

## Visiting Shakespeare's family homes

This guide provides information about access at:

- Shakespeare's Birthplace
- Anne Hathaway's Cottage
- Shakespeare's New Place

We're committed to providing a fantastic experience to all our visitors. We offer a concessionary rate and carers are admitted free. Assistance dogs are welcome at all our sites.

### Guide to symbols

Wheelchair access



Car parking



Ramp available



Accessible toilet



Hearing loop



For Blue Badge parking information and Shopmobility visit:

<https://www.stratford.gov.uk/people-communities/shopmobility.cfm>

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## Shakespeare's Birthplace

Henley Street CV37 6QW

### Parking

The nearest Blue Badge spaces are at the top of Henley Street, near the statue.

### Reception and Visitor Centre

There is level access to the Shakespeare Centre via a shopping street that is pedestrianised for some hours each day. There is an ambulant toilet and toilets with baby-changing facilities. After the reception area is an exhibition space with low level lighting. A large print guide is available.

### Shakespeare's Birthplace/ House

There is level access to the house from the gardens. There are stairs to access the upper floor of the House. The ground floor and connecting rooms are narrow, with small doorways which might be wide enough for a wheelchair. Powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters will not be suitable but there are wheelchairs available to borrow. There is a video of the first floor which can be viewed on request. This does not currently have subtitles. All stairs have partial handrails. Owing to the age of the building, all the floors are uneven in places with areas of low light levels.

### Gardens

There is level access to enter the house via one pathway. An accessible toilet with baby-changing facilities is located to the rear of the gardens. The toilets can be reached before or after the visit to the house.

### The Shakespeare Gift and Bookshop

Access is via a level path and an automatic door from the gardens or a small step up from Henley Street. There is space to move around the displays but it can be busy so please do ask for assistance. The counter nearest to Henley Street has a lower level.

## Anne Hathaway's Cottage

Cottage Lane  
Shotton CV37 9HH

### Parking

Blue Badge parking is available adjacent to the visitor reception to the rear of the coach park. Alternate visitor parking is 100m away on the corner of Cottage Lane.

### Visitor Reception and Shop

There is level access with a bell push for staff to assist if required. There is a sloping pathway from Cottage Lane or a short level path from the Blue Badge and coach park. An accessible toilet with baby-changing facilities can be found outside and to the side of reception.

### Gardens

The grounds are easy to navigate with many wide, sloping pathways and occasional seating. We have a wheelchair that can be borrowed to use across the site.

### Anne Hathaway's Cottage

The building is not fully accessible to visitors due to entrance steps and uneven floors. Wheelchairs cannot be used inside the house. A video of the interior of the house can be viewed on request.

## Shakespeare's New Place

22 Chapel Street  
CV37 6EP

### Parking

The closest Blue Badge parking is on nearby Chapel Lane.

### Visitor Reception and Shop

There is one step up to enter the Visitor Reception and Shop, and a bell push to request ramp access.

### Exhibition

The exhibition is accessible to all visitors. An accessible toilet with baby-changing facilities is located to the rear of the exhibition, before entering the Garden.

### Shakespeare's New Place and Garden

The site is accessible to all visitors. The site is level, with access to the Great Garden and the Knot Garden. There is a hard standing path running around the Great Garden.

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