

The Green Howards Regimental Museum Access Policy Statement

The museum aims to allow full physical, intellectual and sensory access to its collections and facilities by all its visitors and staff.

The museum recognises that approximately 16% of the population of the UK has some kind of physical, sensory or intellectual disability. Disabled people have the right to derive the same benefits from museums as others. Taking due notice of the Disability Discrimination Act, the Museum aims to remove barriers that can limit access, enjoyment and learning opportunities of its collections.

In order to achieve these aims, the museum will undertake to:

- Periodically carry out an audit of physical and intellectual access.
- Ensure that as many areas of the museum as possible are accessible to wheelchair users and those pushing buggies.
- Consult different user groups, where possible, to assist in developing provision.
- Encourage people with disabilities to be providers as well as users so that they are represented appropriately in collections, exhibitions and events.
- Give responsibility for disability issues to a senior member of staff to ensure the policy is fully implemented and monitored.
- Provide all employees with access awareness training, advice and other support to enable them to fulfil their responsibilities in this area.
- Provide readily available information at the museum about facilities and services to help people with disabilities.
- Take into account the needs of people with disabilities when presenting and disseminating information, including publicity material, exhibitions and associated guides, events programmes and educational material.
- Adopt a charging/pricing policy for all its services that is sensitive to the need to provide a range of concessions to specific groups and audiences.

The Access Policy of the museum will be regularly reviewed to reflect current best practice and to ensure that full access is being achieved as far as possible.