

The Arts Society Sevenoaks



Booking Form

Tour of Belmont House, Faversham

Wednesday 17th April, 2024

Please complete the following:

Name(s):

Address and email if not a member of the Arts Society Sevenoaks:

Mobile Telephone Number:

Contact in Emergency:

Any Access Requirements? YES/NO. Please specify:

Would you mind being photographed for publicity purposes? YES/NO

The charge will be £48 per person for Members of the Arts Society. There is a supplement of £5 for non-Members. Bookings required by 14th March 2024.

Please pay by BACS to The Arts Society Sevenoaks, NatWest, sort code 54-21-25, reference *Belmont* + surname, account 25959433, and return this completed form by email to outings.sevenoaksartssoc@gmail.com

Alternatively send the completed form and cheque, payable to The Arts Society Sevenoaks, to Dr A C Pembroke, 28 Dartford Road, Sevenoaks TN13 3TQ. Please ring 01732 450197 or 07746 339920 if you have any queries.

We regret that no cancellations can be refunded after 14th March unless another person can replace them from the waiting list.

Access Information from the Belmont House website

The car park is approximately 80m from the entrance to the courtyard, down a drive with a tarmac surface. From the car park, walk across the drive, which is in use at all times, and down a very slight slope towards the courtyard. There are raised cobblestones at some points.

Carrying on down the walk towards the courtyard, on your right hand side is a gravel path, signed “Orangery and House Entrance”, this leads around to the front of the House, where the Guided Tours start.

The courtyard is partially lawned with tarmac areas, there are also uneven cobblestones to the front of the Tea Room, which is located under the Clock Tower. These are uneven and can be slippery when wet.

The Tea Room is a converted stable and is furnished with wooden tables and benches. These are quite low. The floor is the original small stone cobbles and can be uneven in places, there is a small stone lip at the threshold. There are 6 tables in the old stalls. There is a warm air heater above the door to provide thermostatically controlled comfort heat.

There is also a unisex disabled toilet. There is no alarm call system.

The floor of the passage to the toilets is tile and can become slippery when wet.

Tours start outside the House, on the Orangery side, accessed via the gravel walk around the side of the House. The Tours are accompanied by a Guide at all times. When the Tour moves inside, this is via the Orangery itself, accessed via two wide and very shallow stone steps, over a wooden raised lip and down two further stone steps, the second of which is deeper than the first. The floor of the Orangery is stone flagged and can be uneven in places. For wheelchairs we have an access ramp that can be placed on the external stone steps, enabling entrance to the House via the original front door – please ask staff for assistance.

The Tour then proceeds to the main House, where the stone floor of the hallway has a runner of carpet throughout. The rooms have polished wood floors, with some parts carpeted or a felt drugget over.

There are small, lightweight, folding stools available to carry into the main house, enabling visitors to sit.

There are 3 main rooms on the ground floor, accessed via the ground floor corridor, the doors are an average of 106cm wide. There is one set of internal double doors.

There is a large staircase to the first floor, in 3 sections. This has, respectively, 5, 11 and 14 shallow steps that are 130cm wide and 16cm deep, carpeted, with a banister to the left hand side. There is no lift access to the first floor.