



## Detailed description of access to the Newtown Textile Museum

### Museum entrance

To reach the Museum from Newtown's town centre, you should go over the bridge at the top (North) end of Broad Street, and turn right at the roundabout into Commercial Street (B4568). The Museum is on the left hand side of this street. Drop-off can be made directly by the entrance.



Street view of the Museum

The front door of the Museum leads from the pavement. It has a double set of three stone steps, with handrails available on the right and left, and then a landing, and another step into the building. There is level access at the back of the Museum through the doors which open onto the courtyard. The doors are approximately 74cm wide. The courtyard can be reached either through the arched passageway in the building, or by using the wide access leading off Bryn Street (just beyond the Museum on the same side of the road).



Front and back entrance

The Museum exhibits are distributed over four floors. The internal structure is much as it was in the 1830s, with low doorways and ceilings, and some uneven floors.

There is a toilet in the courtyard, with level access which is wheelchair friendly.



Wheelchair friendly toilet

**This extra information may help you decide whether you can visit us.**

Mobility problems



Courtyard door and passage way

The Museum is in an old building and until lift technology improves a bit more, it will not be possible for us to install a lift to provide access for wheelchairs to the upper floors. We continue to monitor this and will look for grants to help us pay for it, if and when it becomes possible.

In the meantime If you are in a wheelchair, level access is only possible into the ground floor of the Museum. Once inside the Museum, visitors have level access to the Reception area; two re-created rooms; and a room showing the history of the development of Newtown in the 1800s. This room also houses a model of the building and an audio-visual

presentation with a variety of information on the woollen industry and the history of the town which is available in Welsh and English.

We are continually looking for ways to provide entertaining stories relating to the Museum at this level.

If you have some mobility, the stairs are wide and shallow (treads are 28cm high) with good handrails, and with chairs at each floor, so you may be able to visit the upper floors.



Internal staircase

## Visual impairment

If you have a visual impairment, we welcome Guide Dogs. Water is available and if needed the guide dog can be left in the reception area while the owner is being shown around the Museum. If you would like one of our hosts to show you around, please contact [admim@newtowntextilemuseum.co.uk](mailto:admim@newtowntextilemuseum.co.uk) in advance of your visit and we will be happy to arrange it. The building has some uneven flooring and low doorways which can be a challenge for tall visitors but the lighting is good!

There is an audio-visual presentation on the ground floor, in both Welsh and English.

We have a guide to the main features of the Museum available in large print. We also have a series of Fact sheets (FAQs) in large print.

## Hearing difficulties

We do not have a hearing loop system in the Museum, but this is being investigated.

In some areas of the museum, there are items from our Handling Collection, which visitors can touch.