



Accessibility Guide for Marsden Jazz Festival

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Welcome

Founded in 1992, Marsden Jazz Festival is one of the UK's longest established jazz festivals.

Thousands of visitors make the trip by train, bus, car or narrow boat to experience the unique atmosphere the festival brings to Marsden every year, and more than 60 volunteers give up their time to help make the weekend a success.

We are proud to showcase a wide range of jazz musicians from internationally-acclaimed artists and rising talent.

The 2022 festival will only be taking place at one venue, St Bartholomew's Church in Marsden, and so we have arranged this accessibility guide for that venue specifically.

Please get in touch if you require any further information about specific access or need advice on planning your visit.

At a Glance

Venue Access

Our fully wheelchair accessible venues are:

- St Bartholomew's Church

Hearing

- We do not currently have any hearing loops installed at any festival venues

Visual

- Glass doors and full-height windows have contrast markings.
- Some of our venues have low lighting.

General

- We have a complimentary ticket policy for personal assistants.
- Assistance dogs are allowed into all venues by prior arrangement.

Getting here

Address

Marsden Jazz Festival
Marsden Mechanics
Peel Street
Marsden
HD7 6BW

Travel by public transport

- You can get to Marsden Jazz Festival by bus.
- The nearest bus stops are located on the A62 Manchester Road, 0.1 miles from Marsden Mechanics Hall. There is a bus stop travelling towards Manchester and a bus stop on the other side of the road travelling towards Huddersfield. All bus 184 (towards Manchester) journeys are run using easy access buses. For further information about bus accessibility see wymetro.com / firstgroup.com.
- The nearest train station is Marsden Station . The train station is 0.3 miles from Marsden Mechanics Hall. Marsden Train Station is not accessible for wheelchair users and both platforms have steep stepped access to the platforms which might make it difficult for some.

Travel by taxi

- Taxi cabs can access Marsden throughout the festival weekend however please note that Peel Street between Manchester Road and Brougham Road is closed to all vehicles.
- As the festival is spread out across the village of Marsden, it is advisable to ask to be dropped off near to the venue you wish to visit. All our venues have street access adjacent to them:

- To access Marsden Mechanics, drop off point is the bottom of Brougham Road
- To access St Bartholomew's Church, drop off point is Church Lane at the entrance to church walk
- To access the Parochial Hall, drop off point is on Clough Lea.
- To access Marsden Park, the drop off point is either Peel Street above Manchester Road, or Carrs Road.

Car Parking

- The main festival car park for Marsden Jazz Festival is located at National Trust Marsden Moor Estate Office adjacent to the train station. Postcode: HD7 6DH
- There will be a number of areas across the village where we will be setting up temporary blue badge parking:
 - 2 x blue badge parking spots on Church Lane opposite Street Food Alley
 - 2 x blue badge parking spots immediately outside the Parochial Hall.
- Whilst we will endeavour to keep blue badge parking spaces exclusively for blue badge holders, we are not able to monitor these spaces throughout the entire weekend. Blue badge parking spots are on a first come first served basis and are not bookable in advance.

The Venues

St Bartholomew's Church

- Outside the Church there are two disabled parking spaces, but it is unclear whether these will be available over the festival weekend or whether they will be needed for street food alley etc. If so, there could be blue badge parking in the car park behind the Parochial Hall or on the main road at the bottom of Church walk.
- The nearest blue badge parking spaces are at the bottom of Church Walk on Church Lane and to the immediate side of the Parochial Hall. There is an obstacle at the entrance to the church from the Parochial Hall in the form of a strip of cobbles in the gateway which could be a significant obstacle for some.
- There are 2 steps and a handrail up to the main door of the church. There is also a ramp and handrail to the immediate right of the main door with an approximate 5% incline and a clear width of 1.5metres. Take caution as the surface of the steps and ramp can be slippery when wet.
- The main doors are double doors which are over 1.2m wide and it is a flat entrance with no thresholds.
- The aisle closest to the door has a clear width of c.85cm
- The central aisle has a clear width of c.143cm
- There are two wheelchair spaces allocated fourth row from the front with potential additional space to the rear of the pews or halfway up the left hand side pews section.
- There is no accessible toilet within the Church. The nearest toilet is in the Parochial Hall car park.





Street Food Alley

Street Food Alley is located immediately outside St Bartholomew's Church. It is fully accessible for wheelchairs. There is no seating in Street Food Alley.

Box Office at St Bartholomew's Church

We recommend all our audiences to purchase tickets in advance where possible via our website, however the box office will be selling tickets on the day too.

- The box office set up is at a table which is at the standard height. Members of staff will be seated behind the table.
- The ticket selling screen can be made larger if requested.
- Payments can be made either by cash or card.
- Tickets are free for personal assistants and guide dogs are allowed inside the church.

Toilets

There are accessible toilets located on the ground floor of Marsden Mechanics on Peel Street, which is accessible via the electronic conservatory door.

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