BRADING ROMAN VILLA – ACCESS STATEMENT

Intro

Brading Roman Villa is registered museum that explains Roman farming and the life of the rich. It is in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty with panoramic views of the whole of Sandown Bay and is surrounded by peace and tranquillity. The building was opened in 2005 and was designed to provide safe and easy access for people of all ages and mobility. The whole site is accessible by wheelchair and we have one that you may borrow.

Car parking and arrival

The car park holds a hundred cars and is free. There are three dedicated disabled spaces in the main car park. From this point there is a smooth pavement that rises slightly to the front door 40m from the car park. There are electric doors to gain entry to the front of the building. There are also two disabled spaces at the rear of the building. These are 4m from the rear door that has permanent access ramp. There is a doorbell to notify staff of someone's presence at this door.

Main entrance

The floor throughout the building is level. The floor in the foyer and café is carpeted in the museum there is cedar decking. There is seating available throughout the building. Each disabled person is entitled to free entry for one carer, support worker or personal assistant.

The attraction

The main part of the museum is a third century Roman villa with high quality and well-preserved mosaics. The villa has volunteer guides who offer an introduction to the villa for all of our visitors. Our volunteers have had training in how to support blind and visually impaired visitors. They are capable of adapting what they say and do to meet visitors' needs once they are aware of those needs. They

have an extensive knowledge of Roman Wight and love answering questions. In the Museum the handrail is at a uniform height and can be used to guide visitors around the museum as well as indicating the shape of the rooms. There are sensory models of the villa and the artefacts for visitors to handle. There are seats around the museum for visitors to use and once they have paid they can leave and enter as they chose.

Catering

The café is 10m from the reception desk. Access is through double doors and assistance dogs in harnesses are very welcome. Orders are taken at the counter in the café. Food orders are served to the table and except on the busiest of days, it should be possible for the counter staff to carry drinks to the chosen table as well. The floor is carpeted and the walls have a variety of paintings, these reduce bouncing noise, making the café a more peaceful place for everyone. By the café is a terrace with views of the whole of Sandown Bay. This area can be used by smokers and those visitors with pet dogs. The tables have legs at the corners making them easier for wheelchairs. The disabled toilet is 10m from the café and between the doors to the main toilets. It is 3m by 2m and has fittings standard to a disabled toilet purpose built in 2005.