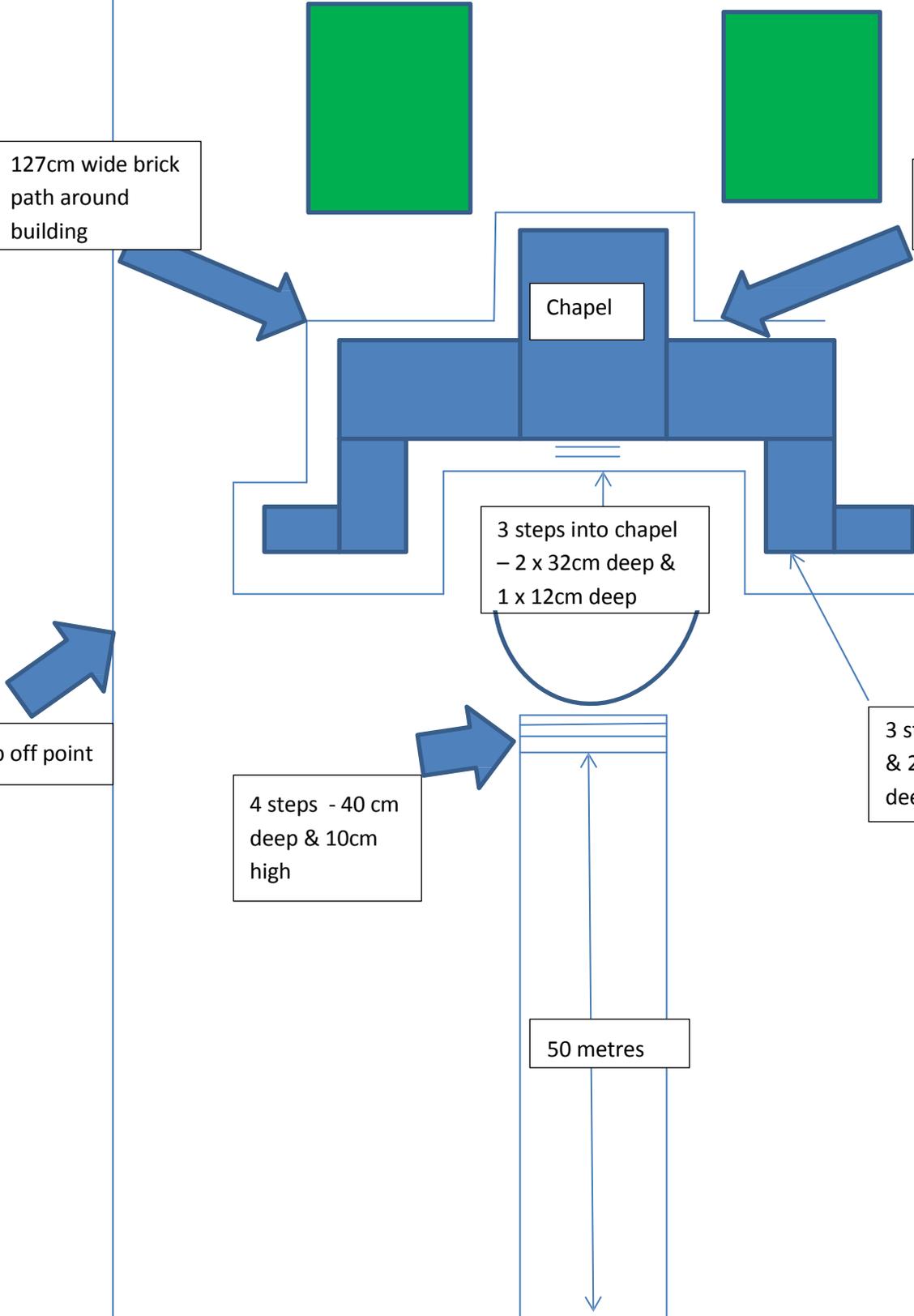
4 steps - 40 cm  
deep & 10cm  
high

50 metres

Road - Harts Lane

Layby

Car Park





Path from road to front of chapel – 50m



Steps at top of path.



Brick path to Visitor reception entrance



Visitor Reception



Visitor reception into first exhibition room.



Main exhibition area



Corridor from main exhibition area



Exit from visitor reception via steps



Chapel entrance