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# Getting to us

**This guide provides travel information for Collingwood College and IPPP. For events taking place in the Lower Mount Joy Campus the exact end point of walking routes will not be correct but should be amended but the rest of the route is accurate and Lower Mount Joy is step free outside buildings. Navigation guides for other accommodation is not available yet but can be requested**

[All physics floor plan \(full colour\)](#)

[Rochester and Ogden Centre East floor plans \(black and white\)](#)

## Car

The main motorway into Durham is the A1(M), from there take the A690 (Sunderland/Durham/Consett exit then New Elvet exit) and follow the road to the Hollingside lane turn on South Road for Collingwood College. There is car parking at Collingwood (see [accessibility guide](#) for more info on parking).

The physics building does not usually have any parking spots available. Dropping off is permitted.

[Driving route](#)

## Train

Durham station is located on the East Coast mainline and has fast connections to Edinburgh and London. South bound trains arrive/depart from platform 1 and north bound ones from platform 2. Below we provide directions from the train station to the Rochester building and Collingwood (bus, walking and taxi)

## Bus

There is a direct bus from the railway station to Rochester Building (there is a 5 minute walk from New Inn – Church Street to Rochester building following walking directions)

- 42 - Durham Railway Station to Mount Oswald. Board at railway station (exit station platform 1); alight at New Inn Church Street. Buses every 30 minutes starting at 7:40 (last bus departs railway station at 17:40). Length of Journey 8 minutes

It is also possible to get 2 buses to get from Railway station to Rochester Building (short walk from New Inn – Church Street to Rochester building following walking directions)

- Durham Cathedral bus 40 (railway station to Cathedral). Board at railway station (exit station platform 1); alight at Leazes Road - Underpass Stand A. Buses every 20 minutes starting at 9:57 (last bus departs railway station at 17:17). Length of journey 6 minutes
- Buses 6, X12, 41, 42, 56, 58, 59 PR2 Park & Ride. Board at Leazes Road - Underpass Stand A; alight at New Inn Church Street. Buses roughly every 5 minutes. Length of journey 5-10 minutes depending on traffic

There is a direct bus from Rochester building to railway station (including a walk from Rochester building to New Inn - Church Street)

- 42 - Mount Oswald to Durham Railway Station. Board at New Inn Church Street; alight at railway station. Buses every 30 minutes starting at 7:28 (last bus departs New Inn - Church Street at 17:28). Length of Journey 8 minutes

There are also 2 buses to get from Rochester building to Railway station (walk from Rochester building to New Inn - Church street)

- Buses 6, X12, 41, 42, 56, 58, 59 PR2 Park & Ride board at Church Street New Inn; alight at Leazes Road - Millburngate Bridge. Buses roughly every 5 minutes. Length of journey 5-10 minutes depending on traffic

- Durham Cathedral bus 40 (Cathedral to railway station). Board at Leazes Road Millburngate bridge; alight at railway station). Buses every 20 minutes starting at 10:00 (last bus departs Millburngate bridge at 17:20). Length of journey 6 minutes

For Collingwood College use South Road Colleges stop on 6, 42 (walk back down South Road and turn right onto Hollingside Lane (then following road to Collingwood)) or walk up South Road (follow Rochester to Collingwood walking directions from South Road/Loverose way) and turn left onto Hollingside Lane

## Walking

We have provided some suggested walking routes from the railway station to the Rochester Building and Collingwood College. If you require a walking route without stairs or cobbles (or are worried you might get lost) you should follow the routes marked accessible. The other two routes are slightly quicker and more scenic but also have steeper inclines in general, they also follow pedestrian footpaths that are not always clearly marked.

### [Station to Collingwood \(accessible\)](#)

- This route only involves drop curbs and most of those have tactile paving
- The route information for drop curbs/tactile paving is collected below in the Station to Rochester route and Rochester to Collingwood

### [Station to Collingwood \(via Pimlico\)](#)

### [Station to Rochester \(accessible\)](#)

- The following route has drop curbs for the whole way:
  - Walk on the left side of the road after leaving the station (to cross the entrance to the station car park there is a speed bump between the two pavements, the crossing is flat but with no tactile paving). At the end of Station Approach, cross to the right side of the road (this is the same side as Alishaan). There are drop curbs all the way from here to

Collingwood. There is a drop curb crossing over a very quiet road after Alishaan with no tactile paving. The paving on Church street is uneven

- Please note, there is a sloped route that takes you to the level of Market Place and back down again. It is possible to just walk on the pavement alongside the road. There are drop curbs but the one with tactile paving takes you up the slope

[Station to Rochester \(via river\)](#)

[Rochester to Collingwood \(accessible\)](#)

- From the Loverose way walk on the left hand side of South Road(same side as the Rochester building). There are drop curbs and tactile paving from here to the turning off Hollingside Lane, after this point it is best to walk on the road which is seldom used

## Taxi

Below we provide wheelchair accessible taxi numbers

- [Lenny's taxis](#) 01913779299 (also bookable through an online form)
- [Pratts Taxi Service](#) 0191 386 4040
- [Stanley taxis](#) 0191 306 0606
- [A full list of wheelchair accessible taxis \(and contact info\) in Durham County as of July 2024](#)

Uber also operates in Durham

## Accessibility information for venues

**This is currently the full list of all venues we have gathered information on, further information can be provided upon request**

[All physics floor plan \(full colour\)](#)

[Rochester and Ogden Centre East floor plans \(black and white\)](#)

In the below sections we include a link for each venue to the AccessAble guide for it. This guide provides general information about the buildings and their communal areas and toilets. We have provided supplementary information about the rooms we will be using during the conference

## Rochester Building

[Rochester building - AccessAble guide](#)

### PH8

The entrance to this lecture theatre is at the front and the door width is over 150cm. There are three banks of seating in terraced rows. The desks are in the form of one long fixed bench in each bank and the seats fold up. The stairs do not have handrails and are between the seating banks

The first row of seating is up a set of stairs but there is room at the front for a wheelchair and there is one desk and chair that can be moved (the height of the desk is adjustable and the desk width is 83cm)

There are whiteboards and a projector in the room

### PH30

The entrance to this lecture theatre is at the front and the door width is over 150cm. There are three banks of seating in terraced rows. The desks are in the form of one long fixed bench in each bank and the seats fold up. The stairs do not have handrails and are between the seating banks

The first row of seating is up a set of stairs but there is room at the front for a wheelchair and there is one desk and chair that are also on the same level as the entrance (the desk width is 83cm).

There are whiteboards and a projector in the room

PH119c

Armchairs and sofa (41cm seat) and chairs without armrests (43cm) – door width 74cm, table 70cm clearance, water fountain and first aid kit, door has frosted glass

## Ogden Centre East

[Ogden Centre East - Accessible](#)

OC103

1st floor - conference room layout, 74cm door width, manoeuvring room to get into room, movable furniture 68cm table, chairs with no arm rests. The light is bright. Some room around the table. Contrast between walls, floor, door good.

OC304

3rd floor - conference room layout, 74cm door width, manoeuvring room to get into room, movable furniture 68cm table, chairs with no arm rests, noisy room in wind/rain, cold, light is good to fair, limited room around table. Contrast between walls, floor, door good.

### 1st Floor Coffee Area

1st floor seating area: There is a long table 68cm in height where buffet food/tea and coffee will be served. There are chairs without armrests (the seats of the chairs are 42cm in height) as well as sofas and armchairs (all seats are 43cm high and armchair seats are 50cm wide). There is a kitchen area (containing sink and fridge) the smallest entry way is 57cm wide and the other entry way is 87cm wide. There is also a coffee machine and a microwave.

### 3rd Floor Coffee Area

Seating area on 3rd floor: 72cm table height, central pillar covers much of table area. The floor is shiny. There is a lip into the seating area. Seating includes armchairs

and chairs without armrest. There is a small kitchen area (sink, fridge and water cooler). The entry way to the kitchen is 87cm in width and the lighting is poor. The counter is 88cm in height and has cupboards underneath.

## Ogden Centre West

### [Ogden Centre West - AccessAble](#)

#### 1st Floor Seating Area

This area is accessible via a lift and stairs. There are chairs and sofas (all without armrests). The seats of the chairs are 48cm high and the sofa seat is 39cm high.

#### OCW 226

This room is accessible via a lift and stairs and is on the floor above the seating area. The door width is 85cm. There is a bench as well as chairs around a table. The clearance under the table is 70cm and the chairs are 48cm high. The bench is 44cm high.

## Collingwood

[AccessAble - Collingwood – list of all blocks](#) - accommodation

[AccessAble - Collingwood – main building](#) – reception area and breakfast

We have confirmed that there are accessible rooms at Collingwood, please get in touch through the accessibility form if you need details of these or any other Collingwood rooms

## Other Information

### Childcare

Please let us know if you have any childcare requirements and we will work to accommodate them

## Pubs/Bars

**This is currently the full list of venues we have information for.**

The Bishops Mill (Wetherspoons) and Turtle Bay (Caribbean food and bar) are in the town centre have step free access and disabled toilets.

The Duke of Wellington is in Neville's cross

### The Duke of Wellington

Located in Neville's Cross, with step-free access slightly to the left when standing outside and facing the door. Ambient noise and light levels are reasonable. There are slot machines present near the bar. The floor is partially carpeted, partially wooden floorboards.

There are a variety of tables and chairs, all of which have backs and some have armrests. Some are more like booths. The highest chairs are 66cm, the tables range from 70-95cm high. Menus are not in braille. Food and drinks can be ordered using QR codes on each table, and there is free Wifi. There are no hearing loop facilities.

The disabled toilet needs a Radar key which can be requested from the bar. It is accessible via a very shallow ramp at the back of the pub. The door is 92cm wide and a bit stiff to open. The floor, walls, and door have good contrast. There are grab rails on both sides of the toilet with a transfer space on the right when facing the toilet. The flush is a lever type and the taps are button type. Sink height is 71cm with the hand dryer height not reduced. There are baby changing facilities.

The non disabled toilets are upstairs around to the right of the bar when entering the pub. There are 9+5+3 steps, with small landings between each set where they turn corners. There are banisters on both sides and contrast strips on the edge of each step. There is good contrast between the door and walls but less good between the walls and floor with similar light levels to the main pub. Sink height 92cm.

### The Bishops Mill

Located on level 5 in Walkergate (below street level and accessible via stairs with railings or lifts). Only one door was open when we looked but the double door could be opened. Patterned carpets and good light levels

The disabled toilet needs a Radar key and has a door 92cm in width. The tap is a lever type. There is a drop bar on the right of the toilet as you face it and fixed grab rails on the right. The Transfer space is to the right of the toilet as you face it. The

lighting levels in the toilet are good; as is the contrast between the floor, walls and door. The disabled toilet is located in the cloakroom area at the side. There is a door between cloakroom and rest of pub

## Turtle Bay

Located in Riverwalk. The door into the venue is very stiff. Light levels are low. The disabled toilet needs a Radar key and has a door 92cm in width. The tap is a lever type. There is a drop bar on the right of the toilet as you face it and fixed grab rails on the right. The Transfer space is to the right of the toilet as you face it. The lighting levels in the toilet are not good and the walls and door are the same colour. There are baby changing facilities and a pull cord in this bathroom

## Medical Care

There is a [Boots Pharmacy](#) in Durham city centre, the pharmacy counter is at the back (as you approach from the market entrance) near the entrance onto the high street. Please see here for [store information](#)

[University Hospital](#) of North Durham has an [A&E](#) department. It also has an **Urgent Treatment Centre** for less severe illnesses where you may be directed by 111

- From the bus station get the 50, 20, X20 or X21 bus out to the hospital
- Either walk to the bus station or get the 58,56,59, X12 from New Inn – Church Street or 6, 42 from either South Road Colleges or New Inn – Church Street (the walk to the hospital is about an hour)