

Accessibility at Abingworth Hall

Abingworth Hall is generally accessible to wheelchair users and has a bedroom specifically designed for wheelchair access.

Arrival & car parking facilities

- There is ample (gravel) car parking available at the rear of the House
- Disabled parking is available closer to the front door
- The driveway from the main B2139 is tarmac up to the front door
- It is possible to load and unload cars directly at the front door
- Assistance can be provided with luggage

Main entrance & reception

- There is a small step (6cm high) into the porch at the front door of the house
- The front door can open double to 151cm wide
- The step into the main reception hallway is 12cm high with double doors opening up to 162cm wide
- A hatch immediately inside the front doorway opens to reveal a check-in desk
- The reception hallway gives access to the drawing room, large lounge with conservatory, dining room, reception / office, powder room and gents
- A well-lit corridor leads off to the ballroom and bedrooms 1 - 8
- There is no lift. The main stairway (112cm wide) leads up to rooms 9 – 25

Public areas - hall, stairs, landing, corridors etc

- All public areas are carpeted
- The corridor leading to rooms 1 - 8. Minimum width is 99cm
- The main stairway leading up to rooms 9 - 25 is 112cm wide

Public areas - sitting room, lounges, lobbies etc

Drawing room:

- Door is 86cm wide
- A carpeted, wood panelled lounge with relaxed seating for 12

Large lounge:

- Door is 86cm wide. Impressive lounge with a baby grand piano and a large mirror. Carpeted with comfortable seating for 26. Leads into the conservatory

Conservatory & bar

- Carpeted with relaxed rattan furniture. Bar in the corner (bar height 117cm)
- Accessed though the large lounge, doorway is 117cm wide and a step down 17cm high or alternatively accessed from the reception hallway, down the corridor which is ramped. The door from the corridor is 79cm wide

Ballroom

- Entrance through double doors (total width 150cm)
- A large room, 7m by 11m with windows on two walls. Carpeted around a wooden dance floor, which measures 5m by 9m
- Chairs are movable, armless and stackable

Public WCs

Ladies:

- Ground level from the reception hallway, carpeted, door 79cm wide
- Two cubicles, doors 59cm wide, with standard toilets of 42cm high
- One basin with hot and cold taps

- A vanity unit with good lighting and a large mirror with two upright padded chairs

Gents:

- Tiled floor (door width 81cm)
- One cubicle with standard toilet of 44cm high
- Four self-flushing urinals, 67cm high
- One basin with hot and cold taps
- Good lighting and mirrors

Dining room

- From the reception hallway, three steps up into the main stairway (154cm wide with handrail) is the entrance to the dining room. Further two steps up (120cm wide with hand rail)
- The dining room is L-shaped, carpeted throughout
- Tables are rectangular, six legged and 72cm high, each seating five to eight diners
- Seats are without arms, 48cm high, padded seats with 40cm wooden backs
- A portable stainless steel mobility ramp is available

Bedrooms & sleeping areas

- Bedrooms 1 - 8 are on ground floor, down a well lit corridor from the reception hall
- Bedrooms 9 - 14 are up a main L-shaped stairway, 16 steps to the first floor landing
- Bedrooms 15 and 16 are through a door and further 7 steps up from the first floor landing
- Bedrooms 17 - 23 are through another door from the first floor landing, up a second flight of stairs, 16 steps up through a landing door onto the second floor
- Bedroom 24 is situated above room 16, up a curved narrow stairway of 15 steps
- Bedroom doors are 72cm - 87cm wide
- Beds are 55cm high. Rooms are single, twin or double bedded

- Usually made up with hollow fibre duvets and pillows, blankets and feather pillows available on request
- All rooms are carpeted and well lit
- All furniture, including beds are movable
- Most rooms have baths, although some have only a walk-in shower
- Rooms with baths have mostly mixer taps with a shower attachment
- Most rooms have vinyl or tiled floor, rooms 9 / 10 / 11 and 24 have carpet

Room 6:

- Room 6 has been specially adapted for wheelchair users
- A low level shower tray, 62cm by 105cm, with the step-in of 7cm
- An adjustable free standing mobility shower seat is available
- The shower is thermostatically controlled to give even water pressure with an adjustable shower head
- The toilet is 47cm high with left side static hand rail and adjustable right side rail
- The basin has level mixer taps and is wall-mounted for wheelchair access
- Tiled floor

Grounds and gardens

- There are around eight acres of grounds. Most of the pathways are gravel and therefore uneven
- Grass meadows and lawns are also uneven. Steep, uneven steps lead to the meadows
- There is a stone terrace along the front of the house. The surface is uneven. The terrace is accessible either via the front door or through the conservatory doors with 2 / 3 steps down to the terrace. The conservatory door width is 113cm
- The outdoor swimming pool is situated between the main house and the car park
- The pool is heated May - September
- Due to the secluded location of the pool, guests are advised not to swim alone. Pool emergency alarm at the side of the pool, attached to changing room

Additional information

- Fire procedure is displayed in each room and explained to guests on arrival. Guests requiring assistance at an evacuation are identified at this time and door hanger cards are issued
- Mobile phone reception is generally good from the main building
- Assistance dogs accompanying visually or hearing impaired guests are welcome; dogs must be kept on a lead or harness at all times
- Information can be provided in large print
- Staff have received disability awareness training
- Special diets can be catered for. Specialist food can be obtained with prior notice
- Fridge for medication can be supplied