

Visual Story

Welcome to Cliffe Castle Museum

This visual story is for visitors who may have accessibility needs, are neurodiverse or simply curious about visiting. We want you to be able to plan a visit and know what to expect. It has information about how you can get here, what facilities we have and how you can get around the building.

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Cliffe Castle Museum is a former mansion house containing rooms furnished with original items and paintings, as well as natural history collections, fossils, art and much more!

The usual opening times are Tuesday-Friday 10am til 4pm and Saturday-Sunday 11am til 4 pm. The museum is also open on Bank Holiday Mondays.

Entry to Cliffe Castle Museum is free but we welcome 'Pay As You Feel' donations, suggested at £3.00 per person.



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How to get here

Cliffe Castle Museum is located in Cliffe Castle Park, Keighley.

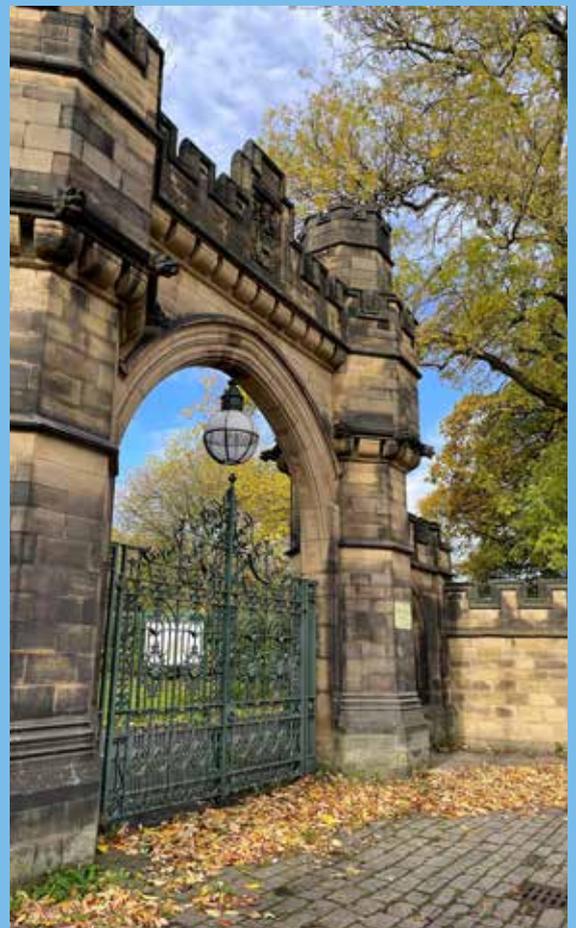


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The museum and park is approximately 25 minutes walk from the railway station or 15 minutes walk from the bus station. Buses (for example Bradford to Skipton) pass the lower main gates.

The 903 bus service operates from Keighley Bus Station and serves Cliffe Castle on a limited basis.

The What Three Words location for Cliffe Castle Museum is worked.went.spared.



If you are arriving by car from Skipton Road in Keighley, turn up Spring Gardens Lane and continue for a few minutes. There is a car park for Cliffe Castle Museum and Park located off Spring Gardens Lane.



It is signposted to turn right with a blue sign (see bottom left).

It is free to use the car park. The What Three Words location of the car park is [button.going.save](https://www.what3words.com/button.going.save)



In the car park, there is a map of the park (see below).



Head through this way for the café, aviaries and the play area.



From the car park, head down the slope. If you are a Blue Badge Holder, there are 2 Blue Badge Parking Spaces down the driveway in front of the Museum.



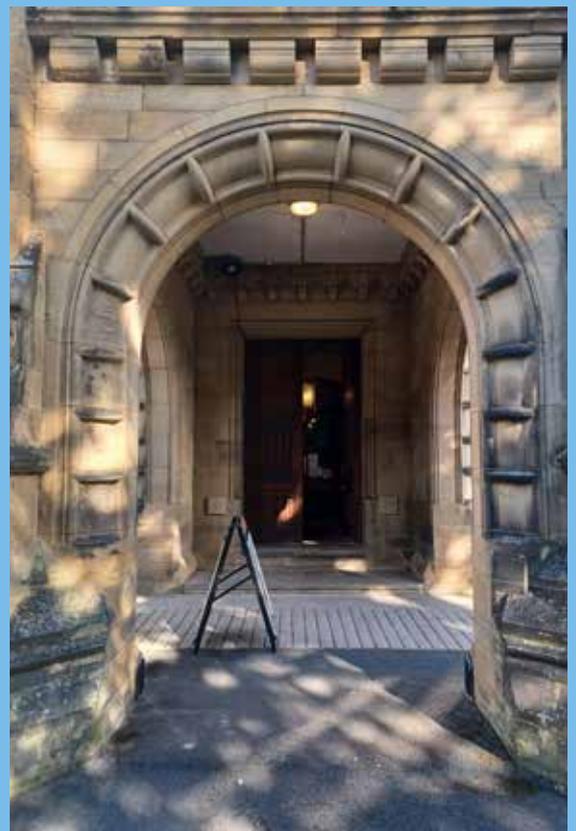
When you arrive

The main entrance is a large wooden door underneath a stone porch. You'll notice a green and gold lamp in a flower bed outside. At reception they can provide a map to orientate you into the galleries.



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The front door is up 3 steps. It is heavy and may need a good push to open it. If you are unable to open it, there is a brass doorbell to the left side of the door.



Inside the porch you'll find another set of smaller wooden doors and then you are inside the museum.



If you would rather avoid the steps, there is a flat entrance to the museum through the Conservatory.



This is the main entrance hallway. Welcome to Cliffe Castle Museum! (see image above)

You may also use the conservatory as a picnic space (see image below).

You will be greeted by a member of our visitor services team. They wear green shirts and black jackets. All staff in the museum wear a blue lanyard (see image below).

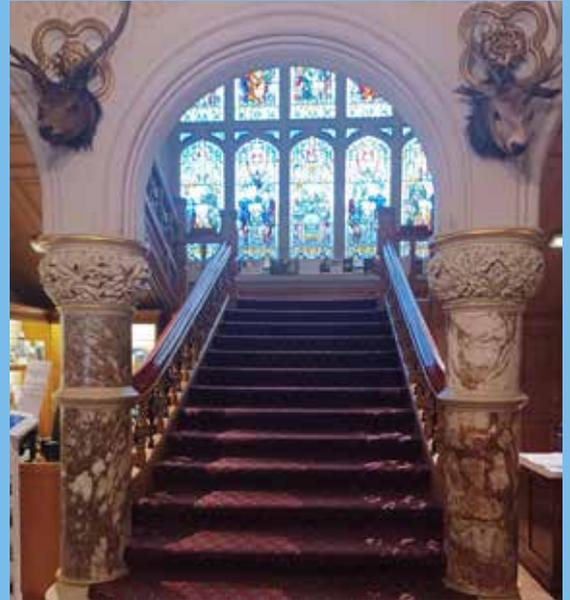


If you have any questions or require assistance, please speak to a visitor assistant.

Assistance dogs are welcome but we ask that they are kept on a lead or harness throughout their visit. Visitor Assistants will check with you if the dog is an assistance dog.



The Museum Shop is located near to the main entrance on your left.



There is a staircase to reach the first floor of the museum. We're sorry, but there is no lift.



Further down the main hallway, you will find Gents Toilets and the Accessible Toilet down a short corridor on the left. The Accessible Toilet is gender neutral and also has baby changing facilities.



The end of the corridor showing the Gents Toilets and the Accessible Toilet and Baby Change (to the right of the photo)



The Ladies Toilets are further down the corridor, to the left in the Airedale Gallery.

Galleries

On the Ground Floor, you will find galleries about...



The history of Cliffe Castle

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Local industries

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Evolution

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Natural History

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Molecules to Minerals

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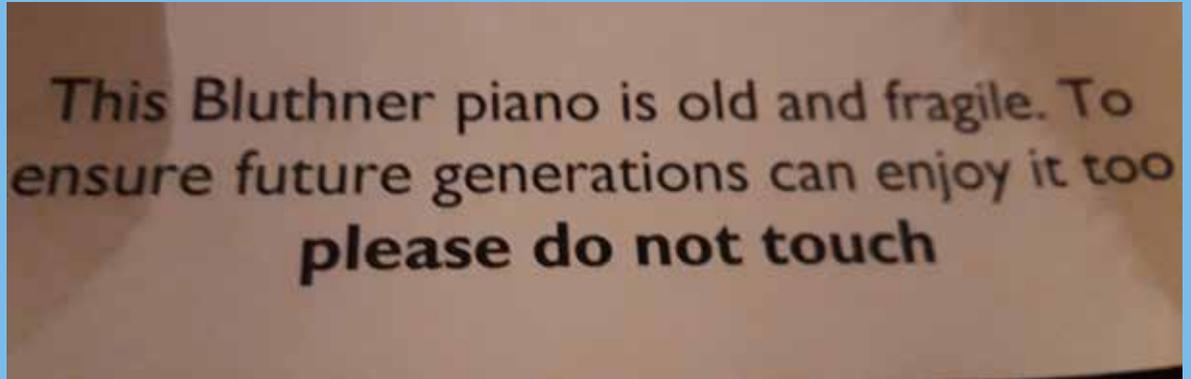


Art

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Some of these galleries have interactive displays.

Please enjoy these and leave them how you'd like to find them. Please be careful not to touch or sit on other items, which may have signs on them.



Some interactive areas make noises like bird songs or hammering. Others may go dark when you enter, like the Fluorescent Rocks.

On the First Floor, you will find galleries about...



William Morris
Stained Glass



Keighley Stories

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Beehive (summer months only)



Bracewell Smith Hall Balcony with changing exhibitions

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Costume displays



Pottery displays

After your visit

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