

Access Guide to Cregneash

Manx National Heritage recognises that historic properties can present difficulties for people with disabilities. We have prepared an access guide for Cregneash to help you plan your visit. This access guide does not contain personal opinions as to our suitability for those with access needs, but aims to accurately describe the historic outdoor environment at the site.

Introduction

Cregneash Village is a living illustration of a farming and crofting community in the 19th and early 20th century. You will see small thatched cottages dotted around the village, plough horses, Loaghtan sheep, shorthorn cows, pigs and Manx cats. Situated in the south of Island in the shadow of Meayll Hill and overlooking the Calf of Man, Cregneash Village was one of the last strongholds of the Manx language and customs which characterised the traditional crofting way of life. This picturesque village was the first open air folk museum in the British Isles. The village now forms a centre for traditional farming practices and skills.

Explore inside the original cottages to find out how the crofter lived through an engaging experience that includes domestic skills and craft demonstrations as well as stories of their rugged self-sufficient lifestyles. A trip around Cregneash will reveal some indigenous Manx animals breeds (most famously the Loaghtan Sheep and Manx Cat) and traditional farming practices. Take some time to enjoy the ever changing seasons and unique natural history.

Cregneash is usually open seasonally (from Easter – October). Cregneash has an admission fee and various concessions are available. Our annual pass for Island residents and holiday passes can be purchased online prior to visiting. It is our policy that carers accompanying a disabled visitor are admitted free of charge to all our sites. Please see our website for up-to-date information (www.manxnationalheritage.im).

There is a small gift shop on site and a tea room.

We have an accessible toilet block in the Village. There are baby changing facilities in the toilet block.

We look forward to welcoming you. If you have any queries or require assistance please speak to the entrance team on arrival.

Alternatively to discuss your requirements prior to visiting please email enquiries@mnh.im.

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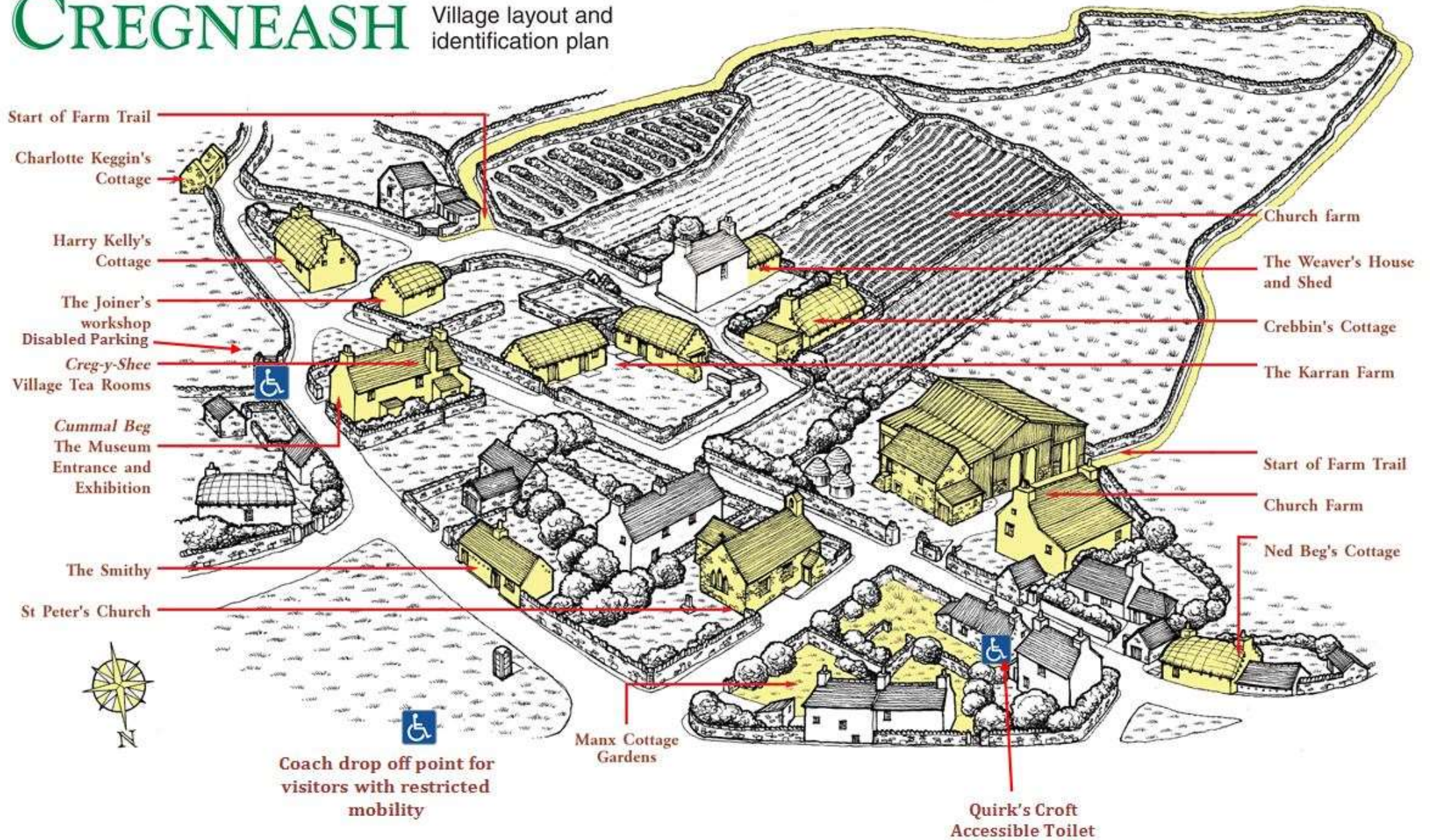
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Village layout and identification plan



1 Getting to Cregneash

Cregneash is situated in the far south of the Isle of Man. It is a small crofting village with cottages that can be explored. It is an open air site. Buildings to explore include Harry Kelly's Cottage, Crebbin's Cottage, Church Farm, Quirk's Croft, Ned Beg's Cottage for Manx language, St Peter's Church, the Joiner's Workshop and Smithy, and the Creg y Shee Tea Room.



Harry Kelly's Cottage in Cregneash Village

By car:

There is a public car park 'Quarry Car Park' just outside Cregneash Village. It is approximately a five minute walk from the car park to Cregneash via public footpath. The route to the ticket office is down a steep hill. Visitors using wheelchairs may require assistance due to the steepness of the route.

There is a designated disabled parking space to the left of the ticket office in the Village itself. It has a grassed surface.



Cregneash Main Car Park (Quarry Car Park)



Cregneash Disabled Parking Space (grassed area)



Route from Cregneash to Quarry Car Park (uneven with steep incline)

On foot:

Cregneash Village is in the far south of the Island and is at the top of Howe Road (from Port St Mary). It is 1.5 miles from Port St Mary to Cregneash Village and a similar distance from Port Erin. Any route to Cregneash is via a steep hill.

By bus:

Cregneash can be accessed by bus from Port Erin Bus Station. The journey time from Douglas to Port Erin is approximately 60 minutes. It is then a 15 minute onward journey from Port Erin to Cregneash on the No. 28. For more detailed information and timetable please see www.iombusandrail.info. The bus is wheelchair accessible. The Cregneash bus stop is 150 metres from the ticket office.

By coach:

Coach parking facilities are available at the main Quarry Car Park, signposted at Cregneash. There is a two minute walk from the car park to Cregneash via public footpath. Coach operators should make visitors aware in advance of their visit that Cregneash is a living village, with many buildings to explore. There are many routes to take around the village and can be tiring for visitors with limited mobility.

Coach operators may also drop visitors off outside the main village, but they must not park their coaches in this area.



Coach drop off point (NB: drop off point only - coaches cannot park here)

2 Cregneash Arrival Point

Visitors wishing to explore Cregneash Village should make their way to the visitor centre in the centre of the village. To explore inside the cottages visitors should have an entry ticket.



Gated entrance to the Cummal Beg Visitor Centre
(94cm wide gateway)

Entrance door way to Cummal Beg Visitor Centre
(60cm wide doorway)



The entrance desk is situated in Cummal Beg Visitor Centre. It has a level entrance although there is an uneven surface (see below). The entrance way is 60cm wide.



Entrance to Cummal Beg Visitor Centre

Cummal Beg also contains a gift shop and film room detailing the history of Cregneash. There is also an exhibition room upstairs in Cummal Beg. It is accessed by 12 steps.



Entrance desk in Cummal Beg Visitor Centre

The entrance desk has a medium height counter. There is an induction hearing loop fitted. The desk is staffed at all time, and our team are happy to help.

All well behaved dogs on a short lead are welcome in the main village and a water bowl is available at Cummal Beg. Assistance dogs are also welcome inside Cregneash buildings.

There are no cloak room facilities at Cummal Beg, although bulky bags can be left at the ticket office if space allows.

3 Access for Disabled Visitors

Cregneash Village offers a warm welcome to all.

Visitors with specific needs are welcome to contact Manx National Heritage in advance of their visit and descriptive guided tours can be arranged. To discuss your requirements please email enquiries@mnh.im.

Assistance dogs are welcome and a water bowl is available at Cummal Beg (the ticket office).

Visitors who use Wheelchairs or have Limited Mobility

Cregneash is a living village and has many historic buildings to explore. Much of the village is accessible to visitors using wheelchairs and scooters, and there are tarmacked roads and paths throughout the village. There are also a number of cobbled paths leading to buildings and farm tracks to explore. The village is not flat and there are a number of moderately steep paths. There are seating areas around the site.

Many of the buildings to explore have narrow gateways and narrow doorways. To help visitors the doorway widths to each public building and further information is detailed below:

Cregneash: Buildings to Explore

Cummal Beg Visitor Centre (right) & Creg y Shee Tea Room (left)



Cummal Beg Visitor Centre

Cobbled level gateway to ticket office. Uneven floor surface with grass, mud and cobbles.
Gateway width 94cm

Visitor Centre doorway width 60cm



Entrance to Cummal Beg Visitor Centre

Creg y Shee Tea Rooms

10cm step up to Tea Room

Alternative level entrance to Tea Room at the rear with double doors (bottom image).
Please ask staff if you would like to use the alternative entrance.



Harry Kelly's Cottage

Level entrance

Grass and slate path

62cm wide doorway



Cow Shed

Level entrance

Narrow grass and slate path

56cm wide doorway



Weaver's Shed

Narrow slate path

Gateway 65cm wide with slight step



Crebbin's Cottage

Slight stepped entrance through gate

Narrow grass and slate path

66cm wide doorway



Church Farm Yard

Cobbled and uneven ground in farm yard



Church Farm Yard



Church Farm

Church Farm

Grass, slate and cobbled path (uneven)

Door way to Church Farm 70cm wide, with a slight step



Doorway to Church Farm and Interior of Church Farm (showing slight steps)

Quirk's Croft, Garden & Accessible Toilet Block

Level, paved entrance

95cm gateway



Quirk's Croft and Accessible Toilet Block



Pathway to Quirk's Croft



Entrance to Quirk's Croft Accessible Toilets (91cm Width)



Quirk's Croft Garden leading to Castruan Gardens
(grassed, uneven, with small incline)

Ned Beg's

Grassed entrance way to Ned Beg's (uneven)

60cm doorway

Level entrance



Ned Beg's Cottage



Entrance to Ned Beg's Cottage

St Peter's Church

Level entrance.

87cm doorway width.

Accessible toilet within.



St Peter's Church

Joiner's Workshop & Smithy

Cobbled, level entrance.

75cm width doorways.



Joiner's Workshop & Smithy

Cregneash: Routes to Explore the Village

Path to Quarry Car Park

Grass and stone, uneven path leading from Cregneash to Quarry Car Park. Steep incline.



Path to Quarry Car Park

Main Road through the Village

Tarmacked, slight incline. Also used by vehicles.



Main road through village

Road leading from Crebbin's Cottage to Harry Kelly's Cottage

Tarmacked road, with some grass and loose stones. Moderate incline. Also used by vehicles.



Road leading from Crebbin's Cottage to Harry Kelly's Cottage

Road leading from Church Farm to Quirk's Croft

Tarmacked road. Moderate incline. Also used by vehicles.



Road leading to Quirk's Croft

Road leading from the Village to Spanish Head

Tarmacked road. Steep incline. Also used by vehicles.



Road leading from the Village to Spanish Head

Church Farm Trail

40 minute circular walk on rough footpath (grass/stones). Level route.



Farm Trail

Visitors who are Blind, Partially Blind or have Sight Loss

Cregneash is a living village and has many historic buildings to explore. It is an open air site. There is no set route to follow through the village, so visitors are able to set their own pace and follow their own interests. There are tarmacked roads and paths throughout the village – and caution should be exercised as vehicles also use these roads. There are also a number of cobbled paths leading to buildings and farm tracks to explore. The village is not flat and there are a number of moderately steep paths.

A map is available from the Cummal Beg Visitor Centre and staff are happy to help visitors orientate themselves before setting out to explore the village.

The lighting levels in all cottages is low.

A number of the cottages have staff demonstrating crafts and farming techniques. They are very happy to chat to visitors about traditional skills and also the cottages themselves.

Visitors with specific needs are welcome to contact Manx National Heritage in advance of their visit to request a descriptive guided tour. Please email enquiries@mnh.im.

Assistance dogs are welcome and a water bowl is available at the ticket office, please ask.

Visitors who are Deaf or have Hearing Loss

There is a hearing induction loop at the entrance desk.

There is written interpretation in the visitor centre exhibition room.

There are no hearing loops in any of the cottages.

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Assistance dogs are welcome and a water bowl is available at the ticket office, please ask.

Visitors who have Learning or Sensory Difficulties

Cregneash Village is a wonderful place to explore – with historic cottages to visit, animals to see and breath-taking scenery to enjoy. There is no set route to follow through the village, so visitors are able to set their own pace and follow their own interests.

Visitors with specific needs are welcome to contact Manx National Heritage in advance of their visit to request a descriptive guided tour. Please email enquiries@mnh.im.

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4 Young Children

Young children are very welcome at Cregneash and are encouraged to explore and have fun. Our nature explorer back packs are free for children to borrow from Cummal Beg Visitor Centre. Why not hunt down a famous Manx Cat or meet a Loaghtan Sheep! You can even have a go at some traditional crafts, look out for our demonstrators who are always happy to meet young adventurers.

Parents should note that all historic outdoor sites can be hazardous and children should be supervised at all times. Please note that vehicles also use the main roads in the village.

Cregneash Village is the perfect place to enjoy a family picnic whilst taking in the breathtaking views. We have benches positioned around the sites and bins for any rubbish.

All Manx National Heritage sites supports and welcomes breastfeeding mothers.

The site is accessible to buggies and prams, although please note the narrow doorways to cottages in the mobility section of this guide.

There are baby changing facilities and a comfort area at Quirk's Croft Cottage. The cottage is a warm and comfortable space for taking time out.



Busy Bee Back Packs



Loaghtan Sheep

5 Toilets

There is a toilet block in the village at Quirk's Croft. The toilet block has a modern standard unisex accessible toilet and baby changing facilities. There is also a standard unisex toilet in this block. There are additional toilets at the Cummal Beg Visitor Centre, which are accessed by a number of steps.



Quirk's Croft Accessible Toilet

Quirk's Croft Accessible Toilet

Clearly marked unisex accessible toilet with outward opening door and slide lock. The toilet door is lightweight. Further details:

- The width of the accessible toilet door is 90cm (2ft 11in).
- There is a left lateral transfer space.
- There is a dropdown rail on the transfer side.
- There are wall mounted rails
- There is not a functional emergency alarm available.
- Disposal facilities are available in the cubicle.
- Mirrors are placed at a lower level or at an angle for ease of use.
- The sink can be reached from seated on the toilet.
- There is a lever mixer tap

6 Creg y Shee Tea Room

Situated in the centre of the village is Creg y Shee Tea Room, which offers hot and cold food and drinks.

Tables and chairs can be moved. There is additional picnic bench seating outside.

Lighting in the café is natural daylight with additional overhead lighting.

The main entrance way has a 10cm step leading up. There is an alternative level entrance at the rear of the building, please ask.

In our tea room you will find a range of vegetarian options, and can provide allergen information on all dishes. If you have special dietary requirements please speak to the café staff or call ahead on 01624 835288.

The café is table service, and reservations can be made in advance.

If you would like your baby food or milk heating up please ask the staff who are happy to help.



Creg y Shee Tea Room



7 Quirk's Croft – Comfort Room & Venue Hire

Cregneash Village has a recently converted cottage, Quirk's Croft, which can be used as a comfort room for parents or those wanting to take time out from the village.

Quirk's Croft can also be hired for private functions, training sessions or meetings. It features a comfortable and characterful function room and multi-purpose space for up to 20 people.

The cottage is accessible to visitors using wheel chairs and there are accessible toilets.

The entrance to the suite is completely level.

Chairs and tables can be moved to accommodate wheelchair users.

There is good natural daylight and overhead lighting.

There is no hearing loop.

There is no WiFi.



Quirk's Croft Interior

To enquire about hiring Quirk's Croft or any other Manx National Heritage venue please email: venuehire@mnh.gov.im.

8 Future Plans

The Cregneash team receive customer service and disability awareness training and are always happy to help. We work with a range of partners across the Island to ensure our sites and collections are accessible, engaging and inspiring to a broad range of users. We are always seeking to improve our services for visitors and appreciate your feedback.

Manx National Heritage is committed to improving access to heritage assets for everybody; and is working to embed an inclusive 'access for all' philosophy across the organisation and in everything we do.

If you would like to discuss access and inclusion in more detail please contact Access & Inclusion Champions Katie King on 01624 648023, Katie.king@mnh.im, or Suzie Walker on 01624 648091, Suzanne.walker@mnh.im.

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