

St Bartholomew's Hospital Museum Access Statement

Introduction

The museum has a permanent exhibition of original archives and objects relating to the history of St Bartholomew's Hospital. It includes works of art, documents, and surgical instruments and medical equipment used in the hospital. Two vast and spectacular paintings by William Hogarth are visible from the museum.

We strive to make our museum as accessible to visitors as possible and we welcome any feedback on how we can improve our service.

Access to the museum

- The museum is located on the ground floor of the North Wing at St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, EC1A 7BE.
- We are open Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 4pm. Closed weekends and public holidays.
- There are 2 steps up into the Museum, leading to a heavy double wooden door. In colder weather, the door must be pushed open. The second door is not usually opened, but can be opened on request. The volunteer on duty can offer assistance if required.



Entrance to the museum



- A portable ramp is available for wheelchair users. The volunteer on duty in the Museum, or the Archivist, can put this out for use on request in advance or at the time of your visit.
- Please ask a member of staff if you require assistance in locating and accessing the museum.

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Public transport and parking

- The nearest Underground stations are Barbican, Farringdon and St Paul's. The nearest national rail station is City Thameslink. Please follow the link to the Barts and The London NHS Trust website for directions to the hospital: <http://www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/our-hospitals/st-bartholomew%e2%80%99s-hospital/find-us/>
- There are many bus stops surrounding the hospital site including those for routes 4, 8, 25, 56, 100, 242, 521. Please see Transport for London's website for details.
- There is no public parking at the hospital itself, but there is an NCP car park close to the hospital on West Smithfield. Barts Hospital is situated within the congestion charging zone.

Facilities we provide

-  The nearest toilets (including a disabled toilet) are located on the ground floor of the catering block. Please follow the link to a page with a link to a downloadable site



map of the hospital: <http://www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/aboutus/museums,-history-and-archives/st-bartholomews-museum/>

- Large print captions for the exhibitions are available on request. Please note there are no Braille captions.



- There is an induction loop installed for our short film which tells the story of the hospital's foundation. It is not subtitled at the moment, but a full transcription of the narration is available at the desk on request. Two sound installations, using hand-held listening devices, tell the stories of nurses and medical students throughout the history of the hospital. These do not have induction loops, but the text is available in printed format.



- Most of our showcases and captions are easily viewable for wheelchair users. However there are some display panels which are wall mounted and may be more difficult to read.
- All displays are well lit.
- There is a small shop selling postcards and publications. Assistance for visitors wishing to purchase items from the shop is available.



- Although the museum does not have a café there are a number of options either in the hospital or nearby. The catering block has a café on the ground floor and a restaurant on the first floor, which is accessible via lift. There are also a café on the basement floor and a restaurant on the second floor of the King George V block across the hospital square from the North Wing where the museum is situated

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