

## Access Statement



This access statement does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with disabilities but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer all our visitors.

## Introduction

Built from blue and red brick between 1709 and 1713, Belgrave Hall was commissioned for hosiery merchant Edmund Craddock and his wife Anne. Later it became the home of William Vann, High Sheriff of Leicestershire (c.1767) and John Ellis, businessman and Leicester MP, who was instrumental in introducing the railway to Leicester in 1833.

On Heritage Open Days you can take the opportunity to wander through the beautiful Hall itself and soak up the traditional architecture.

The tranquil walled gardens, surrounding the Hall, include plants and trees introduced by the Hall's many owners, including yew trees and wisteria planted by the Ellis family in the mid-1800s.

Check our events page for dates when you can tour the house and wonderful gardens. Don't miss our special events programme including children's activity days, open air theatre and music performances, craft sessions for adults, our annual food and garden festival and thrilling ghost watching events.

The historic Hall and grounds would make the perfect venue for your wedding ceremony and reception, private party or corporate event; contact us to discuss hiring this stunning location.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require assistance, please telephone 0116 229 8181 or email [belgrave.hall@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:belgrave.hall@leicester.gov.uk)

## Pre-Arrival

- April to September: Open every Wednesday and the first full weekend (Saturday & Sunday) of each month: 11am - 4.30pm.
- October to March: Closed. Open for special events only.
- Admission is free except for special events
- For full details and maps of how to reach us please see the directions section of our website, alternatively you can plan your journey by car or public transport using [www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk](http://www.choosehowyoumove.co.uk) simply enter your postcode and ours, which is LE4 5PE to get directions.
- Buses from Leicester City Centre run from both Haymarket Bus Station and St. Margaret's Bus Station.
- Arriva 126/127 from St Margaret's Bus Station. Alight on Thurgate Road. Reduced service on Sundays.
- First Bus 25/26 from Haymarket bus Station. Alight on Loughborough Road.
- For more details including local bus information please visit [Google Maps](#)

## Car Park & Arrival

- There is a small amount of on-street parking available on Church Road. Additional parking is used on event days. Details of the extra parking are added to the event marketing.



- There are two Disabled parking bays opposite the front gates.



## Entrance and Reception

- The main entrance and reception is on the ground floor. The entrance door is kept open during visiting hours.
- The path is a little uneven from the transition from pavement to reception.
- The floor area in reception is flat and wheelchair accessible.
- Staff are available to support visitors in the entrance hall. There is no fixed counter
- There is no audio guide.
- There are seats available in the hallway and the downstairs rooms.

Building approach



Entrance doorway



## The Garden

The gardens are accessed through the main hallway, through to the formal lawn. The door is 86cm or 2.8 ft.



There are ramps that take visitors to the main promenade. There are benches near to the Formal Lawn, Stable Block, Marquee and Water Garden. There are paths around the perimeter of the site that are ramped and approximately 90cm wide or wider.

Visitors have to pass through gateways as they progress through the garden. The gates are 90cm wide or wider.

Some of the surfaces are paved, some are gravel, and some are cobbles.



Gate from Glass Houses  
Width: 90cm



Paving near Craft Units



Door from Stable Block



The Stable Block is cobbled. There are no steps in this area but the surface isn't smooth.

Please speak to staff if you require any assistance as you move around site.

## The Hall

- The downstairs room accessible in the Hall are William Vann Room and the John Ellis Room.
- There are some information panels on the ground floor. There are also albums with illustrations and photographs of old Belgrave for visitors to enjoy.
- Tours run throughout the year that can expand on the history of the site.
- There is no lift on site. The main staircase has a sturdy handrail and shallow steps.

## The Marquee

- The Marquee is used on event days and hired out for functions.
- The Marquee is fully accessible with double doors and a wide access route.

## Public Toilets

- Belgrave Hall and Gardens has a toilet block situated in the stable block. There is an accessible toilet with a wide door.
- The accessible toilet has a twist lock, a grab rail, and an emergency alarm.
- The sink in the accessible toilet is fitted with a lever tap, mirror, and hand drier.
- A baby change room is also situated in the stable block.



Entrance to toilets



Gate to Accessible toilet



Entrance to Accessible toilet

## Additional Information

Assistance dogs are welcome, and water can be provided upon request. We have a wheelchair available for use.

## Contact Information

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