

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT.

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared to assess the accessibility and inclusive design provisions of Clitheroe Castle Museum. The museum is located within the historic grounds of Clitheroe Castle, a significant heritage asset that has dominated the local landscape for over 800 years. The museum is housed within the former Steward's House, a Grade 2 listed building adapted for public access and interpretation.

The museum is situated on top of a relatively steep slope within Clitheroe Castle grounds at the centre of Clitheroe.

Access to the museum is gained via a relatively steep incline from the main gate to the museum entrance gates. The route from the main gate to the museum is approximately 157 metres. Due to the historic topography of the castle mound, some level changes are unavoidable.

The museum has been designed and adapted to balance public access with the conservation of its historic character. Modern accessibility is available within the museum building including, ramps, lifts and accessible turning circles.

Audio -visual displays and digital resources have been set up to enhance the visitors experience, whilst respecting the historic fabric of the building.

The museum provides wheelchair access to all three floors with the use of internal ramps and a platform lift. Accessible toilets are available and baby change, and there is disabled blue badge parking close to the front entrance.