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ACCESSIBILITY GUIDE

30th JANUARY – 1st FEBRUARY 2026,
PONDS FORGE INTERNATIONAL
SPORTS CENTRE

Lighting and Music

- There is a noticeable brightness in the lighting above the Diving pool.
- The spectator seating areas are moderately darker, though the Diving pool remains clearly visible.
- There will be loud music played at various points throughout sessions.

Assistance Dogs

- We welcome assistance dogs to our events.

Accessible Seating

- When purchasing an accessible seating ticket, a complimentary companion seat will be included.

Parking

Q-Park Castlegate – Event Car Park

- There are twenty-two accessible parking bays available.
- As well as Q-Park customer care, members of [Disabled Motoring UK \(DMUK\)](#) can receive discounts at Q-Park car parks. DMUK is the campaigning charity for Blue Badge holders, disabled motorists, wheelchair, and scooter users.
- Please note that the standard tariff for parking applies to disabled parking and the Blue Badge scheme does not apply.

Venue: Ponds Forge International Sports Centre

Outside Access (Main Entrance)

- This information is for the entrance located at the front of the building.
- There is level access into the venue.
- The main door(s) open(s) automatically (away from you).
- The automatic doors are push-pad activated.
- The door(s) is / are double.
- The width of the door opening is 145cm (4ft 9in).

Main Reception

- The desk/counter is 20m (21yd 2ft) from the main entrance.
- There is level access to the desk/counter from the entrance.
- The desk/counter is high (110cm+).
- The desk/counter does not have a low (76cm or lower) section.
- The lighting levels are bright.
- There is a hearing assistance system.
- The hearing system is available only on request.
- The type of system is a fixed loop.
- Staff are trained to use the system.

Inside Access

- There is level access to the service.
- This venue does play background music.
- Music is played throughout the venue.
- Motorised scooters are welcomed in public parts of the venue.
- The lighting levels are varied.

Other Floors (Steps)

- The floors which are accessible by stairs are G-1-2.
- There are 15+ steps between floors.
- The steps are clearly marked.
- The steps are medium (11cm - 17cm).

- The steps do have handrails.
- The steps have a handrail on both sides.
- There is a landing.
- The lighting levels are medium.

Toilet with adaptations

For information on all accessible toilets and toilets with adaptations please visit [here](#).

Lift (Café)

- There is a lift for public use.
- The lift is located to the right of the cafe.
- The lift is a standard lift.
- The floors which are accessible by this lift are G-1-2.
- The lift is 50m (54yd 2ft) from the main entrance.
- Staff do not need to be notified for use of the lift.
- The clear door width is 75cm (2ft 6in).
- The dimensions of the lift are 105cm x 205cm (3ft 5in x 6ft 9in).
- There are not separate entry and exit doors in the lift.
- There is a mirror to aid reversing out of the lift.
- The lift does have a visual floor indicator.
- The lift does have an audible announcer.
- The controls for the lift are within 120cm from the floor.
- The lift does not have Braille markings.
- The lift does have tactile markings.
- The lighting level in the lift is medium.

Eating and Drinking (Venue Café)

- The following information is for the cafe.
- The cafe is in the main foyer area.
- Full table service is not available.
- Food or drinks are ordered from the service counter.
- Food or drinks can be brought to the table.
- There is not a lowered section at the counter.
- No tables are permanently fixed.
- No chairs are permanently fixed.
- Some chairs have armrests.
- The nearest table is approximately 50m (54yd 2ft) from the main entrance.
- The distance between the floor and the lowest table is 55cm (1ft 10in).
- The distance between the floor and the highest table is 75cm (2ft 6in).
- There is ample room for a wheelchair user to manoeuvre.
- Takeaway cutlery is available.
- Drinking straws are available.
- Menus are wall only.
- Menus are not available in Braille.
- Menus are not available in large print.
- Picture menus are not available.
- Menus are clearly written.
- Menus are presented in contrasting colours.

- The type of food served here is hot and cold meals and snacks.

Additional Information

- Documents are not available in Braille.
- Documents are not available in large print.
- A bowl of water can be provided for an assistance dog.
- A member of staff trained in BSL skills is not normally on duty.
- This service cannot be requested.

For further accessibility information for Ponds Forge International Sports Centre, please visit [here](#).

Sheffield Event

Please note that on the date below, the following event are also taking place at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre so certain areas may be busier than usual.

| Event | Date | Location | Time |
|--|--------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Kyu Grade, Children's & Veterans Championships | 31 st January | Ponds Forge | 09:00 – 17:00 |

Questions and Feedback

If you have any questions and/or feedback you would like to give, please don't hesitate to contact us at british.events@aquaticsgb.com