

# Acorn Farm Accessibility Statement

## Accessibility Introduction

Acorn Farm is an award winning visitor attraction which provides an educational and leisure resource for people from the local community and further afield. We offer special support to enable individuals with disabilities to fully access our services and facilities.

If you have any questions please give us a call on 0151 548 1524 or e-mail [admin@acornfarm.co.uk](mailto:admin@acornfarm.co.uk)

## Pre-Arrival

- Phone and e-mail contact
- Website with clear, visible and expandable text
- Images are adjustable to produce larger version
- Information regarding public transport is available on the website

## Arrival & Car Parking Facilities

- Car parking for approximately 80 cars
- Drop off point by main entrance doors to farm building
- No kerbs, steps or barriers
- Ramps to building entrance with hand rails
- Rear access to vehicles
- Contact phone number at entrance

## Main Entrance & Reception

- Open 7 days per week 10am to 4pm
- Guided Tours available
- Two side hung entrance doors to farm building. Double door entrance most accessible
- Ramps with hand rails
- Grab rail in accessible toilet
- Floor level throughout

## **Public Areas - General (Internal)**

- Flooring lino with no joins
- Building on one level
- Ample seating
- Lighting uniform with minimal use of fluorescent tubes
- No thresholds or steps
- Doors side hung
- Baby changing facilities available

## **Public Areas - WC**

- Accessible unisex toilet easily accessible from entrance
- Side hung door with sliding bolt, door width 760 mm. Newton's measure less than 20
- Floor is a slip resistant surface
- Toilet seat height 475 mm
- Cistern handle large spatula type
- Basin with lever taps and thermostatic mixer
- Accessible toilet paper, soap and paper towel dispensers
- Baby changing facilities
- Located outside pay boundary

## **Cafe**

- Café situated by main entrance
- Moveable tables accessible for wheelchair use
- Serving counter 990mm ffl
- Uniform lighting
- Waitress service on request
- No steps
- Accessible WC by cafe
- Several picnic areas with accessible benches

## **Shop**

- No steps
- Located by main entrance
- Assistance available on request
- Counter height 860 mm ffl
- Price list large print black on white
- Uniform lighting

## **Outdoor Facilities**

- Farm Animals to feed and stroke
- Wide, smooth paths with different textured surfaces
- Small animal petting area for "hands on" contact
- Horse riding arena. Mounting block with ramped access. Specially adapted equipment
- Sensory garden
- Children's play areas
- Animal housing with low level viewing windows
- Fully accessible lambing shed
- Ample seating

## **Attractions (Displays, exhibits, rides etc.)**

- Open 10am to 4pm seven days per week
- No barriers or turnstiles
- Animals easily accessible
- No steps or kerbs
- Small animal petting area offering "hands on" experience
- Sensory garden with musical chimes
- Horse riding
- Ample seating

## **Grounds and Gardens**

- Even paths of tarmac and flagstones
- Sensory garden with musical chimes
- Ample seating and picnic tables
- Horse riding and small animal handling activities available
- No water features
- No steps
- Play areas with bark chipping safety surface

## **Additional Information**

- Clear signed fire escape routes
- Fire alarm system and staff trained in evacuation procedure
- Staff trained in disability awareness
- Staff have attended Welcome Host and Welcome All training courses
- Service dogs welcome
- No smoking in enclosed areas
- No background music

- Members of Riding for the Disabled Association
- VAQAS accredited

## Contact Information

- Address: Depot Road, Kirkby, Merseyside, L33 3AR
- Telephone: 0151 548 1524
- Email: [admin@acornfarm.co.uk](mailto:admin@acornfarm.co.uk)
- Local public transport numbers: Merseytravel 0151 227 5181
- Local accessible taxi numbers: Radcliffe Taxis 0151 547 2699

## DDA Summary (Disability Discrimination Act)

Acorn Farm commissioned a DDA Audit in 2006. We have implemented all the priority coded recommendations and written the less urgent issues into our development plans. Thus Acorn Farm meets the legislative requirements of the DDA.