

## **Weaver Hall Workhouse Museum – Access guide**

### **Access to the site:**

- There are no barriers at the entrance to the site
- There are no dropping-off points at the front of the museum due to the busy nature of the road
- There is plenty of parking for vehicles of all sizes
- The car park is level with an even surface
- There are designated parking bays for visitors with disabilities. They are situated to the right on entry to the car-park and are about 50 metres away from the museum entrance
- There is a dropped kerb to provide easy access to the pavement at the side of the museum building

### **Entrance & reception:**

- The entrance is clearly visible and easily located at the front of the building
- There is a slight incline up to the front door
- There is signage on the door providing information on admission prices and opening hours. Some of this signage is given in Braille.
- There is a glass door leading to the interior
- The reception is large enough to allow access to wheelchair users.
- An induction loop is fitted at reception

### **Admission prices:**

- Normal admission prices apply.
- It is free for children under 5 and helpers accompanying wheelchair users plus anyone wishing to view just the Temporary Exhibition Gallery, shop or coffee shop.

### **Orientation:**

- The receptionist will provide some verbal instructions as to the best way around.

### **The ground floor:**

- The ground floor is accessible to all users – there are no steps.
- Visitors begin their visit in our mini cinema where we show an introductory film. There is an induction loop in the cinema and space for two wheelchairs
- The other galleries on the ground floor are – the Temporary Exhibition Gallery, ‘Hands on Victorian School Room’ and at weekends and school holidays, the Board of Guardians’ meeting room.

### **Lift:**

- We have an accessible lift which can accommodate two people at a time. This takes visitors to the first floor.

### **The first floor:**

- There are also stairs leading to the first floor where there are galleries on the Industrial Voices of Northwich, a gallery exploring life in the market town of Northwich, another which looks at the history of local transport and a fourth gallery examining local history and archaeology.
- The first floor is accessible to all users – there are no steps.

**Toilets:**

- We have an accessible toilet on the ground floor
- There are designated ladies and gents toilets on the ground and first floor

**Refreshments:**

- We have a small Coffee Shop on the ground floor and offer prepacked flapjacks, prepacked cakes and biscuits plus coffee, teas, cappuccino, hot chocolate and cold drinks.

**The museum grounds:**

- The surfaces of the grounds of the museum are predominantly flat with a good tarmac surface and grassy areas.
- There are benches available for visitors as well as 2 picnic benches

**Large groups:**

- We are able to accommodate large groups provided that an advanced booking is made.
- We have a large car-park providing room for coaches
- We offer a discounted admission rate per person for groups
- We can provide tea and coffee for groups on arrival at an additional cost.

**We are open Tuesday to Friday from 10.00 am to 5.00pm, Weekends from 2.00pm to 5.00pm, Mondays during school holidays 10.00am to 5.00pm, Bank Holiday Mondays 10.00pm to 5.00pm.**