

Accessibility Guide for Revolution House

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Welcome

This pretty thatched cottage in the village of Old Whittington hides a secret – it was part of a plot to overthrow the King!

In the dark year 1688, rumour and unrest muttered up and down the country. Three local noblemen, the Earl of Devonshire, the Earl of Danby and Mr John D’Arcy, met in secret. Sheltering from the rain in the Cock and Pynot Alehouse, they began to make their plans to overthrow King James II in favour of his daughter Mary and her Dutch husband, William of Orange.

The ground floor has a display of 17th Century country furniture. Find out more about the Revolution of 1688 on a short film at the House.

Open last Sunday of the month from April to September, 11am – 3pm. Also open middle of December to 24 December.

At a Glance

Level Access

- The main entrance has level access without a threshold
- There is level access from the main entrance to:
 - ✓ Ground Floor
 - ✓ Video Room
 - ✓ Revolution House Garden
- There are steps from the main entrance to:
 - ✓ First Floor

Hearing

- Some staff have disability awareness training.

Visual

- The walls and doors have high colour contrast.
- Information is available in large print on request.

General.

- Some staff have disability awareness training.

Getting Here

High Street
Old Whittington
Chesterfield
Derbyshire
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Travel by public transport

- You can get to Revolution House by bus.
- The nearest bus stop is outside The Bull's Head. Buses 25 and 50 each run twice an hour from Chesterfield town centre. The bus stop is 0.1 miles / 0.2 km from Revolution House.
- The nearest train station is Chesterfield. The railways station is approximately 2.5 miles / 4 km from Revolution House.
- Chesterfield Coach Station, which is the National Express stop, is approximately 2.5 miles / 4 km from Revolution House.
- You can get a taxi with City Taxis (Tel: 01246 221111) or Carry Care (Tel: 01246 439118). Both have a wheelchair accessible vehicle.

Parking

- There is a drop-off point at the main entrance. The drop off point has a dropped kerb.
- There is on street parking outside the venue. The parking is less than 50 metres from the main entrance and parking is free.
- From the street to the entrance, there is level access. The path is sloped. And the route is 1030mm wide, or more.

Arrival

Path to main entrance

- From the street to the main entrance, there is level access.
- The path is 1030mm wide, or more.

Main entrance

- The main entrance has level access.
- The main door is side hung and manual.
- The door is 750mm wide.
- The door to the House remains open during opening hours..



Garden gate at Revolution House



Entrance to Revolution House

Getting around inside

Visual impairment – general information

- We have high colour contrast between walls and doorframes.



Ground Floor of Revolution House

Things to See and Do

Ground Floor

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access. The route is 750mm wide, or more.
- The door is 750mm wide..
- Some display information is low for wheelchair users and there are seats.
- The flooring is flagstones which are well maintained.
- The member of staff on duty will be wearing a uniform and name badge so they can be easily identified. Staff are happy to provide assistance and talk to visitors about the history of the House.
- There is no background music or tannoy.

First Floor

- From the main entrance to this area there are 11 steps. There is no lift and no ramp.
- The wooden staircase to the first floor is 730mm wide with a 180 degree turn half way up the steps. There is a low level ceiling 1710mm high. The steps are steep with narrow treads. There is a handrail on the top flight.
- At the top of the staircase there is a doorway to the small gallery. The door is 660mm wide and 1760mm high. The room has a peaked roof with beams at 1760mm high. The gallery displays an exhibition which changes annually.



Video Room

- From the main entrance to this area, there is level access.
- The door is 780mm wide.

- The video room is attached to the main House but has its own entrance from the garden. A short film about the Revolution of 1688 lasts approximately 10 minutes.
- Seating is provided but the room can only take a maximum of 10 people. Seating can be moved or rearranged to accommodate wheelchairs and pushchairs.



Getting Around Outside

Revolution House Garden

- From the main entrance to the garden there is level access.
- The route is 820mm wide, or more.
- There is a small, well maintained garden at the front of the House with a grassed area, flowers and shrubs. Seating is provided and garden games are available on the lawn. There is a flagstone path from the gate along the front of the House. The garden is also used for special event days which can be busy. We provide a gazebo for shade or shelter at events.



Customer care support

Accessibility equipment

- Assistance dogs are welcome in the House.
- There are no public toilets or café facilities but visitors are welcome to picnic in the garden.

Emergency evacuation procedures

- We have emergency evacuation procedures for disabled visitors.

Customer care support

- Some staff have disability awareness training.
- We have information available in large print on request.
- Assistance dogs are welcome.
- Our first floor exhibition has hands on activities for children.



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