



Bramall Hall

Bramall Hall Access Statement

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1. Summary

Bramall Hall is a Tudor Manor house surrounded by 70 acres of parkland. Bramall Hall is owned by Stockport Metropolitan Borough Council as part of the Stockport Museums Service.

There are two pay and display car parks in Bramhall Park. Parking includes disabled car bays.

There is a renovated Stables Block opposite the Hall that contains a visitor Centre/shop and a café called Stables Kitchen. There are some uneven cobble stones in courtyard of the Stables Block. The interior of the Stables building has flat and smooth flooring, good lighting, and width space for a wheelchair.

The courtyard outside Bramall Hall is smooth and flat. The ground floor of Bramall Hall is fully accessible. There are some uneven surfaces, small steps, and ramps. The first and second floors are only accessible by staircase. Light levels are low inside. We have a wheelchair available to customers.

The quality of mobile phone reception and public Wi-Fi inside Bramall Hall is poor. Front of House staff are First Aid trained and there are landline phones with good reception in staff office and Visitor Centre/ shop. In an emergency, please contact a member of the Front of House team.

Assistance dogs are welcome in all areas of Bramall Hall and the visitor centre. All other dogs are welcome in the park, but not in the Hall or inside the visitor centre.

Bramhall Park is made up of hilly woodland, three small ponds and a riverside. The parkland has both flat surfaces and steep gradients. There are surfaced and unsurfaced paths.

2. Arrival and Parking

Bramall Hall is brown signed from A34, A6 and A555.

The postcode for Sat Nav is SK7 3NX, which should guide towards Hall Road. There is a small and large car park. There are speed restrictions of 10mph on the access road leading to Bramall Hall.

Both car parks are on a moderate gradient. The car parks have a smooth surface of compressed concrete. Two disabled parking spaces are available in the small car park and three spaces are available in the main car park. Parking is free for blue badge holders.

Visitors are not recommended to use roadside parking on the parameter of Carrwood Road, as this is disruptive to local residents. No parking is allowed on the driveway towards the large car park on Hall Road.

For key outdoor events (e.g. open-air theatre), there may be additional grass parking, available on the lawn opposite the Hall. Temporary signage and parking attendants will direct the vehicles using this parking.

3. Accessibility inside Bramall Hall

The distance from the small car park to the main entrance of the Hall is 240 metres. The distance from the large car park to the main entrance of the Hall is 120 metres.

The surface of the paths outside of the Hall is a mixture of flagstones and smooth compressed concrete. There are some moderate/steep gradients between both car parks and the entrance to Bramall Hall.

The entrance door is 180cm wide with both doors open and 92cm with a single door is open. The door opens inward manually. There is a porch area of 198cm wide and a second door is of 120cm wide that opens inward manually. Front of House staff can assist with opening the doors if required. There is a small step on entry into the Great Hall.

Flooring across the ground level is a mixture of stone, tiles and wooden floorboards. Flooring on the first and second level are a mixture of wooden floorboards and rush matting. There are tapestries and mats in bedrooms. There are small steps within

some rooms that do not pose as an access issue, but they can be trip hazards. There are caution signs near to the steps.

Light levels in the Hall are kept low for conservation reasons. There is limited natural light from windows and some artificial light sources (for example lamps) that are in-keeping with the collections.

There is space to turn a wheelchair in each of the ground floor level rooms. There are some corridors and doorways that are narrow (widths less than 80cm), which include the corridor to the still room, the servant's quarters and close to the Davenport bedroom.

Access to the first and second floors is by staircase only. The staircases have a handrail. There are two spiral staircases and one straight staircase to access the first floor. All staircases are one flights of steps to the first floor and one flight of steps to the upper floors. There are several additional steps across the upper floors to access various rooms, for example, there are several small staircases across the servant's quarters.

There is a concession admission price available for people with registered disabilities or are only able to access the ground floor of the Hall. Carers can accompany a visitor free of charge but must provide evidence that they are a registered carer. For example, they could provide a letter from a doctor, a carers card, evidence of Disability Living Allowance or Personal Independence Payment as held by the visitor requiring a career.

4. Facilities inside Bramall Hall

Pushchair and luggage storage is available in the Great Hall main entrance. Front of House staff can store these out of view from the public.

A wheelchair is available to customers.

There are baby change facilities in the accessible WC on the ground floor. There are accessible, female and male WC's inside Bramall Hall. The accessible toilet and the female toilet are on the ground floor. The male toilet is on the first floor.

The accessible toilet in the Hall is 175cm by 235cm. It is right hand transfer. Currently we are unable to offer a Changing Places facility. All accessible toilets are well lit with LED lighting and have automatic hand-dryers, support bar and aid alarm.

There are seats for visitors to use, but most do not have armrests. Staff are able to direct customers to the nearest seats that can be used.

Only assistance dogs are allowed inside Bramall Hall.

5. Health & Safety inside Bramall Hall

Not all staff at Bramall Hall are first aid trained. First aid kits are available in staff areas. There is no defibrillator inside Bramall Hall.

There are touch point fire alarms inside each of the main rooms of Bramall Hall. There are four fire exits that must be opened by staff in the event of a fire. The fire evacuation point is located on the archery lawn, opposite Bramall Hall.

6. Information inside Bramall Hall

A virtual tour with videos, pictures and audio is available at three interactive kiosks on the ground floor (two on the first floor), the screen is 87cm from the ground. The videos have English subtitles. Two tablets with the virtual tour are available on request.

Orientation maps with brief interpretation are free to visitors. Large print and braille of these documents are not currently available. Text-based interpretation information is available in various languages (Spanish, Italian, and French). There are no audio guides.

Information can be provided by Front of House staff. Guided tours are available on Fridays and Sundays at 14:00 during summer months. Tours are given in English only.

Induction loops are not available presently.

7. Stables Block Facilities

The Stables Block is opposite the Hall and contains the visitor centre and gifts shop, the café and public toilets. It is 150 metres from the furthest small car park and 100 metres from the large car park.

The building is brick construction and has a courtyard with two large glass frontages. The flooring in the courtyard is cobbled and can be slippery and muddy when wet. The courtyard has two entrances that are flagstones and concrete. Both are smooth but can be slippery when wet.

There are male, female and accessible public toilets next to the Stables Kitchen café. These are available during café opening hours.

There is parking for bicycles inside the courtyard. This is available during café opening hours.

8. Visitor centre and gift shop

There is one large set of doors to enter and exit the Visitor centre and gift shop. The door is in excess of 3 metres and is manually operated, opening outwards. Staff are stationed opposite the main entrance and assist with opening and closing the doors. The entrance and flooring of the visitor centre and shop is level, flat and smooth.

The visitor centre contains an exhibition of items that are displayed on the walls, with no central display islands. There is space to turn a wheelchair within the visitor centre.

Lighting levels are good. There is natural lighting from the glass doors and windows and there are LED spotlights. All glass surfaces are etched so that people are aware of them.

The height of most interpretation and information in the Visitor Centre is at 120cm from the ground.

Large print, braille or non-English language versions of the interpretation is not currently available.

Videos in the Visitor Centre have audio from the speakers of the sets and no headphones. Videos are subtitled in English. There is a bench provided to watch the videos. There is currently no induction loop available at in the visitor centre.

There is a fire alarm touch point in the visitor centre. There are two fire exits to vacate the visitor centre and gift shop.

9. Shop

The shop is to the right of the main entrance. Shop items are displayed on shelving units. There are two central islands, which are a horse cart and a shelved unit.

The width of the aisles between central reservations and shelving units are 80-100cm. There is enough room for a wheelchair to be used around the central units. There is not enough room for the wheelchair to be able to turn.

There are display items freestanding on the floor of the shop, next to the till point and central reservation area. The height of the items in shelves across the shop reach a maximum of 200cm. The reception desk is at its highest 100cm with a central panel of 72cm in height.

There are no large print versions of the price list. Staff and volunteers are able to assist with information.

A first aid kit is available behind the till. Not all staff are first aid trained. The nearest defibrillator is in the café.

Dogs on leads, including assistance dogs are allowed in the shop.

10. Stables Kitchen Café

The Stables Kitchen is an independent business from Bramall Hall & Park. More information about accessibility is available by contacting them directly on 0161 485 4139.

11. Learning Centre

The learning centre is above the visitor centre on the first floor. There is level access into the entrance between the car park of the learning centre. The surface on the path is a mixture of smooth compressed concrete and flagstone. The path can be very slippery when wet.

The ground level inside the learning centre is flat and smooth vinyl. The first level floor is a mixture of laminate and wooden floorboards. The flooring is uneven.

There is a lift for a wheelchair to access the learning centre. There is a winding staircase to the first floor with a single handrail.

The first-floor toilets, main corridor and doorways are narrow at 80-90cm in width. In each classroom has room to turn a wheelchair.

There is an accessible WC on the ground floor of the learning centre. There are male and female WC's on the first floor.

There are two classrooms inside the learning centre and contain moveable tables and chairs. Tables are a height of 78cm. There is also a sink in one of the classrooms.

Each room has limited natural light and but is well lit with LED spotlighting.

There are no available induction loops at present.

There are first alarm touch points inside the learning centre.

12. Bramhall Park

Bramhall Park is a public park. A map is available in the visitor centre that shows footpaths in Bramhall Park. There are accessible paths around the walled garden, playground, duckponds and in some areas of the park.

The main paths are surfaced with compressed concrete. There are also some unpaved paths throughout the park. The children's play area has compressed concrete flooring.

There are several slopes with gradients ranging from low to very high within Bramhall Park. The most level area is that of the highest point of the park, which is where the car parks, children's play area, stables block and Bramhall Hall are based. Some areas at the lowest point of the park following the stream and duck ponds are also level and paved well. Bridges have steps and ramps.

There are steps at the back of the Bramhall Hall with limited wheelchair access. There are other areas of the park that contain steps. Some steps have handrails.

There are several closed gates in the front and rear end of the park. There is space around the gates for wheelchair access.

Signage is available in the Park, particularly close to the car parks and in close proximity to the visitor centre.

Bench seating is available across the parkland.

Dogs are welcome in the parkland but advised that they should be on a lead when near the duckponds and the Stables courtyard area.

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