

# BOURNEMOUTH NATURAL SCIENCE SOCIETY (BNSS) ACCESS POLICY STATEMENT

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1. This policy will be used in the future to ensure that access is available to all potential users of the museum, its facilities and its collections. The policy has been established by an access audit, discussions with visitors and stakeholders. These audits and discussions will continue and the policy be amended as appropriate.
2. The users of the museum have different learning abilities, mobility and physical abilities. They also have different requirements in terms of their interest in the collections, lectures or field trips. We shall endeavour to meet all of these requirements to the best of our ability.
3. We shall endeavour to ensure that all the different requirements of the users are met as far as possible. This includes but is not necessarily restricted to:
  - Education
  - Leisure
  - Research
  - Lectures
  - Field trips
  - Group visits
4. Generally all of the collections will be accessible although those in locked cabinets will have to be viewed with a museum volunteer and a few can only be made available by special request. At the current time disabled access is only available to the lecture hall and from there to the ground floor by use of a chair lift. Objects from the basement and first floor can be made available to disabled visitors on request.
5. Currently the documentation to the collections is being updated and some information may be limited. See the Documentation Plan.
6. Currently signage and information boards are in English. The Bournemouth area is of low ethnicity but if that should change and other languages become significant the policy will be reviewed.
7. This policy will form part of the volunteer induction pack.