

Rushden Transport Museum

Access Statement

The museum is housed in the restored Victorian station building of the former Rushden railway station, which was acquired by the Society in 1984. It forms part of the station site with adjacent buildings and running track, which is the setting for the Society's historic vehicles and trains. Regular themed weekend events and heritage train rides are held throughout the year.

The museum collects and preserves items, which are held in trust for the future, that relate to the rail and road transport of Rushden and its development within the surrounding area. The collections are made accessible to the public by permanent displays and a variety of changing displays on specific local themes.

The museum is accessible for wheelchair users up a sloped, tarmac but uneven pathway, and flat level access to the entrance door. There is also Access via twelve steps uneven in places with a handrail to one side.

Due to the historic nature of the vehicles not all vehicles are accessible.

Pre-Arrival

Contacting the museum

- Email: museum@rhts.co.uk
- Our website: <http://www.rhts.co.uk/>

Admission

Admission is free, but donations are gratefully received and appreciated. We welcome feedback to help us continually improve and there is a survey form for this purpose, obtainable on entry with a collection box at the end of your visit.

Arrival at the museum

Rushden Transport Museum is located at:
Rushden Station, Station Approach, Rushden, Northants NN10 0AW.

There is no parking on site, but there is ample town centre parking within ¼ to ½ mile away. Disabled parking may be made available on site by prior arrangement.

Trains: the nearest mainline station is Wellingborough – 5 miles

Buses: Bus services from Northampton and Wellingborough town centre – Stagecoach X46/X47 to Asda store 100 yards from Rushden Station.

Bus Service from Bedford and Kettering – Stagecoach 49/50

Rushden does not have a Shop Mobility scheme and there are no wheelchairs available on site.

Toilets including disabled access and baby changing facilities are available on site.

Assistance dogs are welcome, and water bowls are available on request.

Main Entrance

The Parcel Office entrance provides your first contact with our volunteers, who will be happy to assist you in your visit.

Once inside the Museum, all our rooms are fully accessible by wheel chair, but not as a through route.

Seats are available on the platform and a chair in each room is for public use.

Information on the displays and exhibits is clear and a large font option is available.

In the case of an evacuation

In the case of an evacuation volunteers will specifically seek out any visitors who need assistance, and give them extra support in leaving the building.

The assembly points are on the tarmac area near the yard gates and line crossing; if obstructed outside the Goods Shed.

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Public WCs

There is a ladies toilet, suitable for disabled visitors and a gents toilet at the end of the platform past the bar. There is an additional ladies toilet in the bar.

Café

The Buffet car is available on running days, serving hot and cold drinks light snacks and homemade cakes. There is no disabled access because of the step up from the platform, but there are picnic benches outside. The High St has several cafés within walking distance and Asda café is nearby for non-running days.

Shop

The Society shop – “Buffer Stop Shop” – is located at the end of the platform after the bar, this is fully manned on running days. It is accessible to wheel chair users.

Contact Information

Address:

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Website: <http://www.rhts.co.uk/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Rushdenrailwaystation>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/RushdenTM>

Hours of operation

Saturday & Sunday 14.00 to 16.00 (last admission 15.40) April to October
Running Days 11.00 to 16.30 (last admission 16.15)
Groups by prior arrangement, at any other agreed time.