

Access Statement for Braintree Museum

This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our guests/visitors.

Introduction

Braintree Museum is situated in the heart of Braintree town and is based in the old Manor Street school building.

The museum is based on one level. Staff and Visitor Services Volunteers are on hand at the reception to offer assistance.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require any assistance please phone 01376 328868 or email museum.info@bdtmt.org.uk

Pre-Arrival

For full details on how to reach us please see the visit section of our website: www.braintreemuseum.co.uk or telephone 01376 328868.

- The nearest railway station is Braintree, which is 0.3 miles (a 6 minute walk) away. Taxis are available at the station.
 - There are frequent and regular bus services into the town centre,. The bus station is across the road from the Museum and most bus stops are less than a 5 minute walk away.
 - Taxis are available from outside the Town Hall which is across the road from the Museum or can be obtained by staff on request.
 - The main road outside the Museum is one way and has a normal sized paved path.
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Car Parking and Arrival

- Braintree Museum has no on-site parking facilities.
- There is no on street parking along Manor Street
- The nearest car parks are Sainsbury's and Victoria Street
- For more information about parking please see our visit us page on the website www.braintreemuseum.co.uk

- All pavements surrounding the entrance are paved and flat.
 - The main entrance door has two double doors and is accessible via two steps (with no handrail) and a ramp.
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Main Entrance, Reception and Museum Shop

- The main entrance door has two double doors, a foyer area and another double door to enter the Museum Shop and receptions.
 - Floor surfaces are tile and all on one level.
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Displays and Exhibits

- Interpretation boards are in large text in some galleries.
 - Most exhibits are held in glass cabinets and some may not be visible if eye line is below 1 metre.
 - Seating is available throughout the museum.
 - Floor surfaces are wood, carpet, tile and laminate throughout the museum.
 - The lighting in the galleries is generally bright and evenly lit with led lights and spots, however, some galleries are dimly lit to aid the preservation of exhibits.
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Public Toilets

- The ladies and gents and accessible toilets are all in the second gallery of the Museum
 - All doors are opened with handles
 - There is one vertical handrail to the left and behind the accessible toilet.
 - Toilet flushes and taps are hand operated in all toilets.
 - Hand driers are motion activated in all toilets.
 - Flooring is non-slip laminate and of a blue colour to contrast with the white walls.
 - Emergency pull cord in accessible toilet, which has a flashing and audible alarm.
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Museum Shop

It features a range of items including souvenirs, books and children's toys.

The shop is accessed on entrance and way out of the museum.

The shop includes some high-level shelving, however, staff are available to offer assistance if required.

The Shop takes cash or card, including contactless.

Catering

Something Scrummy at Braintree Museum is our catering offer.

- Something Scrummy is situated across the Museum Garden from the main entrance. All is level and either pathed or concrete.
 - The café entrance is either via steps or a ramp and the interior is all one level with wooden flooring.
 - The café is take away or seated service.
 - They have separate toilets to the Museum but operate the same, please see Public Toilet heading, above, for information.
 - For more information about the café please see our plan your visit page.
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We have a set of evacuation procedures- should you require it. Someone will assist you with evacuation, either out of the building or to a refuge point.

Contact Information Address:

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Telephone: 01376 328868

Email: museum.info@bdmt.org.uk

Website: www.braintreemuseum.co.uk

Hours Of Operation: 10am – 4pm Tuesday to Saturday.

For Christmas and New Year opening times, please contact us.