



Venue Location & Accessibility Guide

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1	St Paul's Church	Woodfield Road, Northgate , Crawley RH10 8ER
	Crawley u3a	Multiple Crawley u3a groups use this venue. <i>Other external users also use it, often at the same times.</i>
	Access to building	There is a bell entry system for each Group. Instructions will be affixed to the front door of the building. Members should press the correct room number to alert the Group Leader, who will open the outer door to the building.
	Access for wheelchair users	Yes. There are no steps or door ridges when accessing St Paul's. However, there are no power assist doors (either to the Main Entrance or using corridors). Hall Room 1, Room 2 Springboard, Room 5 Canteen, Room 6, Room 7, and the Sanctuary Room 8 are all accessible for wheelchairs. For anyone using walking aids, they could access the building.
	Hearing Assistance System	Yes - Sanctuary Room 8 has a PA System, which has a loop system. The PA system can only be used by agreement in advance and a person on behalf of the church would meet the user to show them how to use it if this need occurred. Room 5, Canteen, Room 6, Room 7 have TVs with speakers but there is not a PA system and no loop system.
	Access to Toilets	Male and Female toilets, and a wheelchair accessible toilet is available.
	Parking	There are approximately 20 parking bays, with one designated parking space available for wheelchair access near to the front entrance of the Church. Parking bays are not reserved ahead of any event, and parking can become space limited if multiple sessions are scheduled. There is additional parking (2-hour max wait) at Northgate shops opposite the Church.
	Refreshment Facilities	St Paul's has a café (open Mon-Thurs 10.30-1.30 during term time). There is also a kitchen area where hot and cold water is available. Each Group Leader will advise members what the refreshment arrangements are for their session.
	Bus Route	The No. 100 bus services Woodfield Road, and the stop in both directions is directly outside St Paul's Church.

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1. St Paul's Methodist Church, Woodfield Road, Northgate
Front Entrance



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2	The Friary	Haslett Avenue West, Town Centre , Crawley RH10 1HR (adjacent to bus station)
	Crawley u3a	Monthly Meetings, Coffee Mornings, Christmas Party, AGM
	Access to building	Main entrance doors will be open prior to the start of any session. If the session has started the front door may be locked. There is a bell entry system to alert the Session Leader, who will open the outer door to the building.
	Access for wheelchair users	Yes. Both the Main Entrance and Main Hall doors open wide enough to allow access to wheelchair users. However, there is no power assist on the doors. For anyone using walking aids, they could access the building.
	Hearing Assistance System	Not available.
	Access to Toilets	Male and Female toilets, and a wheelchair accessible toilet is available.
	Parking	There are X designated wheelchair accessible parking bays. Parking bays are not reserved ahead of any event. The entrance to The Friary car park is barrier controlled, and anyone requiring a wheelchair accessible parking should contact the Groups Coordinator ahead of an event to arrange access.
	Refreshment Facilities	Arrangements for refreshments for events held at The Friary will be advised when an event is publicised. At most Monthly Meetings and at the AGM, tea and coffee is offered. No self-service facility is available.
	Bus Route	The town centre is serviced by all bus routes, and the bus station is adjacent to The Friary. A tarmac path leads round to The Friary entrance.



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3	Furnace Green Community Centre	Ashburnham Road, Furnace Green , CRAWLEY RH10 6QU
	Crawley u3a	Bamboo Pipes (Group Leader: Kathy Jameson)
	Access to building	Side entrance door will be open prior to the start of any session. However, if the session has started the door may be locked. Please knock on the door to gain entrance.
	Access for wheelchair users	Yes. However, the entrance doors open outwards with no power assist and there is a tight turning from the entrance doors to the left. Motorised scooters are allowed in public access areas. At the rear of the building there is a flat path from the car park to the entrance. For anyone using walking aids, they could access the building.
	Hearing Assistance System	Not available
	Access to Toilets	Male and Female toilets, and a wheelchair accessible toilet is available.
	Parking	There are two wheelchair accessible parking bays close to the entrance, and parking for approximately 30 cars at the rear of the building.
	Refreshment Facilities	Members attending Bamboo Pipes should bring their own refreshments.
	Bus Route	No. 2 bus route services Furnace Green. The nearest bus stop in both directions is The Charcoal Burner. The Community Centre is approximately 300 yards along Ashburnham Road.



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4	Crawley Baptist Church	Crabtree Road, West Green , Crawley, RH11 7HJ
	Crawley u3a	Mah-jong (Group Leader: Jane Guest)
	Access to building	Rear entrance doors will be opened prior to, and during, any session.
	Access for wheelchair users	Yes. Wide doors, and level ground makes the building easily accessible for a wheelchair user. Mah-jong is held in a room on the first floor, and a wheelchair accessible lift is available. For anyone using walking aids, they could access the building.
	Hearing Assistance System	Not available in the room used by u3a
	Access to Toilets	Male and Female toilets, and a wheelchair accessible toilet is available on the 1 st Floor
	Parking	There are approximately 20 parking bays, and there are 2 wheelchair accessible parking bays at the rear of the building. The venue is used by multiple external groups so parking may become limited. No parking is available in surrounding streets due to the proximity to the Town Centre and either Yellow Lines or Permit Controlled parking is in operation.
	Refreshment Facilities	Members attending Mah-jong should bring their own refreshments.
	Bus Route	The No. 2, 3 and 603 stop at Crawley Hospital in West Green. Please note that this is the nearest bus stop and is not adjacent to the Baptist Church in Crabtree Road. From West Green Drive (opposite the Exit to Crawley Hospital car park) turn into Town Barn Road. At the junction of Town Barn Road and Crabtree Road you will see Crawley Baptist Church. It is approximate 0.2 miles.



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5	Three Bridges Cricket Club	Three Bridges Road, Three Bridges , Crawley, RH10 1JR
	Crawley u3a	Bridge for Fun (Group Leader: John Wynter)
	Access to building	The entrance door will be opened prior to, and during, any session.
	Access for wheelchair users	No. Although there is a ramped entrance with a handrail, it is narrow and there is a significant lipped door entrance. For anyone using walking aids, they could access the building.
	Hearing Assistance System	Not available.
	Access to Toilets	Male and Female toilets. These are not wheelchair accessible, and there is no separate wheelchair accessible toilet available.
	Parking	Yes. Parking bays are not marked, but there is sufficient space for approximately 20 vehicles. There are no specific wheelchair accessible bays.
	Refreshment Facilities	There is a kitchen available, where hot and cold drinks can be made. Any refreshment facilities will be advised by the Group Leader for each session.
	Bus Route	The No. 281 and 291 buses service Three Bridges Road. The bus stops in both directions are not immediately outside Three Bridges Cricket Club – they can be found a short distance along the road near to Three Bridges Playing Fields. (stop: Artel Croft)



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6	Holy Trinity Church	Titmus Drive, Tilgate , Crawley, RH10 5EU
	Crawley u3a	Painting & Drawing (Group Leader: Ana Achucarro & Karen Darling)
	Access to building	The building to the left side of the Church is used. The left-hand entrance door will be opened prior to, and during, any session.
	Access for wheelchair users	No. Although there is a flat entrance, it is narrow and there is a significant lipped door entrance. For anyone using walking aids, they could access the building.
	Hearing Assistance System	Not available.
	Access to Toilets	Male and Female toilets, but these are not wheelchair accessible, and there is no separate wheelchair accessible toilet.
	Parking	There are 12 marked parking bays, and sufficient space for approximately 3 further vehicles. There are no specific wheelchair accessible bays. If the car park is full, additional parking is available in the surrounding streets and at Tilgate Shops (Ashdown Drive), which is not limited to time.
	Refreshment Facilities	There is a kitchen available, where hot and cold drinks can be made. Any refreshment facilities will be advised by the Group Leader for each session.
	Bus Route	The No. 2 bus services Tilgate. The bus stops in both directions are not immediately outside Holy Trinity Church, but can be found a short distance in either direction along Ashdown Drive (stops: Whistler Close or Nash Road).



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7	2nd Ifield Scouts	4 The Acorns, Friston Walk, Ifield , Crawley, RH11 0AH
	Crawley u3a	Air Rifle (Group Leader: Craig Edwards)
	Access to building	The Scout building is at the end of Friston Walk. There is a gated entrance for pedestrians and a separate gated entrance for vehicles. The vehicle access is only open when there is a u3a session scheduled.
	Access for wheelchair users	Yes. Although there is a flat entrance, it should be noted it is across uneven gravel. Both the entrance doorway and the doorway to the Hall are double doors, which open wide for wheelchair accessibility, although the doors are not automated. For anyone using walking aids, they could access the building.
	Hearing Assistance System	Not available.
	Access to Toilets	Toilets (both for male and female) are available, and there is a separate wheelchair accessible toilet.
	Parking	There is parking for approximately 6 vehicles (although there are no marked bays). If the car park is full, additional parking is available on the road opposite the Scout Hut in Friston Walk. One road (Little Paddocks Close) nearby is resident only – do not park in this road.
	Refreshment Facilities	There is a kitchen available, where hot and cold drinks can be made. Any refreshment facilities will be advised by the Group Leader for each session.
	Bus Route	The No. 2 bus services Ifield. The bus stops in both directions are in Warren Drive (stop: Ifield Green), which is approximately 200 yards to the walk-through leading to Friston Walk – directly opposite to Ifield Green road.



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8	Crawley Museum	The Tree, 103 High Street, (Corner of The Boulevard), Town Centre, Crawley RH10 1DD
	Crawley u3a	Exploring Local History (Group Leader: Graham Crozier)
	Access to building	There is an entrance ramp with a handrail and steps to the side that lead to the main entrance. There are no ridges or steps at the main entrance and it is wheelchair accessible. The room being used for the u3a activity is on the Ground Floor, but there is a lift to the first floor if required. Seats are available throughout the museum.
	Access for wheelchair users	Yes. All public areas of the museum are accessible to wheelchair users and those with limited mobility.
	Hearing Assistance System	No hearing loop system is available for the session.
	Access to Toilets	Toilets (both male and female) are available, and there is a separate wheelchair accessible toilet.
	Parking	The museum has limited onsite parking facilities, with two disabled bays. If you would like to book one of these spaces in advance of your visit, contact Phone: 01293 539088 Email: office@crawleymuseums.org
	Refreshment Facilities	There is an indoor refreshment area at the Museum. Any refreshment arrangements will be advised by the Group Leader for each session.
	Bus Route	All bus routes service the Town Centre. From the main bus station, it is an approximate 10-minute walk to the Museum.



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9	St Andrews Church	Weald Drive, Furnace Green, Crawley RH10 6NU
	Crawley u3a	Used by Smartphone Photographic (GL - Monique Tovey-Mansfield)
	Access to building	Automatic doors lead into the building from a flat surfaced area, and is wheelchair accessible. The room being used for the u3a activity is on the Ground Floor, but there is a wheelchair accessible lift to the first floor if required.
	Access for wheelchair users	Yes. All public areas of the Church area are accessible to wheelchair users and those with limited mobility.
	Hearing Assistance System	No hearing loop system is available for the session.
	Access to Toilets	Toilets (both male and female) are available, and there is a separate wheelchair accessible toilet on the Ground Floor. Toilets on the 1 st Floor are available, although not suitable for wheelchairs.
	Parking	The car park is split into two areas. The church side car park has 13 allocated spaces. A further 16 spaces round to the side of the church, are available outside school hours only. Each parking area includes a disabled parking bay. Parking is on a first come first served basis. A one-way system operates from the entrance in Weald Drive. Additional parking is available at Furnace Green shops. Note there is a 2-hr time limit for spaces on the left side of the car park at the Shops.
	Refreshment Facilities	There is an indoor refreshment area at the Church on a Monday, Wednesday, and Friday – from 10am-3pm. Any other refreshment arrangements will be advised by the Group Leader for each session.
	Bus Route	The bus route for Furnace Green is the No. 2. The nearest stop is The Charcoal Burner. It is approximately a 3-minute walk to the Church entrance.



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