

Access Statement for Yarndale

We welcome everyone to Yarndale equally regardless of their physical, sensory or mental capacity. We are clear about the venue and the limitations this has for the show.

We aim to provide an excellent service within these limitations and strive to improve so that as many people as possible can enjoy their visit to our weekend wool show at Skipton Auction Mart.

This access statement does not contain personal opinions regarding suitability for those with disabilities / access requirements, but aims to accurately describe the facilities and services that we offer for all our visitors.

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We currently offer:

Pre-Show Weekend

- A comprehensive website
- Contact by [contact form](#)
- Scooters and wheelchairs can be booked in advance from [Affordable Mobility](#) in the town centre. They are not available to hire at the show
- Nearest train station is Skipton, approximately 1.5 miles from the venue by road, approximately 1 mile via pedestrian route through Aireville Park
- Free tickets are available for essential companions carers accompanying visitors requiring support
- Visitors with disabilities are encouraged to seek advice and assistance to help plan their trip. There is lots of information on our website and most queries can be answered here. If you still have queries and need help planning your visit please contact info@yarndale.co.uk

Arrival and Car Parking Facilities

- Free bus service from Skipton train station
- Free bus service from Skipton Rotary Charity Car Park on The Bailey, BD23 1AP
- Vehicular routes carry yellow advance directional signs
- Designated blue-badge accessible parking in an area in close proximity to the Wharfedale entrance. It is provided on a first come, first served basis. Please follow signage and ask Parking Stewards for directions
- 6 designated blue-badge accessible spaces at the Littondale Entrance. It is provided on a first come, first served basis
- Car parks clearly marked with free parking at the venue
- Parking Stewards on hand to assist
- Parking is free at the venue
- Drop-off point

- Toilets close to both car parks, close to the accessible parking, leading to both entrances

Wharfedale and Littondale Entrance

- Tickets are available in advance from [our website](#). Tickets can be bought at the doors later in the day. Cash and credit cards accepted
- Show plans around the site
- Show Guides, which include the programme and plan with toilets and seating clearly indicated, free on entry for all visitors
- Toilets, including accessible toilets and hand wash facilities are in close proximity to both entrances

Exit:

- Exits are clearly marked close to the Littondale and Wharfedale Entrances
- Exit at the Wharfedale is level via ramps
- There is one step at the Littondale Exit. Level, step free egress is via the Littondale Entrance
- A wristband is required for re-entry. Please show your ticket at the Exit to get a wristband for re-entry to the show

General:

- The show is held in a working auction mart. The ground both outside and within the venue is uneven in places including ridged concrete in many areas. The venue is on a slight slope. There are drainage runnels alongside some pens. Please take care
- The main walkways to the entrances are wide with a mix of tarmac and concrete surfaces
- Within the mart the walkways are wide level concrete surfaces with ridged concrete in most areas. There are drainage runnels alongside some stands
- Seating is provided throughout the venue offering the opportunity for those less able to sit down
- First Aid point
- Meeting point
- Food and drinks available at several points around the show: outside the Littondale Entrance, in the Café and in The Lairage
- Visitors are also welcome to bring picnics
- Water station to refill water bottles in The Gather
- Litter bins strategically sited throughout the venue
- Assistance dogs welcome, must be on a lead/harness at all times
- Dog water bowls are beside the water station table in The Gather
- A bag crèche is provided by Oxfam (I37-40) so that visitors can leave their bags & coats for a small charge while they look around the show
- The Yarndale team, identified in green tee-shirts, and security team identified in black and white uniform are on duty throughout the venue and happy to offer assistance

Additional venue notes:

- Workshop Theatres 1 & 2 are close to the Littondale Entrance just off the main pen area where the exhibitor stands are. There is level access from several entrances. The flooring is concrete, it is uneven and with ridged concrete in most areas. Access to the workshop area in the centre of the pen area is level and is for ticketed workshop participants only. There is additional seating in tiers around the ring with stepped access.
- Workshop Theatre 3 is in the Lingfields Ring in the centre of the pen area. Access is level via a wide shuttered doorway. There is a slight slope. Access to this area is for ticketed workshop participants only
- Talks are in the Yarndale Theatre in the centre of the pen area. The entrance is via a single doorway and up two steps. There is a handrail to assist. A ramp is provided on one side for wheelchair access. The Yarndale team are on hand to assist
- The Café is just off the main pen area close to the Littondale Entrance. There is level access and flooring is smooth tiles. It has single width doors at the entrance and exit. This area has freestanding tables and chairs. Chairs can be moved to make room for wheelchairs
- The Lairage is just off the main pen area with a wide entrance from the central walkway. The flooring is concrete and ridged in most areas. There is a small concrete bund at the main entrance and central exit. The team are on hand to assist if needed. There is level access/egress at the doorway close to the Wharfedale Entrance. This area has freestanding tables and chairs. Chairs can be moved to make room for wheelchairs
- All indoor public areas are No Smoking and No Vaping. There is a dedicated smoking area outside the Littondale Entrance

Toilets:

- There are toilets and accessible toilets outside both entrances. They are unisex portaloos with both hand gel and handwash facilities all accessed at ground level
- There are two unisex accessible toilets and babychange facilities inside the Littondale entrance with hot handwashing facilities
- There are no Changing Places toilets at Skipton Auction Mart however the nearest facility can be found at Craven Swimming Pool & Fitness Centre, Gargrave Road, Skipton, BD23 1UD which is 0.17 miles from the venue

Planning:

- Information boards with show plans and exhibitor listing placed around the venue
- Showplans included within the Show Guide given to visitors on entry to the show

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