Elizabeth Gaskell's House



VISUAL STORY

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Elizabeth Gaskell’s House is a large cream-coloured building with a small porch at the front.

It has a garden with lots of trees and flowers in it.

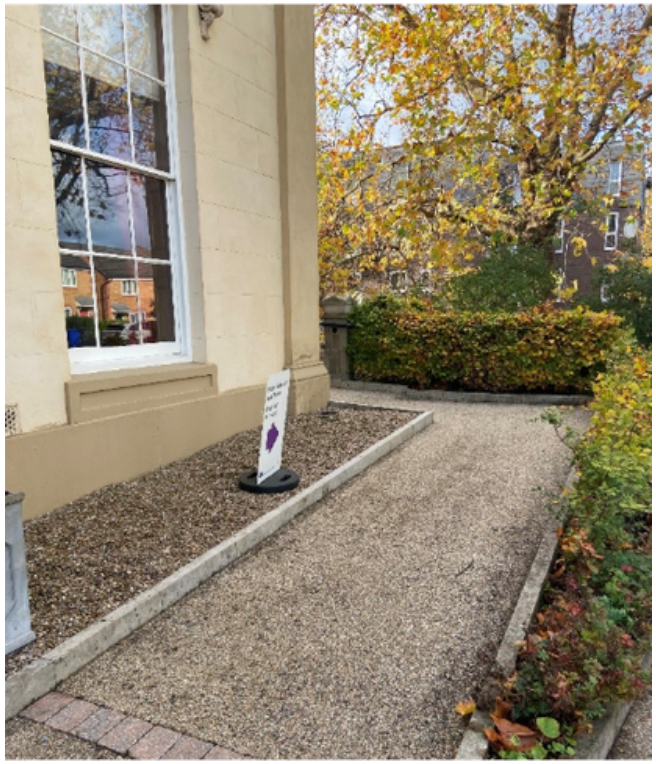
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There are three ways to access the House.

Gate 1 – Walking towards the House from the right (On Plymouth Grove).







This is the path to the Main Entrance and the ramp leading to our Accessible Entrance.

It is slightly sloped.

The start of the ramp is to the right of the Main Entrance.

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This is the accessible entrance. There is a handled ramp leading up to the door. There is an intercom to the left of the doorbell. If you ring this, someone will answer and then let you in.

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Through Gate 1: Entrance to Accessible carpark







This is the entrance to our accessible car park.
Please call in advance to secure a parking spot.
Turn right as you drive through the gates and it will take you down a slightly sloped path. Park on the left in front of the bins.

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Gate 2 – Walking towards the House from the left (On Plymouth Grove).





This is the path to the Main Entrance.

It is slightly sloped.

Gate 3 – Walking towards the House (on Swinton Grove).







This gate is also the entrance to the staff carpark.

Follow the path on the right to the entrance of the House.

There are purple arrows to guide you.





This is the main Hallway in the House. There will be someone at the front desk to welcome you, and they will have a purple lanyard on. They will either check you in with your pre-booked tickets or help you buy tickets.
There is a hearing loop on our front desk.

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This is the Morning Room, where you will start your visit.
There are chairs you can sit down on. There are books, and other objects behind glass for you to look at. There is also a short film, and there is a quiet song playing on a loop.

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This is the Study, which is the second room you visit. There will be a volunteer in here who can provide you with information.

There are chairs you can sit down on. You can touch the books on the shelf. The box on the shelf that says 'open me', plays a song when you open it.



This is the Drawing Room, which is the third room you visit.
There will be a volunteer in here who can provide you with information.
There are chairs you can sit down on.

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This is the Dining Room, which is the fourth room on your visit.
There will be a volunteer in here who can provide you with information.
There are chairs you can sit down on.
The box on the table that says 'open me', makes a noise that sounds like writing when you open it.



This is the main staircase which leads up to our two exhibition rooms and Elizabeth's bedroom. We also have a lift that can take you to each floor.

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This is the landing at the top of the staircase. There is a table with books on by the railing.

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This is the first exhibition room, which has temporary exhibitions in it. This may look different on different visits, but the timeline and display cases will still be there.

There are chairs for you to sit on.

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This is the Brontë room. This may have other exhibits in. On the dressing table, there are some labelled drawers that when you open them, will make a noise.

There are chairs for you to sit on.

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This is Elizabeth's bedroom.
There will be a volunteer in here who can provide you with information.
This will be the last room on your visit.



The corridor outside Elizabeth's bedroom has information panels on the wall. This corridor leads to the upstairs toilets, the staircase, and the lift.

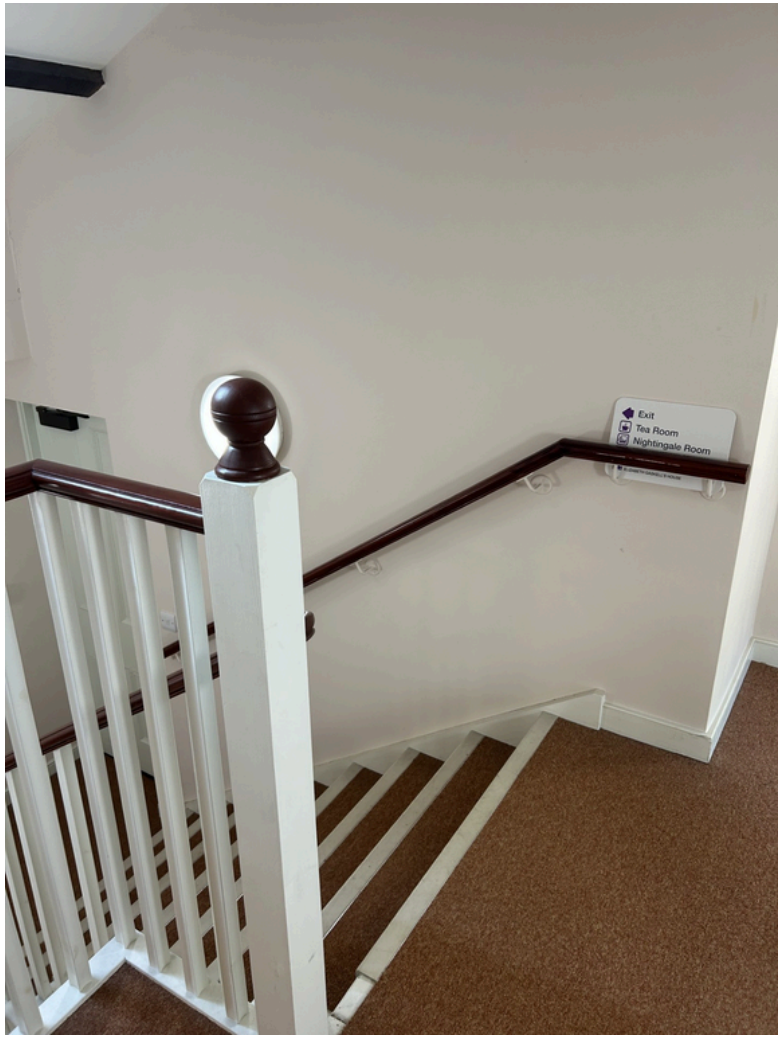






There are two upstairs toilets, including an accessible toilet. These toilets have automatic hand driers in them.
Opposite the toilets, there is a lift which can take you down to the basement to continue your visit. There are also stairs which will take you to the basement.

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These are the stairs that lead to the basement, where we have our Servant’s Hall, our Tea room, and the exit. There is signage pointing you in the right direction.



This is the Servants Hall.
There are tables and chairs to sit at. Sometimes, there might be crafts for you to do.
There are also bookcases around the room with second-hand books on which you can buy.

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This is the Tea Room and Gift Shop. We have hearing loop at the till.
You can buy hot and cold drinks, and a variety of snacks.
There are chairs to sit on, and we have highchairs too.
Around the room are the shop displays.
You can buy books, gifts, and other items.







There are visitor toilets on the lower ground floor, including baby changing facilities and an accessible toilet.

The toilets have automatic hand driers in.

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The exit from the House is on the lower ground floor.

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