

Access Statement for the Tithe Barn at St Mary's Priory

This 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 visitors.

Introduction

Situated in the centre of Abergavenny, the Tithe Barn is a heritage centre which explores the history of St Mary's Priory Church and houses the Abergavenny tapestry. The building is on level ground with a gradual approach from the adjacent car park.

The Tithe Barn has two floors with lift access to the heritage centre on the second floor. Volunteers are on hand should you require any assistance during your visit.

The ground floor houses the gift shop and Foodhall, serving locally sourced food; both have step free access.

We look forward to welcoming you to St Mary's Priory. If you have any queries or require any assistance please telephone 01873 858787 or e-mail manager@stmarys-priory.org.

Pre-Arrival

- For full details of how to reach us, please visit the appropriate section of our website or see the attached map.
- The nearest railway station is Abergavenny which is 0.5 miles away (a 10-15 minute walk). Taxis are available at the station or can be pre-arranged by telephoning (01873) 858 597 or (01873) 857233.
- All buses terminate at the main bus stop in Abergavenny which is less than 50m from the St Mary's Priory. The bus station has shelter and seating. Public toilets are adjacent to the Tourist Information centre.
- The main road (Monk Street) outside the Tithe Barn has a wide footpath and a dropped curb for access to the Church forecourt.

Car Parking and Arrival

- There is a large pay-and-display car park adjacent to St Mary's Priory with spaces reserved and clearly marked for Blue Badge holders. There is a gradual approach from the car park to the Tithe Barn courtyard.
- There is a drop-off point in front of St Mary's Priory with a dropped curb.
- Access to the Church forecourt is restricted. However, prior permission may be given to park a vehicle(s) in front of the Church providing there are no services taking place.
- The main door to the Tithe Barn is automatic and is 900mm wide.
- In the event of a power failure to the automatic door, a doorbell has been installed at a height of xxx from the ground.

Reception and Gift Shop

- The main entrance and gift shop are situated on the ground floor with step free access throughout.
- The area is evenly and well lit with overhead lighting and large glass doors to the side.
- There is a lowered section of the welcome desk.
- Seating is available on request.
- A magnifying glass, pen and pad of paper are available at the reception desk.
- Wheelchair loan for the Tithe Barn and St Mary's Priory is available, free of charge, on request.

Exhibition / Tapestry

- There is lift access to the exhibition and tapestry located on the first floor. The lift will accommodate a maximum of 5 persons / 400Kg.
- The stairs has a handrail on both sides.
- The first floor has level access throughout.
- There are interactive touch screen activities throughout the exhibition; all can be accessed from a sitting or standing position.
- Interpretation boards are all in large text (bi-lingual) and have pictorial representations where applicable.
- The video contains subtitles.
- Wooden benches are available to view the tapestry and to watch the videos. Additional seating is available on request.
- The floor surface is solid oak throughout.
- Lighting in the exhibition is evenly lit with overhead lighting and spotlights. To avoid deterioration to the tapestry, the lights are activated by movement sensors.

Public Toilets

- Public toilets are located on the ground floor with level access from the Foodhall.

- There is a unisex accessible toilet with the following:
 - a light, easy open door 900mm wide
 - the toilet height is 400mm
 - vertical and horizontal rails are fixed to the wall adjacent to the toilet and hand basin
 - drop-down hand rail to the left of the toilet
 - low level sink and low level hand-dryer
 - a flashing light when the fire alarm sounds
 - an emergency alarm pull cord
 - toilets are well lit with overhead lighting activated by an automatic sensor
 - lever taps fitted to the sinks

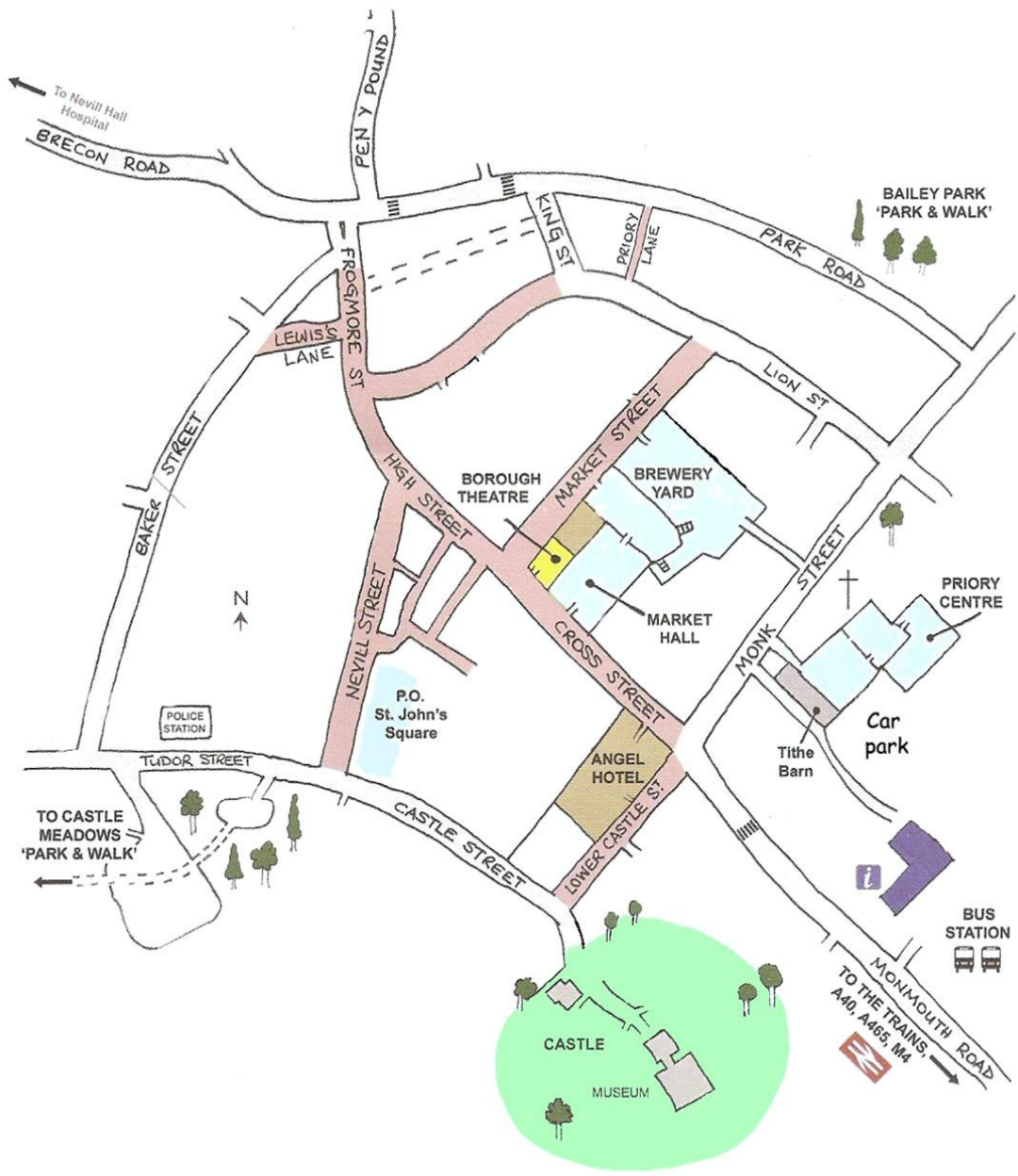
Foodhall

- The Foodhall is situated on the ground floor with a gradual approach from the main reception and doors to the Tithe Barn courtyards. The entrance door is 900mm wide.
- Tables in the Foodhall are well spaced apart with a clear height from the floor of 620mm.
- Solid oak chairs do not have any arms. Staff are readily available to move any chairs if required.
- Lighting in the Food hall is natural light and overhead lighting.
- The flooring in the Foodhall is stone.
- Where possible, all our food is locally sourced. We do our best to cater for any dietary requirements; please contact us in advance to check any specific requests you may have.
- The Foodhall is table service, although card payment is made from the counter. The card machine is not fixed and can be moved to a suitable height.
- A bowl of water is readily available for assistance dogs.

Courtyards

- Additional seating during the summer is provided in the adjacent courtyard.
- The courtyard is a mixture of granite blocks and tiles and is level throughout.
- Shade is provided by parasols and trees lining the courtyard.





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