

## **Access Policy Statement**

### **Uffington Museum Trust**

#### **Uffington Museum Trust (UMT) mission**

UMT is responsible for overseeing the day to day running of Tom Brown's School Museum. The purpose of TBSM is to encourage the understanding of the history and heritage of the village of Uffington and its surroundings, for the benefit of current and future generations. This is achieved by collecting, recording and conserving material, both from the past and the present day. The evidence is presented in such a way that it is relevant to our local community and to our visitors. Interest is promoted by exhibitions, special events, participation in community events, and by making material easily available for study and research.

#### **Our definition of access**

TBSM recognises access as something which is made possible when physical, cultural, social, financial, intellectual, psychological and emotional barriers to learning from and enjoyment of the museum are removed, reduced, or overcome.

#### **Our commitment to accessibility**

- Our commitment is long term and our aim is to achieve the optimum level of access to the museum's collections, given the limitations of a Grade II listed building
- Computer presentations in the Gallery are repeated on the computer on the ground floor
- The display cabinets and touch screen computer in the museum are at a height suitable for young children and those in a wheelchair
- Sensory accessibility – all labels are of large type face on contrasting background as recommended by The Royal National Institute of Blind People
- The museum workforce are welcoming to visitors from all sections of the community
- Entry to the museum is free and the museum shop always stocks a range of low/medium cost souvenirs
- The museum's website is fully accessible to disabled people including those who may be using it with the help of special equipment.
- UMT regularly reviews achievements and make plans for further progress utilising the output of an Access report commissioned every five years – next due 2021

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