



Pershore and District Access for all at our Monthly Meetings



Since moving our meetings to the auditorium at Number 8, we have been putting 'reserved' signs onto the first row of seats for members who would otherwise find the steps to the higher rows too challenging. In addition, there is usually space on the first row for friends or family who are accompanying the member with the mobility issue. Occasionally we have to ask the accompanying person to sit behind, one row up.

One of the U3A committee members tries to be at the front of the auditorium ready to assist with finding space for mobility aids. We can even arrange with Number 8 staff to remove seats from the front row in order for wheelchair users to remain in their chairs during the meetings. It would really help us to ensure that the way into, and out of, the auditorium is clear for you if you could let us know that you are likely to be arriving in a wheelchair or mobility scooter. The person to phone is Sue Hindley on 01386 641579. Alternatively speak to Jill Wilson on 07548 164112.

We ask our speakers to use the microphones and try to ensure that the volume is sufficient for everyone to hear what is being said. There is unfortunately no hearing loop system or headset alternative.

Our actions are intended to reflect and support Number 8's Access Statement part of which is as follows:

Wheelchair Access

The ground floor of Number 8 including our foyer and coffee bar area; courtyard room and auditorium are all fully wheelchair accessible. Spaces in the first row of seating in the auditorium (Row A) can be booked for wheelchair users and patrons with mobility problems.

..... we recommend that wheelchair seats are booked in advance, this will help us to allocate adjoining seating for any companions, if required.

If you wish to take your seat unassisted, wheelchairs or scooters may be parked subject to available space. As space is limited, we cannot guarantee indoor parking space for mobility scooters during shows. If you are planning to bring a scooter, please telephone beforehand to let us know and we will do our best to accommodate you. Rain covers are available on request for scooters parked outside.

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