



Visiting in Tewkesbury

We look forward to welcoming every visitor to Tewkesbury and hope to the following information is of use

Places to visit

Tewkesbury Abbey

Founded in 1087 by Benedict Monks, this is one of the most beautiful Norman Abbeys and second largest parish church in the country. It houses a fine collection of medieval tombs and monuments, as well as many stained-glass windows including the 14th Century choir window.

Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5RZ

Tel 01684 850959 www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk

Open Mon – Sat 8.30am-5.30pm. Sun 7.30am-6pm Donations welcome.

Guided tours can be pre booked and are available all year round

Guided Tower Tours summer only and weather dependent

Accessibility

There is level access to the Abbey via the main gates and the North Path.

There are ramps around the Abbey allowing access for wheelchair users to most areas. Unfortunately, some parts of the Abbey are inaccessible to those with mobility problems; these include the Tower and the Upper Room.

A wheelchair is available in the Abbey for loan.

The Abbey has a loop system, which is on throughout services.

Large print service sheets and our weekly notice sheet in a large print version.

Both large print and Braille Hymn books available for use.

Disabled toilet in the Visitor Centre.

Dogs allowed

Tewkesbury Heritage Centre

Restored 17th Century building. Learn about Tewkesbury's earliest settlers, through the Wars of the Roses, the Civil War and the industrial revolution and into the present day. Using the portable media players, you will meet Mr Bartholomew Reed, a 17th Century merchant who will introduce you to his own life and times. Games, discovery sheets, trails and dressing up. **Free Admission**

100 Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5AB Tel 01684 855040

www.tewkesburyheritage.co.uk

Accessibility

Wheelchair access using semi automatic door. Access to all floors using the 2 lifts in Heritage centre.

Hearing loop available

Disabled toilet.

Dogs allowed

Tewkesbury Town Museum

Local social history museum. Collection includes artefacts from the Roman period, information and diorama of the Battle of Tewkesbury, Model 'Mop Fair' Fairground and information on Raymond Priestley the Antarctic explorer.

Free Admission

64 Barton Street, Tewkesbury, [GL20 5PX](http://www.tewkesburymuseum.org) Tel 01684 292901

www.tewkesburymuseum.org

April to September Weekdays 1pm - 4pm, Saturday and Sunday 11am - 4pm

October to March Saturday, Sunday and Monday 11am-4pm

Accessibility

Because of its age the building is not disabled-friendly, though the staff are and will do everything they can to help.

The Museum is domestic in feel with narrow corridors and steep uneven stairs with some trip hazards. The stairs make it impossible for wheelchairs and difficult for people with walking difficulties. Unpowered wheelchairs may be able (if accompanied by assistance) to negotiate a single step to get into the ground floor fairground exhibit room.

The Museum has plans to improve accessibility and we are making progress towards raising the funds required to do this.

John Moore Museum and Merchants House

A Countryside collection displayed to honour the prophetic writing on nature conservation of the late John Moore, a local writer and naturalist.

Merchants House – 15th Century Tudor Home and shop. Contains bedroom, living hall and workshop. Audio wands help you learn about the past and present. **Admission charged**

41 Church Street, Tewkesbury [GL20 5SN](http://www.johnmooremuseum.org) Tel 01684 297174

www.johnmooremuseum.org

Open Tuesday – Saturday April to end October 10am-5pm closed 1pm-2pm for lunch. Open most Saturdays in winter (check website for details)

Accessibility

Due to the age of the building unfortunately it isn't accessible for wheelchair users or visitors with walking difficulties.

Where physical access is restricted, we will provide alternative access to our collections by means of guided tours, portable information and electronic mediums, such as audio guides and our website.

Old Baptist Chapel

Starting life in the fifteenth century as a medieval house, it was a roomy dwelling for an affluent Tewkesbury family. It is thought that by the mid-seventeenth century, the house had become the location for a Nonconformist group, the Baptists, to hold their meetings.

April to October Tuesdays & all Saturdays plus bank holidays, 10am to 1pm and 2pm to 5pm (last entry at 4.30pm).

Weds – Fri: If we have staff available, we will happily open the Chapel for you, please ring before you visit

Winter (November to March)

Open most Saturdays and school holidays – contact museum for details

Accessibility

The ground floor of the building is fully accessible; however, the upstairs can only be reached by stairs.

There is a DDA-compliant toilet on the ground floor of the chapel.

Roses Theatre

Sun Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5NX Tel 01684 295074

www.rosestheatre.org/

The Roses is a busy and popular arts centre in Tewkesbury with an eclectic programme of live events, activities, cinema, exhibitions and festivals. In addition to the 370 seat auditorium, The Roses boasts a relaxing bar and coffee shop where you can enjoy a pre-show and interval drinks as well as live entertainment including jazz and folk music and stand-up comedy.

Accessibility

Wheelchair spaces are available in Row H, which has level access. It is essential that you let us know in advance if you wish to book a wheelchair space. Lift up to the bar on the first floor.

Guide dogs are welcome.

A hearing loop is in operation for film screenings

Audio Description (AD) headsets are available to provide a narrated soundtrack and audio commentary for the visually impaired. AD is undetectable to anyone not wearing a headset.

Relaxed Screenings are ideal for those living with Dementia, Autism or any other condition that affects day to day living, to enjoy a social activity in a welcoming environment. The lights will be left on low and there may be the possibility of people talking or moving around.

Subtitled screenings for the hard of hearing are available on selected films, enabling customers with impaired hearing to enjoy the most popular films in our programme.

Enjoying the Countryside

Severn Ham

Ham derives from the Saxon word 'Hamm' meaning meadow in the bend of the river or water meadow. Owned by Tewkesbury Town Council the site covers 175 acres and is a wonderful place to explore. A circular walking route around the Ham is just over 2 miles.

2 crossings – Mill Street (off Church Street) at the Abbey Mill and the other Back of Avon (off High Street) near Healings flour Mill.

Riverside & Ham walking leaflet available from TIC - £1.00

Accessibility

Both bridges have kissing gates but are accessible for wheelchair users or people with pushchairs/ buggies using a RADAR key.

Dogs welcome but if sheep are grazing please keep on a lead

Boat Trips

35-minute town boat trips run April to September (October weekends depending on weather) First trip 12noon. Maximum 12 passengers.

Tewkesbury to Twyning Ferry (via Croft Farm) May and September weekends only. June, July and August operate Wednesday to Sunday.

www.severnleisurecruises.co.uk/tewkesburyboats

Accessibility

Unfortunately, no wheelchair access onto boats at present.

Dogs Welcome

Tewkesbury Nature Reserve

Explore and discover the wildlife of Tewkesbury in this haven for nature. The 114-acre site is situated on floodplain and the River Swilgate runs through the middle.

You can access the site from numerous points around the town and are access in only a few hundred yards from any of the towns' car parks.

Accessibility

Wheelchair users - Kissing gates are accessible with a RADAR key.

Dogs are welcome but please keep them on a lead around livestock. Dog bins are situated close to most entrance/exits.

Please note also that most of the paths on the reserve are natural grass paths, which can be muddy at times of the year depending on the weather: please wear appropriate footwear. The reserve is liable to flooding following heavy rain and can become inaccessible

There is a small car park at the main entrance (off the A38, opposite the Wheatpieces public house)

www.tewkesburynaturereserve.org.uk

Picnic areas

Why not enjoy a picnic or even just a takeaway from one of our many cafes and enjoy the fresh air?

Picnic tables and benches are available in the Abbey grounds, at the Vineyards (behind Tewkesbury Abbey) off Gander Lane and in the beautiful riverside location of the Victoria Gardens, off Gloucester Road.

Guided Town Walks

Town walks can be arranged through the Cotswold & Gloucestershire Tourist Association <http://cotswoldguides.org.uk/>

Regular Tuesday evening and Saturday morning walks during the summer months and private tours are available all year. Prices vary depending on group size and time.

Tewkesbury Alley Revival

Regular walks in and out of Tewkesbury's historic alleyways during the summer months. Private guided tours can be arranged. Contact Tewkesbury Museum for details Tel 01684 292901

Guided battlefield Walks

Organised by Tewkesbury Battlefield Society, regular guided tours take place all year. For private tours contact <http://tewkesbury.org.uk/> Battletrail leaflet available from Tewkesbury TIC - £1.00

Additional information for visitors

Public toilets

Toilets are located at Spring Garden car park, Oldbury Road and at Gloucester Road car park.

A RADAR key is needed for the disabled toilets. If you require a key, they are available from the Tourist Information centre

Car parking

The Tourist Information centre can provide you with a full list of car parks. Tickets can be transferable between car park in Tewkesbury (excluding Station Road long Stay) should you wish to move location during the day

Disabled parking bays

Blue badge holders displaying their badge are entitled to unlimited parking in all bays within the car park. All car parks have an allocation of disabled bays that are only permitted for the use of blue badge holders.

On street parking for Blue Badge holders

Parking is allowed for 3 hours on double yellow lines

There is limited parking allowed in the waiting bays

Parking in Barton Street disabled bay is for only 1 hour. High Street disabled bay for 3 hours

Tewkesbury Borough Council is urging anyone using one of its council run car parks across the borough to avoid cash handling and download and use the RingGo app on a mobile device to pay for car parking. The app is safe, quick and easy to use.

There is also the option to call the Ringo number to pay over the phone Tel 020 3046 0010 (local rate charge) <https://myringgo.co.uk/>

Additional Useful Information

Mobility Hire - Wheelchair, powerchairs, mobility scooters

Horizon Mobility Ltd
Mobility House
Formal Industrial Park
Tewkesbury
GL20 8GY
<https://mobilityhire.com>

British Red Cross
Link Road
Tewkesbury
GL20 5JQ
Tel 01684 291743
www.redcross.org.uk

We hope you have a wonderful visit to Tewkesbury.

**If you have any questions, please do call into see us during your visit
100 Church Street, Tewkesbury, GL20 5AB**

**or contact us via email at tewkesburytic@tewkesbury.gov.uk
or phone Tel 01684 855040**