

ACCESS STATEMENT

Due to the nature of the site, wheelchair access to Bignor Roman Villa and to toilet facilities are limited. However, the management and staff team will do everything they can to ensure that disabled visitors to the Villa are welcome, and have a positive and enjoyable experience. The DDA 2005 recognises that legal requirement to preserve the character of historic and listed buildings. BRV is listed on two counts, the 2,000 year old Roman mosaics and the foundation, plus the 200 year old thatched Georgian buildings covering the mosaics. Notes attached to the DDA state that:-

"It may be appropriate for a disabled person to have less favourable access to a listed historic building, or site, only if the alternative is to have no access at all".

Unfortunately this is the case at Bignor. We cannot widen Roman doorways, reposition mosaics or level out uneven Roman floors. We are restricted in any further development, including bringing electricity on site!

We do advise people who telephone in advance re accessibility that we do not have dedicated male and female disabled toilets. One slightly larger cubicle in the women's toilet has grab rails and a raised arm support. We do offer to close the women's toilets to allow space and privacy when male or female wheelchair users need to use the facility. The door to both the men's and women's toilets are a standard size.