



Accessibility for Disabled Members

We want to take all reasonable steps to ensure that members with disabilities can attend the groups of their choice without stress. Members who cannot manage to participate in their chosen activities without help should be given the opportunity to bring a companion/carer with them, who for the time that they are in attendance, will be covered by the liability insurance provided by The Third Age Trust. The only exception to this is a professionally employed carer who would have to be covered by an individual liability policy.

Hired Premises

Our Coordinators hold specific information on the properties. In general, they are: served by public transport (or members can provide car lifts), have adequate car parking facilities including disabled parking bays, ramps for building access, ground floor accommodation, accessible and usable disabled toilet facilities, good disabled access, a sound system and loop, are spacious enough to cope with wheelchairs/mobility scooters and have good lighting and access to heating/air conditioning controls.

In addition we will provide a map and directions to hired premises for new members and an identified Group Leader at general meetings to ensure disabled members are provided with appropriate seating e.g. at the front for those who have vision or hearing loss and at the end of a row for those with mobility problems etc. Meetings will be held at reasonable times with adequate breaks.

Interest / Activity Groups

If a disabled member wants to attend a group held in a house which is inaccessible for any reason, we will investigate whether there are any other options available: for example, could the group be hosted by that member in their home or in hired premises?

Communication

A member of the Committee will take specific responsibility for disabled members.