

Access Statement

PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

The Darenth is located in the village of Shoreham, Sevenoaks, close to the M25 and within 30 minutes of Chislehurst, Bromley, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone. To access The Darenth by car, use the A225 Shoreham Road, travelling south from Eynsford or north from Otford, and turn into Station Road, adjacent to Shoreham Train Station. If you require a taxi or accessible taxi, this should be booked in advance. Shoreham Train Station is just a few minutes' walk from The Darenth.

ARRIVAL

The car park is gated, with inward opening gates which remain open during daylight hours. As you approach the car park there is a speed bump. The majority of the carpark is tarmac, towards the rear the overflow parking area is gravel hardstanding. There are 5 reserved spaces on block paving adjacent to the walkway to the entrance; customers/guests with blue badges are welcome to park within these spaces. From there wheelchair/less abled users should follow the signs to the clubhouse entrance along the step free walkway.

PUBLIC AREAS

Inside

Once you are within the building everything is on one level, with the exception of The Gallery, used for wedding ceremonies, which can be accessed via a wheelchair lift. All areas are well lit and doorways are accessible for wheelchairs.

The clubhouse has a carpeted floor with a range of seating and tables. The entrance hall, lobbies and changing rooms all have wooden floors (aside from the changing area which has carpet). Within the changing rooms there are several toilets and designated disabled toilets in both male and female facilities.

The Ballroom has a wooden floor throughout, including the main reception room, lobby and bathrooms. We advise individual event organisers on the best location for wheelchair users in terms of accessibility.

The Gallery itself and the stairs are carpeted, the stairs feature a handrail for anyone who may require it.

Outside

To access the clubhouse patio there is a small ramp. There are several benches with seating available and should they be needed; automatic awnings are available to offer shelter from the sun.

The wedding courtyard is all on one level with some high bar tables as well as low level lounge seating.

The wedding garden itself is a grass area, accessed via a gradual slope constructed of block paving.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Darenth does not have a hearing loop installed. Service dogs are accepted by prior arrangement.

We hope you find this Access Statement helpful prior to your visit. We have tried to be as accurate and comprehensive as possible. Should you need more information please contact us, our team will be pleased to assist.