



The Parish of Malew and Santan

The Abbey Church Ballasalla - St Lupus Kirk Malew
St Mark's St Marks - St Sanctain Santan

Accessibility Statement – The Old Schoolroom, St Marks

The Parish of Malew and Santan is committed to ensuring that all our buildings are as accessible as is practicably possible. To achieve this, the Vicar and Wardens continually monitor access to our buildings as part of our annual Health and Safety audit and risk assessment process.

The Old Schoolroom, St Marks.

The Old Schoolroom comprises the former St Marks Parochial School established in the early part of the 19th century. The building has retained a number of its original features.

The building is a Registered building situated within a conservation area. These factors limit significant development of the site.

Access to the building

There are two access points to the building. The front entrance has one step leading to an entrance lobby and a further single step leading to the main hall area. A portable, folding aluminium ramp is provided for use in this area. The ramp is rated as suitable to carry a wheelchair, and when installed meets current building regulation requirements relating to the gradient of the ramp. Access to the rear of the building is level, (with a small 'weather strip' on the threshold being the only obstacle of around 10mm in height).

A car can be driven to within 0.5 meters of the rear door.

Movement around the building

The internal space consists of 5 areas. The lobby area (access detailed above), the main hall, kitchen, rear lobby and shower room/WC.

The main hall is a large room with moveable furniture that can be arranged to facilitate wheelchair use throughout the space.

The shower room provides space for transition from a wheel chair to the WC and fixed handrails are provided to assist with this. There is one step up into the shower area; those with limited mobility may need assistance to access the shower.

The Kitchen is a 'galley style' kitchen and this unfortunately means that persons in wheelchairs may not be able to use this area with ease, or without support.

Use of the space for overnight accommodation

The Old Schoolroom provides basic hostel/bunkhouse accommodation. Beds are at floor level.

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