



James Hargreaves Community Hall Disability Equality Survey June 2021

Identified Accessibility Issues	Description of Issue	Action To Be Taken	Date Issued Addressed
External Approach/Accessibility	It is important that the hall can be accessed by people who use a walking aid or are confined to a wheelchair.	The front area outside the hall and the lane leading to the entrance of the hall have been laid to tarmac to make sure the surface is now even and flat for wheelchair access.	The lane was laid to tarmac in 2009 The area in front of the hall was laid to tarmac in 2011 The Committee obtained quotes in 2013 to extend tarmac further up the lane but the cost was deemed too expensive at the time.
Car Parking	Car park provision should be provided for disabled users of the hall.	A car park space is available to the rear of the hall to allow easier access if required.	A car park space exists at the rear of the hall. A dedicated car park space has been discussed at ongoing Committee Meetings. The rear area was re-gravelled Aug 2015
Floor Surfaces/Levels	All floors in the hall should be flat and level. Any steps should be clearly marked.	The hall floors are all on one level. The main hall has a parquet floor – continual monitoring occurs to ensure the parquet blocks are maintained to a good standard. The flooring in the rear corridor and in the disabled toilet is laid to vinyl.	This issue is included in the 3 Year Development Plan and the Committee agreed to have the parquet floor re-laid, polished and varnished in July 2013. The floor is re-sanded & sealed every other year, last completed in Aug 2019. As the hall has not been in regular use, agreed to defer to 2023. The steps are regularly repainted with yellow high visibility paint eg 2019.
WC Facilities	A disabled bathroom is required to allow disabled people to use the hall.	A disabled bathroom has been installed. This includes a disabled toilet and low level sink with hand rail.	Disabled bathroom installed in 2007/2008 Additional support to the sink added Oct 2016. Automatic turn-off tap installed 2017
Clear Signage	Clear signage to highlight any hazards to disabled users of the hall. Signage in place to identify toilet facilities.	Signage to highlight the hazard of traffic travelling in the lane to be erected. A sign at the entrance to the corridor to show where the disabled toilet is located.	Signage erected by the front door highlighting the traffic dangers when exiting the hall. Signs also placed outside the hall to make motorists aware of hall users leaving the hall. Disabled toilet and emergency exit signs are also in place. Additional signage



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			was installed in 2012 and a review of signage arrangements is on-going.
Good Lighting	Good lighting is required outside the hall as well as the interior.	An external light is required to illuminate the front of the hall to allow hall users to enter the hall safely after dark. Central lighting is necessary in the interior to reduce hazards when using the hall in the evenings/after dark.	An external security light has been installed on the front of the hall. In addition, there is another light above the front door which is operated on a press button. Fluorescent strip lighting exists down the centre of the ceiling and provides adequate lighting. In the event of a power cut, emergency lighting automatically comes on providing adequate light to exit the hall safely.
Entrances (Doors, Ramps etc)	The entrance to the hall is on the side of the building. There are double wooden doors, currently with a step down into the hall. The rear entrance (close to disabled access car park space) has a wide fire door giving flat rear access.	Much thought by the committee has been taken to allow disabled access into the hall. A ramp has been purchased initially to allow access via a wheelchair. The committee has identified that several frail users of the hall would benefit from a handrail to help them down the step into the hall.	A ramp exists to allow disabled access via a wheelchair. Ramp stored in shed. Committee meetings have taken place to see whether other options would provide better access to disabled users in the future. Quotes have been sought on the option of installing a hydraulic lift instead of the ramp or providing a tarmac path with the correct gradient at the rear of the hall. The committee feel that neither option is currently viable and that they have made reasonable adjustments with the provision of a ramp. See 3 Year Development Plan for ongoing improvements.
Emergency Evacuation	In the event of an emergency, exits should be clearly marked and provision made to assist elderly/disabled users of the hall to safety.	Emergency Exit Signage to be installed. Users of the hall to be given instructions on emergency evacuation when booking the hall.	Emergency Exit Signage is installed above the door into the corridor. An illuminated sign is installed over the back door. Information on Emergency Procedures/ Contacts is located on the hall noticeboard.