

# Three Choirs Festival 2021

## Access Arrangements



We welcome all visitors to the festival and are happy to help with any requirements you may have. Please indicate the nature of assistance you require and any special requirements you may have when booking your tickets, and if you need assistance at any of our festival events, please ask the ushers on duty at the venue.

### Boathouse – WR1 2LL

	<b>Access</b> The main entrance to the Boat House is through King's School gardens. A route will be indicated which avoids steps.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> There is wheelchair access using the lift if entering the Boathouse via Severn Street. Please let us know in advance by calling the ticket office if you need to enter the building this way so that the lift may be unlocked.
	<b>Parking</b> There is no dedicated parking for the Boathouse; please use the city centre car parks.
	<b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet.

### College Hall – WR1 2LH

	<b>Access</b> The main entrance to College Hall is up a large flight of steps from College Green. For level access, please go into the cathedral cloisters and then take the lift up to access College Hall.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> Wheelchair access is through the cathedral cloisters and then up in the lift to College Hall.
	<b>Parking</b> There is no dedicated parking for College Hall; please use the city centre car parks.

## Hartlebury Castle – DY11 7XZ

	<b>Access</b> The Bishop's House and the museum are located within an historic building with uneven floors, some low lighting, and low ceilings throughout.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> There is wheelchair access to the vast majority of the castle via ramps and lifts to different floors. Level access to the Bishop's House is through the museum entrance. The smallest exhibition room of the museum is not accessible to wheelchair users; the other rooms are fully accessible. Please ask staff to open the fire door to provide wheelchair access to the two ground floor rooms which are accessed internally by a small step.
	<b>Parking</b> Three designated bays for blue badge holders are adjacent to main reception and are clearly signposted. A car parking space can be reserved by telephoning Hartlebury Castle directly in advance on 01299 250416.
	<b>WCs</b> There are accessible toilets in the main reception, museum and Bishop's House.

## Henry Sandon Hall – The Royal Porcelain Works – WR1 2NE

	<b>Access</b> There is level access to the Henry Sandon Hall via ramps.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> Wheelchairs can access the Hall via ramps.
	<b>Parking</b> There is pay and display parking near to the Porcelain Works on Severn Street and Kings Street Car Park. There is also free street parking for 3 hours on Severn Street with a blue badge.
	<b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet.

## Kidderminster Town Hall – DY10 1DB

	<b>Access</b> The main entrance is step-access only, but there is an accessible entrance via the stage door which can be accessed through the small car park. There is a hearing loop.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> The Town Hall is accessible to wheelchairs via the stage door.
	<b>Parking</b> There are two spaces for blue badge holders which must be booked in advance through the town hall. There is also parking for blue badge holders in the public car parks at Weavers Wharf, Market Street and Pike Mills.
	<b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet.

## King's School Theatre – WR1 2ND

	<p><b>Access</b> Flat access to the theatre is via the main school playground, into the Keyes building for the main lift then along to the lobby. There is then a chair lift down to the auditorium. If use of the chair lift is not possible, there is also flat access through the fire exit from Severn Street at the back of the theatre.</p> <p>There is a hearing loop covering rows C-G in the theatre.</p>
	<p><b>Wheelchairs</b> Wheelchairs can be placed in the front row of the theatre. To access the auditorium from the lobby, wheelchair users can either transfer into a chair lift or, if this is not possible, there is level access through the fire exit from Severn Street at the back of the theatre.</p>
	<p><b>Parking</b> There is no dedicated parking for the theatre; please use the city centre car parks.</p>
	<p><b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet in the Keyes building.</p>

## Museum of Royal Worcester – WR1 2ND

	<p><b>Access</b> The Museum has full wheelchair access throughout with lifts to the galleries. The Exhibition Hall is located on the ground floor. There is a ramped fire exit near the Exhibition Hall in case of emergency.</p>
	<p><b>Wheelchairs</b> The Museum has full wheelchair access throughout with lifts to the galleries.</p>
	<p><b>Parking</b> There is plenty of pay and display parking adjacent to the Museum on Severn Street and Kings Street Car Park. There is also free on-street parking for 3 hours on Severn street with a blue badge.</p>
	<p><b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet.</p>

## Nicholson & Co. Factory – WR14 1UU

	<p><b>Access</b> Most of the factory has flat access but there is only access to the upper floor via stairs.</p>
	<p><b>Wheelchairs</b> About 90% of the factory tour is wheelchair accessible on the ground floor with no steps. A very small part of the tour will be held on an upper floor which we regret is not wheelchair accessible.</p>
	<p><b>Parking</b> There is parking at both the front and rear of the factory.</p>
	<p>No specific accessible toilet, but there is a good-sized customer toilet in the reception area of the main building.</p>

## RGS Worcester – WR1 1HP

	<b>Access</b> There is flat access to Central Hall and ramp access to Perrins Hall.  There is flat access at Godfrey Browne Theatre through the main entrance into the foyer then down a hallway running along-side the theatre into the auditorium.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> Wheelchairs can access all spaces at RGS Worcester.  In Godfrey Browne Theatre, wheelchairs will be placed on the flat floor in front of the stage space with any essential companions sitting in the front row of fixed seating.
	<b>Parking</b> There is no dedicated blue badge holder parking.
	<b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet in Central Hall and in Godfrey Brown Theatre.

## Rogers Theatre – WR14 3PL

	<b>Access</b> There is flat access to all areas of the theatre apart from the Upper Circle.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> Wheelchairs can access all areas apart from the Upper Circle. There are dedicated spaces at the ends of rows for wheelchairs which must be booked in advance through the ticket office.
	<b>Parking</b> There are two spaces for blue badge holders outside the theatre which must be booked in advance through the ticket office.
	<b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet.

## St Andrew's Methodist Church – WR1 2QT

	<b>Access</b> There is level access to the building through the main entrance. The church itself is on the second floor and can be accessed via a lift.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> The church is fully accessible for wheelchairs via a lift through the main entrance.
	<b>Parking</b> Please use the city centre car parks.
	<b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet on the first floor of the building which can be accessed via a lift.

## St Martin's Church – WR5 2ED

	<b>Access</b> There is a ramp to the West door.  There is a hearing loop.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> Wheelchairs can access the church via a ramp to the West door.
	<b>Parking</b> There is on-street parking for blue badge holders.
	<b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet.

## The Undercroft – WR1 2LH

	<b>Access</b> The main entrance is on the ground floor, through the cloister. Take the lift down to the Undercroft.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> Access for wheelchairs is on the ground floor, through the cloister. Take the lift down to the Undercroft.
	<b>Parking</b> There is no dedicated parking for the Undercroft; please use the city centre car parks.
	<b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet in the Undercroft toilets; please access this via the lift in the cloisters.

## West End Gardens – WR1 2LA

	<b>Access</b> The garden is accessed via a flat but sloping path, leading from College Green in the direction of the river. There is a low step on entering the Garden and another low step from the path to the grassed area. Please note the grassed area is uneven.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> There is no level access to the Garden; access is only via two low steps, and the ground is uneven.
	<b>Parking</b> There is no dedicated parking for the Gardens; please use the city centre car parks.
	<b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet in the Cathedral Close.

## Worcester Baptist Church – WR1 1LN

	<b>Access</b> The main church has level access but there is only step access to the balcony.  There is a hearing loop.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> Apart from the balcony, the church is accessible to wheelchairs.
	<b>Parking</b> There are three spaces for blue badge holders in front of the building which must be booked in advance through the ticket office.
	<b>WCs</b> There is an accessible toilet in the main church.

## Worcester Cathedral – WR1 2LA

	<b>Access</b> Level access to the cathedral is through the Priors Door (from the cloisters) and the main North Door. Access to the Quire and East End is through the Friends Door on the North Side.  There is a hearing loop.
	<b>Wheelchairs</b> In Worcester Cathedral there are designated wheelchair spaces in every price band. Each space has an adjacent essential companion's seat.
	<b>Parking</b> There is a very limited number of spaces for blue badge holders which must be booked in advance through the ticket office.
	<b>WCs</b> An accessible toilet is available in the toilet block in the cathedral close. From inside the cathedral leave via the Priors Door, or alternatively approach via College Green.

## Worcester Walks – The Elgar statue opposite the Cathedral

The Walks take about 90 minutes.

The distance covered is about half a mile in total.

The speed of the walking is paced to the walkers, and the leader will be mindful of allowing plenty of time for people to catch up where necessary.

Most places visited have either ramps or lifts; the one exception is the Glee Club where there are stairs.