

## Access information for visitors



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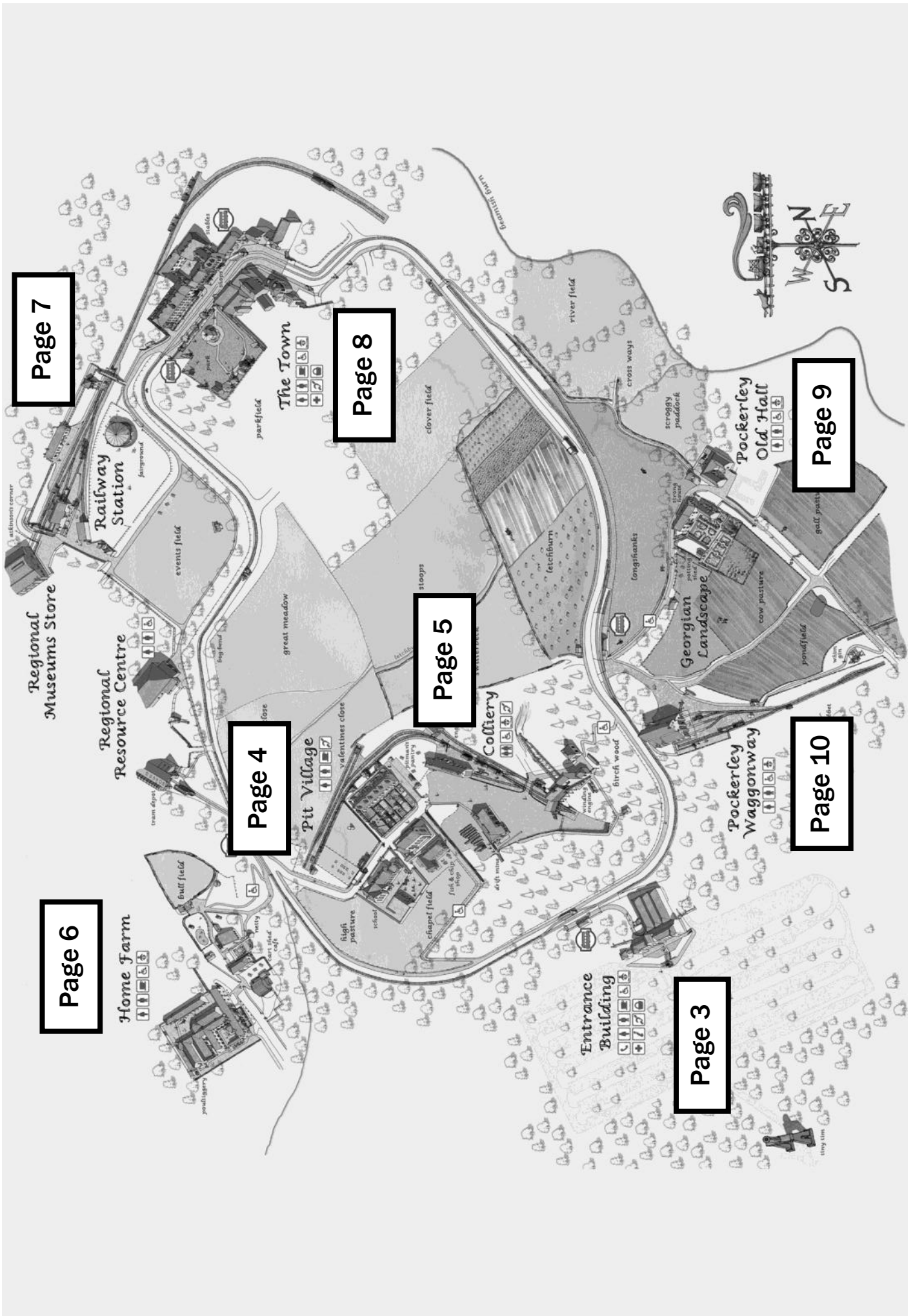
Period buses and trams operate in a continuous loop around the site every 20 minutes (approx.). There are stops in every area.

The steps onto the trams and buses are very steep.

There is an Accessible Bus, with tail lift. The bus can securely carry 4 wheelchairs.

Please note the Accessible Bus is not able to securely anchor and transport motorised scooters. A weight restriction also applies to the use of the lift. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Our historic vehicles can store folded wheelchairs and folded pushchairs, although space is limited.



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# Entrance Building



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Access to the Museum site is from the rear of the Entrance Building via a winding, downward sloping path to the tram stop.

A second path with rest points and with an upward incline starting at the tram stop, leads to the exit from the Museum.



Unisex accessible toilets, baby and adult changing facilities also available.

# Pit Village



1



The Pit Cottages are accessible via level paths with a small step at the rear.

2



The Chapel is accessible via an entrance to the rear of the building.

3



Davy's Fish shop is accessed by a loose gravel surface from the Pit Village. Access to the shop is level. There is a small step into the dining area.

4



The School is accessible via an entrance to the side of the building and at the rear.

Photo packs of the interiors of the buildings are available. Please ask a member of staff if you would like to view them.

There are two accessible paths into the Village, leading from the Tram stop and through the woods from Pockerley.

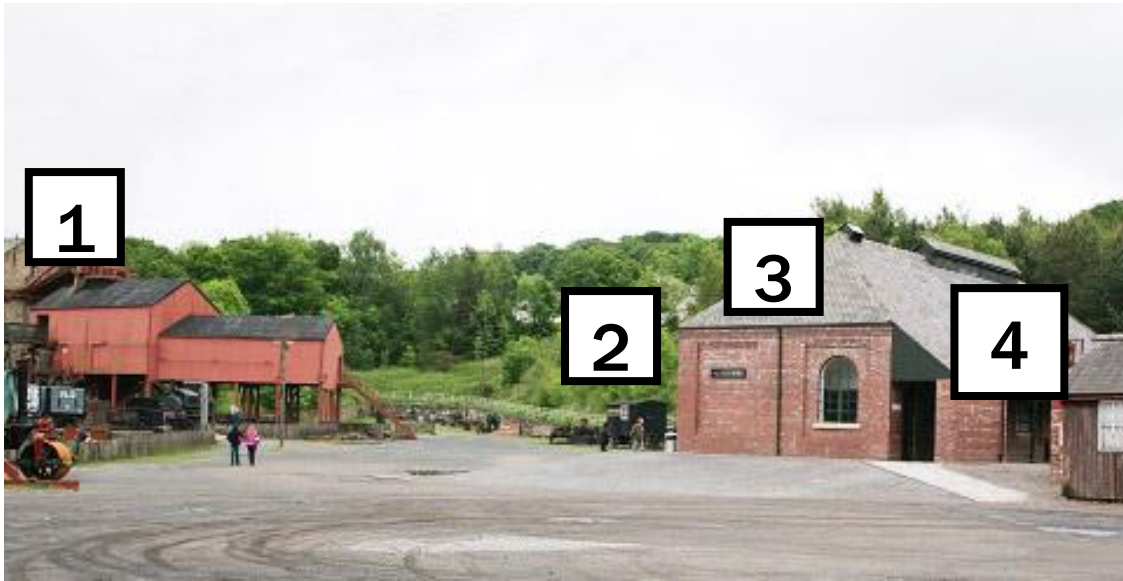


Accessible toilets are available at Davy's Fish Shop and the Lamp Cabin nearby in the Colliery Yard where there is also baby changing facilities .



Hearing Loops are placed in most of the buildings.

# The Colliery Yard



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Access to Engine House is via a steep ramp or by steps.

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A long sloping path leading through the woods to Pockerley can be accessed from behind the Lamp Cabin. A shorter path accessed to the left of the Engine House may be closed during some Colliery events.

3



The Lamp Cabin is accessible via a sloping paved walkway from bus stop in the Pit Village.

4



The Drift Mine is not suitable for wheelchair users who cannot alight from their chair. Light levels may not be suitable for those with visual impairments. Photo packs are available for viewing at The Lamp Cabin.



Accessible toilets and baby changing facilities are available at The Lamp Cabin.



The Drift Mine has a hearing loop in place.

# Home Farm



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A long sloping path with rest points is a short walk from the tram stop.

2



A short steep slope to the Cart Shed or longer sloping path to duck pond provide alternative access to Home Farm.

3



The Cart Shed has a gravel stone picnic area.

4



Accessible path round into the Farm Yards and into the Kitchen.



Accessible toilet are located to the rear of the Cart Shed.

# Railway Station & Fairground



At the present time, the Train carriages are not accessible to Wheelchairs users.

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Rowley Station is a short walk from the Town crossing a footbridge which has steps on the station side.

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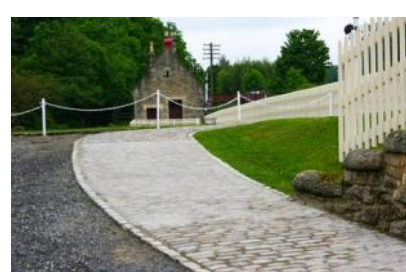
Wheelchair users can gain access to the Station via a long path through the Fairground and the Station Yard. The surfaces of the path are varied.

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A section of railway track is crossed to reach the cobbled path to the platform.

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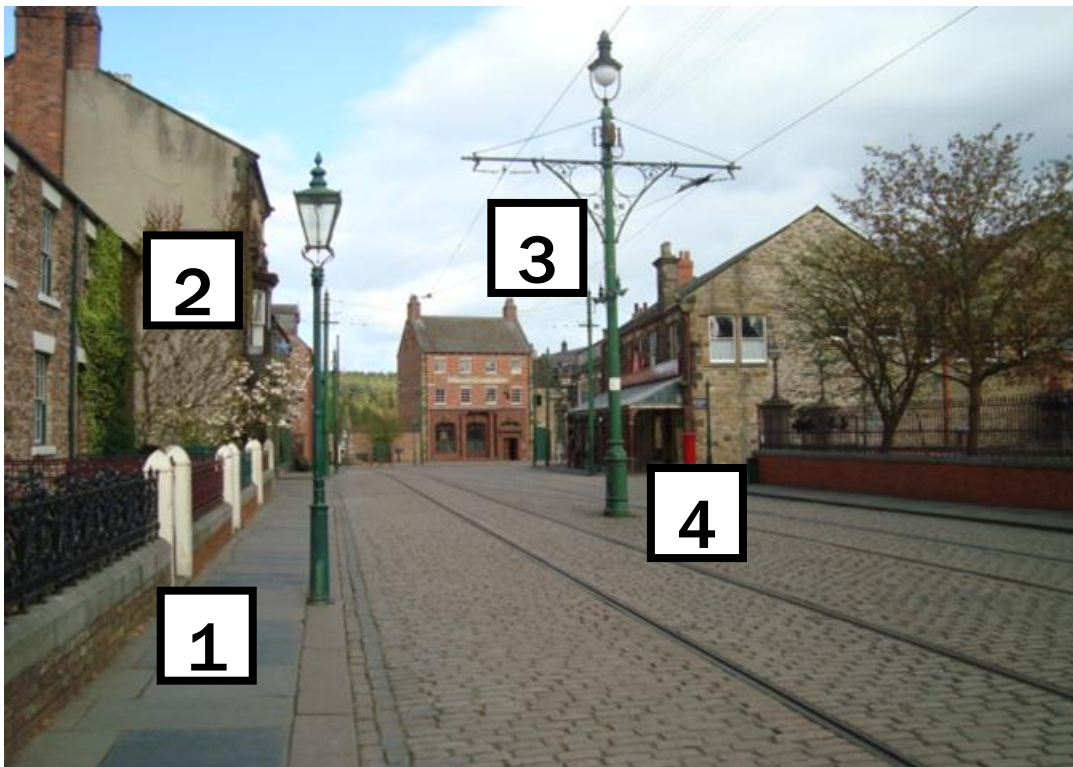


The cobbled path is on an uphill gradient, but a short walk to the platform.



The nearest accessible toilet facilities are located in the Town. Please allow time for the length of walk back to the Town.

# The Town



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Stepped access into terraced houses (photo packs of the interiors are available for viewing).

2



Accessible entrance to the Sweet Shop at the side of building.

3



Accessible entrance to Masonic Hall and Upper Bank Room via lift from street level.

4



Flat level entry to Co-op Hardware Department only (photo packs are available for viewing).



Accessible toilets are available in the Tea Rooms, Masonic Hall & Tram Shelter. The Tea Rooms are accessed via a ramp in the Park next to the Co-op.



In most exhibits.



# Pockerley Old Hall



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Long, steep sloped path from Pockerley Tram stop to Pockerley Old Hall. There are many rest points.

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Access is flat and level around the garden.

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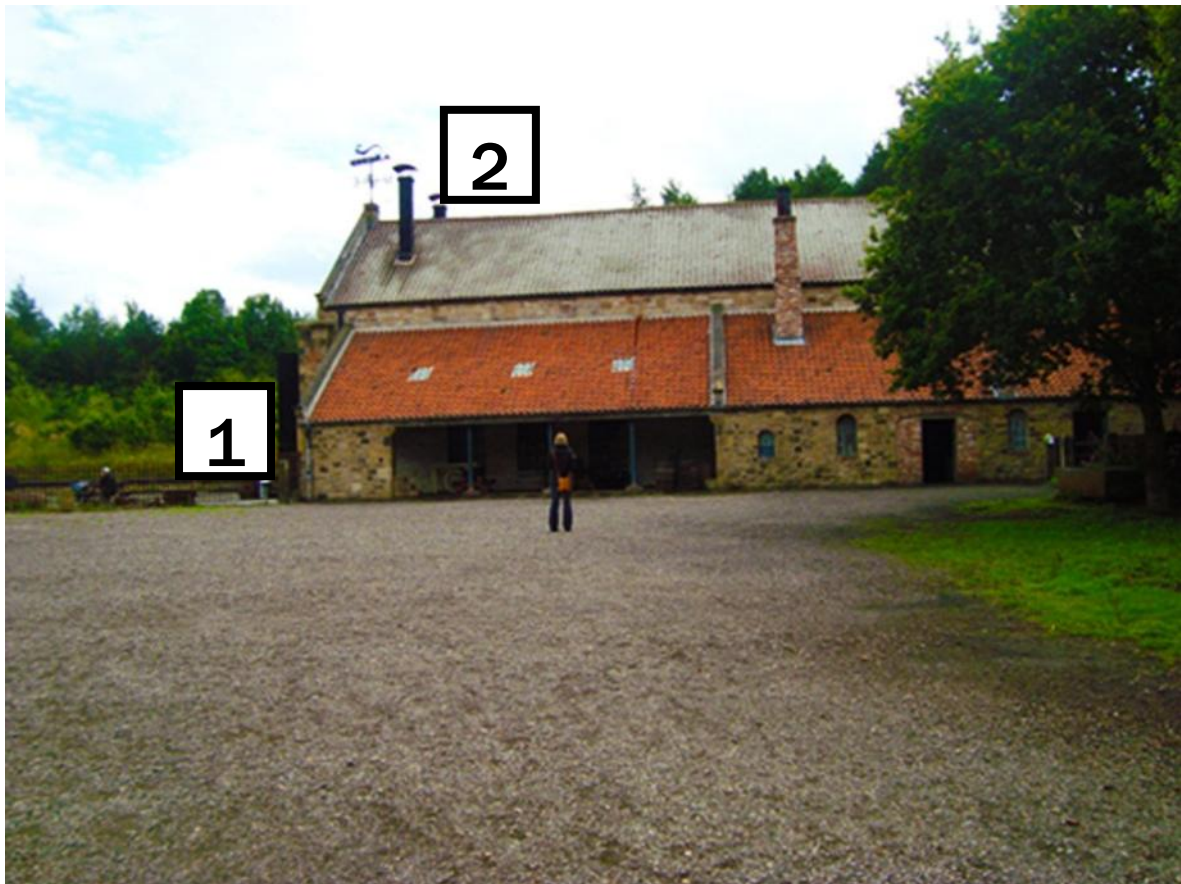


Access to the Old Hall is gained from the Scullery at rear of building. Photo packs are available for viewing.



Accessible toilets and baby changing facilities are located at the rear of the building via a flat and level path.

# Pockerley Waggonway



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2



The platform is reached via an accessible path which passes around the front of the Engine Shed.

One carriage is wheelchair accessible.



Accessible toilets are available. The nearest baby changing facilities are located at Pockerley Old Hall.

## Getting around and Distances

Visitors are welcome to use personal motorised scooters to help them get around the Museum. These should be used along pedestrian routes with due care for pedestrians. As Beamish is a large open air Museum we encourage visitors to fully charge their scooters before arriving at the Museum, as you could expect to cover up to 3 miles during a visit. Routes through the Museum are of varying gradients, the steepest of which is 1 in 16 (6.25%).

The Accessible Bus can securely carry up to 4 wheelchair users. If you require a wheelchair to help you access the Museum these are available from the Main Entrance and can be pre-booked or on a first come first served basis.

### Walking distances (from Entrance Building):

To the Town – 1091 yards / 998 metres (12 minutes)

To the Pit Village / Colliery – 440 yards / 402 metres (5 minutes)

To Pockerley Old Hall – 616 yards / 563 metres (8 minutes)

To Home Farm – 774 yards / 707 metres (9 minutes)



## Accessible Toilets and Adult & Baby Changing Facilities

There are accessible toilets and baby and adult changing facilities in the following areas:

**The Entrance Building** – Unisex accessible toilets, baby and adult changing facilities also available

**The Town** - Unisex accessible toilets in Masonic Hall. Accessible toilets and baby changing facilities in Tram shelter. Accessible Toilets in the Tea Rooms.

**Pockerley Old Hall** - Accessible toilets and baby changing facilities

**Pockerley Waggonway** - Accessible toilets only

**Home Farm (The Cart Shed)** - Accessible toilets only

**The Pit Village** - Accessible toilet in Davy's Fish & Chip Shop

**Colliery Yard** - Accessible toilets and baby changing facilities in Lamp Cabin

**Regional Resource Centre** - Accessible toilets only



## Refreshments

**Coffee Shop** – Entrance Building, hot and cold food and drinks, ground floor access.

**Tea Rooms** – In the Town above the Co-op, hot and cold food and drinks, access by a ramp from the Park.

**Sun Inn** – In the Town, a working pub serving alcoholic and soft drinks, hot drinks and snacks also available, ground floor access.

**The Cart Shed** – Opposite Home Farm, hot and cold food and drinks, ground floor access and picnic tables available.

**The Pitman's Pantry** – In the Pit Village, hot and cold drinks and snacks, ground floor access and picnic tables available.

**Davy's Fish Shop** – In the Pit Village, traditional coal fired fish & chip shop, selling and demonstrating takeaway fish & chips, ground floor access with indoor seating area.

There is accessible cutlery available in both the Coffee Shop and the Tea Rooms.

## Museum Staff

If you have any questions while onsite, please speak to a member of Museum Staff who will be able to assist with your enquiries.

## Contact

If you would like to provide feedback please contact us at:  
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