



# Access Statement

## D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum

### Introduction

The D.H. Lawrence Birthplace Museum is a small late 19th century terraced house on a sloping street in a residential part of the ex-mining town of Eastwood, Nottinghamshire. The Museum can be enjoyed via a guided or self-guided tour, which takes you through the historic house, exhibition rooms, outside yard, and washhouse.

The rooms are small and dimly lit, and the building is not fully physically accessible. Only the pantry, parlour and kitchen are on the ground floor of the Museum, and access to these rooms still requires some assistance. There is a gift shop on the ground floor, selling D.H. Lawrence souvenirs and locally produced jewellery and crafts.

Our staff members are friendly, welcoming, highly trained and motivated, to ensure each visitor experiences the highest quality of service.

### Contact Details

If you have any queries or require any assistance, please contact us:

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## Opening Times

- The Museum and Gift Shop (venue) is open Tuesday to Saturday, 10.00am to 4.00pm.
- The venue is closed on Sunday's, Monday's and Bank Holiday's.
- Admission is via guided and self-guided tours. Guided tours must be booked in advance and are subject to staff availability. We are also sometimes closed due to group tours, so it is essential to call ahead to check tour availability and if the Museum is open on a specific date. Space is also limited due to the size of the property.
- The venue is situated within the centre of Eastwood.

## Pre-Arrival

- Full details on how to find the Museum, can be found on our website:  
[www.lleisure.co.uk/d-h-lawrence-birthplace-museum/visit-us/planning-your-journey/](http://www.lleisure.co.uk/d-h-lawrence-birthplace-museum/visit-us/planning-your-journey/)
- There is not a bus stop within 150m (164yds) of the venue. Buses run regularly from Nottingham (Rainbow One) and Derby (Black Cat) to Eastwood, run by Trent Barton.
- The nearest mainline train station is Langley Mill.
- The pavements surrounding the venue and entrance are paved and uneven.

## Parking

- The venue does not have its own car park.
- There is a car park for public use within approximately 200m.
- The name of the car park is Scargill Walk and is located off Scargill Walk.
- The car park is pay and display. The first hour is free, and payment is required for any stay over 1 hour.
- The car park has 2 bays for Blue Badge Holders.
- The parking bays are 610cm x 310cm.
- There are restrictions on vehicles parking in this car park. Vehicles exceeding 1.5 tonnes un-laden weight, or more than 6ft 6ins in height, are not permitted to park here.

## Outside Access (Main Entrance)

- This information is for the venue entrance located on the corner of Victoria Street and Scargill Walk.
- This entrance leads into the Museum Gift Shop on the ground floor.
- There is not level access into the venue. A ramp is available upon request at the venue reception in the Museum Gift Shop.
- The main door opens away from you (push).
- The doors are single width and heavy.
- The door opening is 92m (3ft 0in) wide.
- There are steps to access this area / service and are located at the entrance.
- There is 1 step into the area /service.
- The steps are clearly marked.
- The step is medium.
- The step does not have handrails.



## Outside Access (Courtyard Entrance)

- This information is for the venue entrance located off Victoria Street.
- There is level access into the washhouse only.
- The main doors open towards you (pull).
- The door is locked at all times. Access is available upon request at the venue reception in the Museum Gift Shop
- The doors are single width.
- The doors are heavy.
- The door opening is 91cm (2ft 12in) wide.
- The entrance leads directly into the rear courtyard.





## Outside Access (Museum Courtyard Entrance)

- This information is for the entrance located off the rear courtyard.
- There is not level access into the venue.
- The main door opens away from you (push).
- The door is single width.
- The door is heavy.
- The door opening is 73cm (2ft 5in) wide.
- This entrance leads out from the main historic building into the rear courtyard, from where visitors can access the unisex toilets, baby changing facilities, and washhouse.



## Level Change (Museum Courtyard Entrance)

- There are steps to access this area /service.
- The steps are located at the entrance.
- There is 1 step into this area /service.
- The step is clearly marked.
- The step is medium.
- The step does not have a handrail.





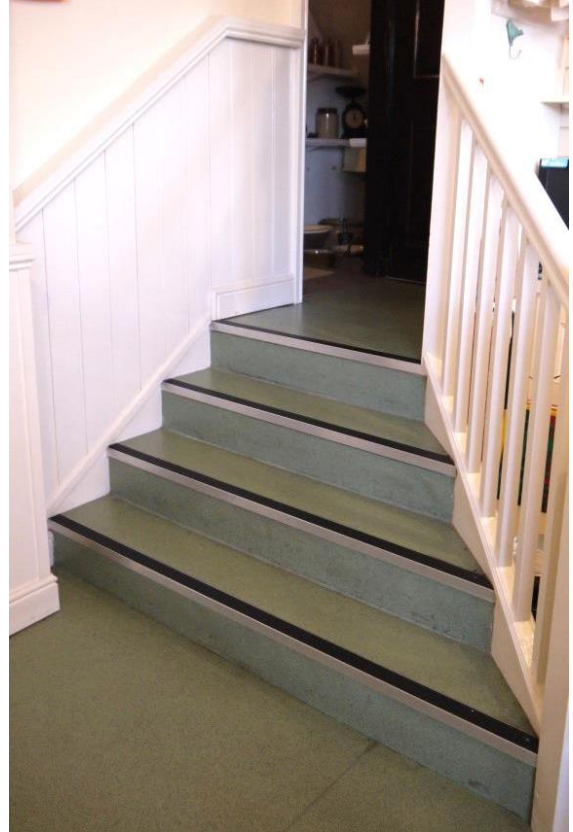
## Inside Access (Ground Floor - Shop)

- There is not level access to the service.
- There is a hearing assistance system.
- The system is a portable loop.
- Staff members are trained to use the system.
- This venue does play background music.
- Music is played only in the shop.
- Background sounds feature within the Museum, along with movement sensor alarms.
- Lighting levels are bright.



## Level Change (Ground Floor)

- There are steps to access this area / service.
- The steps are located at either end of the shop.
- There is one deep, well-marked step that leads from the shop to the front stairs.
- There are four deep, well-marked steps with handrails on the right that lead up to the historic museum ground floor rooms.





## Inside Access (Ground Floor - Rooms)- Pantry

- Lighting levels are changeable depending on the brightness of the day and can be dim during dark days or winter.
- The floor is carpeted and a mat is laid on top.
- Smells have been incorporated into this space.



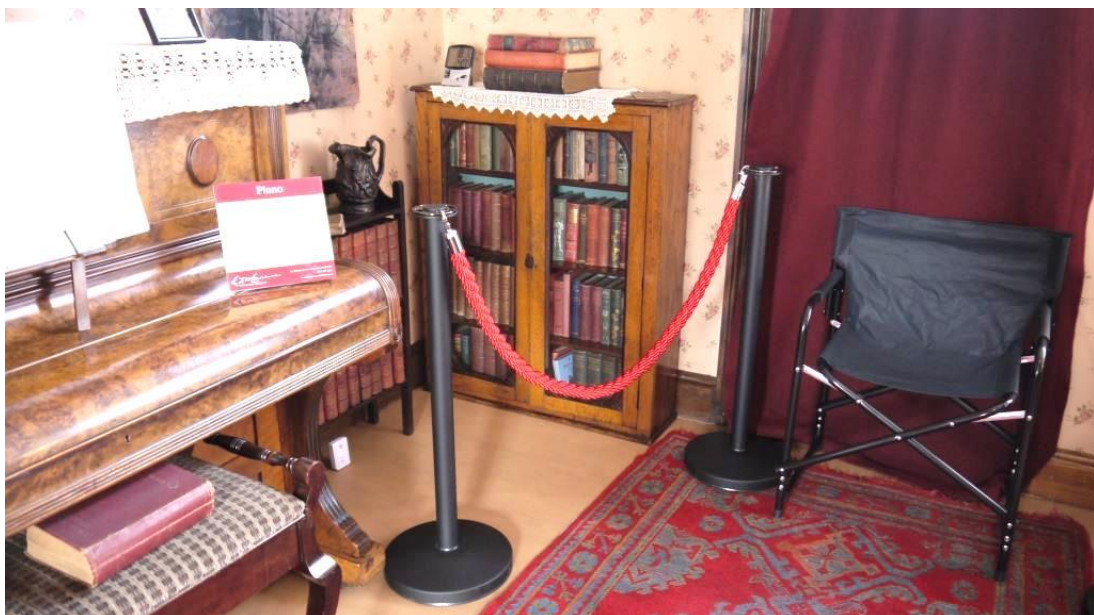
## Inside Access (Ground Floor - Rooms)- Kitchen

- Lighting levels are changeable depending on the brightness of the day and can be dim during dark days or winter.
- The floor is paved and rag rugs are laid on the top.
- Motion operated background sounds are active in this room.



## Inside Access (Ground Floor - Rooms)- Parlour

- Lighting levels are changeable depending on the brightness of the day and can be dim during dark days or winter.
- The floor is lino and rag rugs are laid on the top.
- Motion operated background sounds are active in this room.
- Ropes are used to section off spaces that are not accessible to the public and motion operated alarm systems are active in this room.
- Seating is provided in this room.





## Inside Access (First Floor - Rooms)- Front Bedroom

- Lighting levels are changeable depending on the brightness of the day and can be dim during dark days or winter.
- The floor is lino and rag rugs are laid on the top.
- Ropes are used to section off spaces that are not accessible to the public and motion operated alarm systems are active in this room.
- Seating is provided in this room.



## Inside Access (First Floor - Rooms)- Back Bedroom

- Lighting levels are changeable depending on the brightness of the day and can be dim during dark days or winter.
- The floor is lino and rag rugs are laid on the top.
- Motion operated background sounds are active in this room.
- Access to the second floor (historic attic) is available in the corner of this room.





## Inside Access (Second Floor - Rooms)- Attic

- Lighting levels are changeable depending on the brightness of the day and can be dim during dark days or winter.
- Ropes are used to section off spaces that are not accessible to the public and motion operated alarm systems are active in this room.
- Smells have been incorporated into this space.







## Other Floors (Front)- First Floor to Second Floor Steps

- The floors which are accessible by stairs are G-1-2.
- There are 13 steps between the first and second floors.
- The steps are clearly marked.
- The steps are deep.
- The steps do have handrails.
- The steps have a handrail on the left going up.
- The lighting level is bright.
- These stairs are used by visitors to access DVD Room located on the second floor.



## Other Floors (Rear)- Ground Floor to First Floor Steps

- The floors which are accessible by stairs are G-1-2.
- There are 15+ steps between floors.
- The steps are not clearly marked.
- The steps are deep.
- The steps do have handrails.
- The steps have a handrail on the left going up.
- There is a small landing.
- The lighting level is medium.
- The services on the floors which are not accessible are additional original rooms.





## Other Floors (Rear)- First Floor to Second Floor Steps

- The floors which are accessible by stairs are G-1-2.
- There are 13 steps between the first and second floors.
- The steps are not clearly marked.
- The steps are deep.
- The first two steps from the bottom are positioned at an angle, as the staircase goes round the corner.
- The steps do have handrails.
- The steps have a handrail on the left going up, but not for the first 3 steps.
- The lighting level is medium.
- The services on the floors which are not accessible are additional original rooms.



## Gallery Space

- This room is a multi-functional room.
- The space is used for different activities, including but not limited to, gallery exhibitions, dressing up, object handling, craft activities, and meetings.
- At the rear of the Gallery Space, there are 3 deep, well-marked steps, with a handrail on the left, which lead to the original rooms on the first floor.



## Exhibition Room

- There is an Exhibition Room located on the first floor which has a mixture of exhibits in glass cabinets and wall hung pictures.
- There are audio pieces to listen to via wall mounted telephones.
- Seating is available in this room.
- There are interpretation boards on the wall to read.





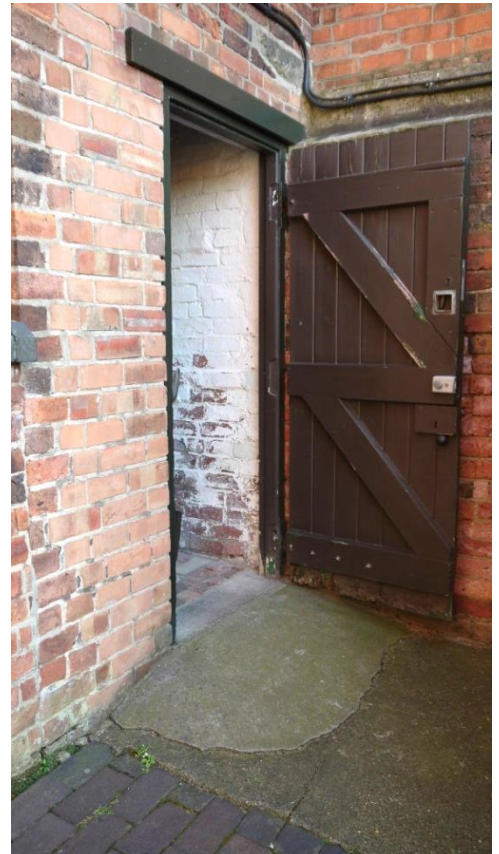
## DVD Room

- The DVD Room is located on the second floor.
- There is a 12 minute DVD, with subtitles, which is included in the tour of the building.
- The DVD Room has chairs set out for visitors.
- There are interpretation boards on the wall to read.
- The roof slopes at the back of the room.
- There is a fire exit that opens into the room from the historic attic; this door is alarmed.



## Washhouse

- The washhouse is located off the rear courtyard.
- It depicts the washhouse in its original form.
- The washhouse is accessed by a single door, which is held open, whilst the venue is open.
- There is a moderate ramp at the entrance.
- Smells have been incorporated into this space.



## **Standard Toilet(s)- Inside**

There are not accessible toilets but there are standard toilets within this venue designated for public use.

### **Access to Standard Unisex Toilet(s)- Inside**

- The unisex toilet inside is located on the first floor.
- Inside the venue, there is not level access to the unisex toilet.
- Lighting levels are bright.





## Standard Toilet(s)- Outside

There are not accessible toilets but there are standard toilets within this venue designated for public use. There are two unisex toilets outside the Museum, located off the rear of the courtyard.



### Access to Unisex Toilet(s)- Outside (left hand side)

- Inside the left hand side, outside unisex toilet, there is not level access.
- A motion activated light is in operation in the passage way to the toilet.
- Lighting levels are bright.



## Access to Unisex Toilet(s) and Baby Changing Facilities- Outside (right hand side)

- Inside the right hand side, outside unisex toilet, there is not level access.
- This toilet has baby changing facilities attached to the wall.
- Lighting levels are bright.





## Level Change (Standard Toilets)- Outside

- There are steps to access this area / service.
- The steps are located at the entrance to the standard toilets.
- There is / are 1 step(s) to the area / service.
- The steps are not clearly marked.
- The steps are shallow.
- The steps do not have handrails.
- There is one step at the entrance into both unisex toilets (Above image: left hand side outside toilet. Below image: right hand side outside toilet).





## **Additional Info**

- Staff members receive disability awareness/equality training.
- Documents and hand outs can be requested in large print.
- Hand held torches are located in each room.
- The Museum offers virtual tours that can be viewed on a screen in the shop. Please ring ahead and request the virtual tour so we can set everything up for your arrival.