



Almonry

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Introduction

The Almonry is a 14th Century Grade I listed building on the edge of the centre of Evesham. The Almonry houses a museum, Tourist Information Centre (TIC) and gift shop; it also acts as the Box Office for the local Arts Centre.

We aim to provide the best possible access to all our visitors within the confines of the building structure. As a small museum and Tourist Information Centre, we strive to provide the best accessible service we can.

There is a charge to enter the museum and some events and activities may incur additional charges. All these charges are displayed on our website www.almonryevesham.org

Our opening hours are

Summer (March-October)
Monday-Saturday 10am-5pm
Sunday 2pm-5pm

Winter (November-February)
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday 10am-5pm

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Please note that access to the museum is limited due to the nature and age of the building. Below is a more detailed description of the access to the museum rooms, floors and gardens.

Getting Here

The Almonry is situated at the bottom of Vine Street (A4184) in the centre of Evesham which is easily accessible via the A46 from the North and South and from the A44 from Worcester.

On foot

The Almonry is easily accessible from the Town Centre with finger posts signs around town to direct you.

By Car

The Almonry does not have a dedicated visitor car park.

Evesham has many long and short stay car parks. There are disabled parking bays on Vine Street. Further information on Evesham car parks can be found here

<http://www.almonryevesham.org/find-us>

By Bus and coach

Evesham is serviced by several different bus companies that run regular services to the town. For up to date details please check www.travelinemidlands.co.uk for up to date bus routes and times.

Evesham bus station is on High Street. Please note this is an on street bus station.

There is a coach drop off/pick up point on Merstow Green opposite the Almonry. Coach parking is available in Viaduct Meadow.

By Train

Evesham Train Station is a 10 minute walk (0.6miles) from the Almonry on the A4184 (Greenhill via High Street to Vine Street)

By Boat

There are free moorings available along Waterside near Workman Gardens. The Almonry is a short walk up through Abbey Park (there are steep but even paths through the park) and through the churchyard.

By Taxi

The taxi rank is situated on High Street next to the Bus Station.

The Building

From the Town Centre the Almonry is accessible by a tarmac driveway leading to a flagstone path. From Abbey Road the Almonry is accessed via a cobble path which can be slippery when wet.

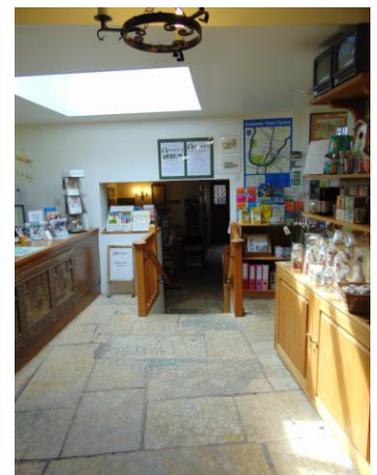


The Tourist Information Office

The main building is accessed via a large wooden door set into a stone porch. The door is 108cm (42 ½ inches) wide. An eye level latch opens the door inwards to the reception area containing the gift shop, information desk and upper level TIC.

The information desk is waist height with a recess next to the till at wheelchair height.

The TIC lower lobby is accessed by 3 steps with a handrail to the left and right. There is low lighting and flagstone floors. The toilets are located in the lower lobby accessible by 3 steps with a handrail to the left.



The Gift Shop

The gift shop is on one level with a range of floor level units and shelved units, the tallest being 186cm. There is a large central fixed pillar with shop displays and some local TIC information on the back wall. There is good lighting via the large roof light and electric lighting. The gift shop has a flagstone floor.

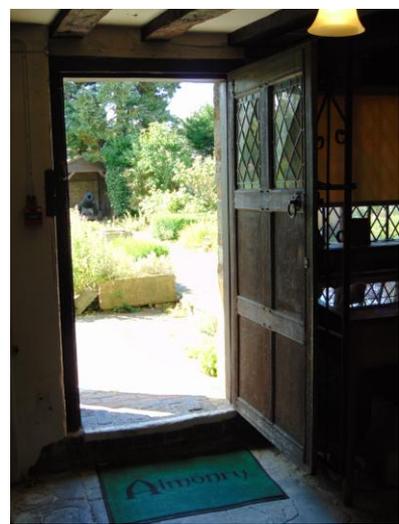


The Museum – Ground floor

Access to the museum is via the gift shop and TIC lower lobby. The corridor ahead has low lighting and a flagstone floor, which is uneven.

The first room is the Abbey Room and is accessed by a worn step with white marker paint on the edge. The Abbey Room has low lighting and flagstone floors.

The first access route to the garden is through the Abbey Room via a wooden door and one step marked with white paint.



Following the corridor the Undercroft is accessible through a low beamed doorway and by 3 steps. The first room leads to 2 further rooms each of which is accessed via a small lipped step highlighted with white paint. The floor is flagstones, apart from the 3rd room which has loose shingle flooring.



Straight ahead at the end of the corridor lie the Civic Room and the second garden access route. Both doorways are accessed via a single step highlighted with white paint. The Civic Room has low lighting and a flagstone floor and a second exit which is accessible by a single step highlighted in white paint.



Opposite the garden access door lie 2 steps leading to the bottom of the staircase which leads to the first floor. The wooden staircase has 9 steps with a handrail to the right. Each step is highlighted with white paint. The entrance to the staircase is 76cm (30 inches) wide.



The Museum – First floor



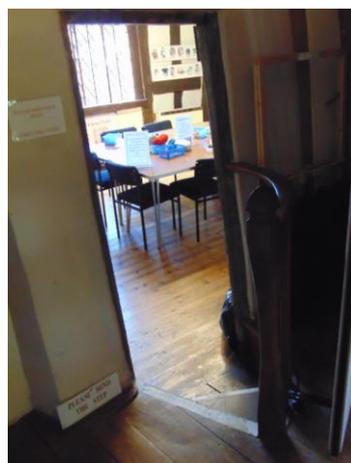
At the top of the stairs is the Military Room accessed by 3 wooden steps which are not marked. The military room has wooden floors and is well lit.

Leading from the top of the stairs is the Archaeology Room which is accessed by a low level step highlighted in white paint. The floor is wooden floorboards and is well lit. Leading from that is the Simon De Montfort Room, again accessed by one low level step highlighted with white paint. In the centre of the room is a large glass diorama of the battle. From the Simon De Montfort Room 2 wooden steps with a handrail to the left lead you to the Lecture Hall.



The Lecture Hall is the largest room in the building. It is lit by electric lights and 3 windows. The floors are wooden and the oldest part of the building has high ceilings while the extended part has a modern height ceiling. At certain times of the year the Lecture Hall is used for temporary exhibitions and therefore may have display cases or display boards around the edges of the room and across the room.

Across the hall from the Simon de Montfort Room lies the Henry Fowler Room accessed via 2 wooden steps, highlighted with white paint and with a handrail to the right.



To exit the museum retrace your steps back the way you came.

The Gardens

The Almonry gardens are accessed via 2 doorways. Each leads out to flagstone or cobbled paths that are uneven. There are steps and varying levels throughout the garden and a gravel path leading to the side gate. There is a large lawned area with 4 benches around the edges. Please note during the summer regular events are held in the garden therefore there may be limited access to the grassed area. Opposite the Market Cross there is an open 'pig pit' with access via 2 steps. We advise visitors not to enter the Pig Pit.



Toilets

The Almonry has one Men's toilet and one Ladies toilet with baby change facility. The ladies toilet also has a movable access bar for accessibility.

The toilets are located in the lower lobby and are accessed via 3 steps from the Information desk or from the entrance to the museum.



Restaurant/cafe

There are no restaurant or cafe facilities at the Almonry. Evesham is well placed for a wide variety of cafes, bars and restaurants, our staff will be happy to provide you with a list of places to eat.

At some events complimentary refreshments may be served. Please check the website for details.

Guided tours and group bookings

The Almonry offers discounted rates for group bookings. Please check the website for details. A guided tour can be arranged by prior appointment at an additional cost.

Additional Information

Assistance dogs are welcome throughout the building. No other dogs or pets are allowed in the museum. Well behaved dogs are allowed in the gift shop and Tourist Information Centre.

There is a strictly **NO** smoking policy throughout the Almonry building and grounds, including the gardens. There are benches and a bin at the front of the Almonry should patrons wish to smoke.

Future Plans

The Almonry was put on the Heritage At Risk Register in 2016. As a consequence we are now looking towards developing a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for the restoration of the building and the refurbishment of the museum. As part of the project access issues will be addressed in an effort to make the Almonry more accessible to our visitors.

Feedback

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