



Visiting Tewkesbury

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

Public Toilets

Public toilets are available in **Gloucester Road car park, GL20 5SW** and **Spring Gardens car park, GL20 5LR**

The toilet blocks are open from 8am until 6pm every day.

The toilets are inspected and cleaned daily. Please report any issues regarding cleanliness or operation to the Town Hall 01684 294639.

Car parking

Disabled parking bays Blue badge holders displaying their badge are entitled to free, unlimited parking in any bays within the Tewkesbury Borough Council car parks.

All car parks also have an allocation of disabled bays that are only permitted for the use of blue badge holders.

No complimentary ticket from the machine is required when Blue Badge holders use our car parks.

On street parking for Blue Badge holders Parking is allowed on double yellow lines and single yellow lines, for a maximum of 3 hours providing badge and clock are clearly displayed.

Please note though that there is limited parking allowed in the waiting bays -Parking in Barton Street disabled bay is for only 1 hour Areas where blue badge holders are not permitted to park in Gloucestershire include: Where there is a loading ban in force denoted by yellow kerb markings, In bus stops and taxi ranks and in permit holder only bay

Places to visit

Tewkesbury Heritage & Information Centre

Start your visit to Tewkesbury by visiting our Tourist Information Centre.

Information and leaflets on Tewkesbury attractions, eating out and events

- Information on attractions, events and places to visit in the wider Cotswolds & Gloucestershire area
- Public transport information and agents for National Express and Marchant's Coaches
 - RADAR keys available
- Retail of local souvenirs, crafts, maps & books

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. Discover 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

Accessibility

- Level Access into building.
- Door generally kept open in summer but if closed then press button to open semi-automatic door.
- Low level welcome desk and seat available for visitors.
- Large print information available
- Accessible toilet on ground floor
- Dogs allowed

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 collection of medieval tombs and monuments, as well as many stained-glass windows including the 14th Century choir window.

Tewkesbury Abbey Church Street, Tewkesbury GL20 5RZ Tel 01684 850959

www.tewkesburyabbey.org.uk

Open Daily 9.30am-4.30pm.

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 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 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 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. (available from TIC)
- Dogs welcome but if sheep are grazing please keep on a lead

Boat Trips

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

www.severnleisurecruises.co.uk/tewkesburyboats

Accessibility

- Ramp from street level down onto mooring, however there is a step onto boat at present.
- Dogs Welcome

Tewkesbury Nature Reserve

www.tewkesburynaturereserve.org.uk

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/exists.

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)

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.

