

Stratford Christmas Market Accessibility Statement 2024

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th and 14th & 15th December (Saturday 10-8pm, Sunday 10-5pm)

Pre-arrival and Parking

For information on travel and transport please see: www.nationalrail.co.uk https://www.stratford.gov.uk/parking-roads-transport/car-parks.cfm https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/stratfordparkandride

Stratford upon Avon Park & Ride and Stratford-upon-Avon Parkway train station operate a combined Pay and Display car park. All users will be required to purchase a car park Pay & Display ticket or have a valid season ticket displayed in their vehicle. There is no charge for Blue Badge holders when displaying a current blue badge.

Visitors using their own transport, are encouraged to use the **Stratford-upon-Avon Park & Ride** at **CV37 ORJ** which is running buses until 8pm Saturday and 4pm on Sunday. The terminal building (which houses the toilets) will be open until 4.30pm.

The **Stratford-upon-Avon Railway Station** is approximately a 10 minutes' walk from the market site, an easy walk with dropped kerbs and tactile paving at all major road junctions.

Public Transport

Buses are accessible with a wheelchair or buggy space. Due to the road closures town centre buses for Wood Street and Bridge Street are diverted to both sides of Guild Street close to Kwik Fit known as the "MOP STOPS". And there is a drop off and pick up point in Windsor Street, opposite the multi-storey car park.

Blue Badge Parking Spaces On-Street: unaffected

Chapel Lane, Church Street, Henley Street, Rother Street [by the Fountain], Sheep Street [Delivery yard], Sheep Street, Southern Lane, [alongside of The Other Place].

<u>Blue Badge Parking</u> in Car Parks is free and without a time limit in all Stratford District Council car parks in an allocated or general parking bay when displaying a current blue badge.

Other car parks will charge.

Blue badge bays available:

Arden Street, Bridgeway Multi-storey, Church Street, [Monday to Friday after 4pm and all day on Saturday and Sunday], Guild Street [rear of the library], Leisure Centre, Recreation Ground, Windsor Street.

Taxi Ranks suspended in Bridge Street and Union Street.

Temporary Taxi Rank in Sheep Street + Wood Steet fully open as normal.

Entry to Stratford Christmas Markets is free

Hostile Vehicle Mitigation systems will be in use at each of the entrances to the Christmas Markets site and always manned when the event is open. Once the event has finished each day a section of the system will be open to allow for any emergency vehicles to enter the site. Dropped kerbs will be left clear to enable easy access to the Market and portable dropped kerbs will be placed in appropriate places to assist everyone.

Stalls

The type of stalls being used for the event will be a mix of 'Pop-up' style and traditional heavy steel frames with PVC roofs with wooden counters at table height. Stall holders will be happy to serve you if you need assistance.

Public Toilets

Most public toilets are suitable for everyone. Those for users with a disability are operated with a Radar key and are located at:

- Avonbank, Old Town
- Bell Court, (near Ely Street)
- Bridgeway multi-storey car park
- Ely Street (male urinal only)(daylight hours only)
- Waterside
- Windsor Street Car Park

Shop Mobility

in partnership with Active Mobility, has mobility scooters and wheelchairs available for hire. Level 2 Bridgeway multi-storey car park, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6YY. Telephone 01789-414534. Opening times during the Christmas Markets are:

- Saturday 7th & 14th Dec. 9.00-8.00pm (last hire 6pm)
- Sunday 8th Dec 10.00am 5.00pm (last

Changing Places toilets: Stratford Leisure Centre, Bridgeway, Stratford upon Avon CV37 6YY.

Phone: 01789-268826.

Bell Court

Visitor Information Centre: Bridgefoot, Stratford upon Avon, CV37 6GW.

Open 7 days a week, 01789 264293

Local access information can be found in the 'My' Accessible Stratford upon Avon Guide from www.accessiblestratforduponavon.co.uk and paper copies can be found at ShopMobility and the Visitor Information Centre