

NEWTON AND BYWELL COMMUNITY TRUST

ACCESS STATEMENT

Introduction

Newton & Bywell Community Hall is run by the Newton & Bywell Community Trust for the benefit of the parishioners of Bywell Parish and the wider community. The hall is available for hire for exercise classes, clubs, and for celebrations as well as business use. Individual rooms or the entire hall may be hired by the hour or the day. The hourly rate is competitive as the trust is a registered charity and simply wishes to cover the operating costs of the establishment. A discounted rate is available for social use by parishioners.

Access to the Hall.

- Regular established users will be given a key to the hall. Other users will either find the hall open or be given a code for the key safe in the porch. The Booking Manager will organise and liaise as appropriate.

Public Areas - general

- Access to the hall through the main front door is level access. Two other exterior doors lead into the main hall. One has a single step. The other door is the fire exit door with a gently sloping access ramp with handrail. A French window, with level access, leads into the meeting room.
- All doors in the hall are suitable for wheelchairs.

Public Areas - Toilets

- A disabled toilet leads off the entrance hall with outward opening door. It is equipped with wall supports, low level basin and hand drier and a help call system. Access is level.

- Separate Ladies and Men's toilets lead off the entrance hall with inward opening doors. Access is level.

Public Areas - Kitchen

- The kitchen has an electric oven with induction hob, and a full height larder fridge. Some of the cupboards are low level and accessible. However, the work surfaces and cooker are standard height.

Arrival and car parking facilities.

- The Hall is located in Main Street, Newton. Post Code NE43 7UL. The car park is signposted to the side of the Hall.
- The car park will take 40+ cars with two blue badge labelled spaces available, located at the point in the car park closest to the Hall.
- The entire car park is lit by security lighting on movement sensors.
- The route from the car park to the main door has a slight slope and a handrail and gritting facilities are provided. The slope can be avoided by using the disabled ramp and handrail from the south patio.
- The booking contract requires you to leave the hall as you found it, including cleaning up after a hire. If there any issues on the state of the hall when you arrive please contact the duty trustee, booking manager or Chairman. Their contact details are on the notice board.

Hearing Assistance

- The hall is fitted with a PA system and microphones.

Contact Information

- Contact with the Booking Manager and Committee can be made through the website www.newtonandbywell.org where there are booking and contact forms.

