

Accessible Community Meeting Venues in Torbay

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About this list

This list contains information on 26 community meeting venues across Torbay. It does not include large commercial conference venues which can be easily found in directories such as Yellow Pages.

Information on Torbay Council venues (Oldway Mansion, Brixham Town Hall, etc.) can be found at www.torbay.gov.uk/venuehire or call (01803) 208865

Details were updated in spring 2010 and are based on returns received in response to a postal survey. Many questionnaires were not returned, so the list is not exhaustive. Please contact us if your venue is not listed and you wish to include it in the next edition.

It is important to carefully verify all details before making a booking as details can change, especially pricing. A site visit should always be undertaken to ensure that a venue fully meets your requirements. Do also remember that there can be a considerable size difference between a small manual wheelchair and a large electric model if wheelchair users are invited to the event.

The listings start with an overview of facilities. Contact details and further information are provided from page 10 onwards.

Useful Web resources

This selective list of free resources will help you plan your meeting more successfully:

- *Making Meetings and Events Accessible to Disabled People* (Cambridge University Disability Resource Centre): <http://tinyurl.com/yjtgz2u>
- *Guidelines for Accessible Meetings and Events* (Manchester Disabled People's Access Group). Download from: www.mdpag.org.uk/pubs.htm

- *Accessible Events: A Good Practice Guide for Staff Organising Events in Higher Education* (TechDis). Download from: <http://tinyurl.com/yea88km>
- *Accessible Meetings and Information Pack* (Bristol City Council). Download from: <http://tinyurl.com/ya65o23>
- A list of handy tips can be found on Wiltshire County Council's website <http://tinyurl.com/yhd4p3k>
- *How to Make your Meetings Accessible to All* (Southampton Voluntary Services). Download from: www.southamptonvs.org.uk/svspubs.htm

Venue Name	Parking	Entrance to venue	Rooms	Entrance	Capacity	Theatre or Boardroom Style?	Kitchen Facilities	Crockery	WC	Rates
Acorn Centre Barton, Torquay	60 spaces. No reserved spaces.	Level access. 121.9cm	Minor Hall	259.1cm	100	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	£12.00 per hour
			Youth Room	77cm	20	Both				£10.00 per hour (discount over 6 hours)
			Computer Suite	137.2cm	10	Both				£10.00 per hour (discount over 6 hours)
			Sports Hall	Check	Check	Check				£20.00 per hour
Barton Baptist Church, Torquay	Level on-site parking for 20+ vehicles	Level access. 152.4cm	Activities Hall	152.4cm	80	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	£25.00 per session (3 – 4 hours), all rooms. Available for half or full day.
			Downstairs Lounge	152.4cm	50	Both				
			Large Upstairs Hall	152.4cm	20	Boardroom only				
			Crèche Room	152.4cm	20	Boardroom only				
Brixham College Adult & Community Learning	On-site parking. Blue Badge spaces.	Level entrance. Ramp to garden.	Bungalow	80cm	40 - 50	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	Contact for further details

Brixham Community Christian Centre	No parking. Use town centre car parks. Pedestrian zone.	Fixed ramp. 152cm	Main Hall	152cm	150	Theatre or boardroom	Yes	Yes	Yes	£7.40 per hour Coffee morning 9 – 12noon £23.60.
			Room 1	152cm	50	Theatre or boardroom	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5.90 per hour.
			Room 2	152cm	50	Theatre or boardroom	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5.90 per hour.
Brixham Fore Street Methodist Church	No parking. Use town centre car park Pedestrian zone.	Accessible side entrance. 86.4cm	300	-	300	Theatre only.	No	No	No	Enquire for non-religious meetings.
Brixham Methodist Community Centre	Central car park, 100 metres	200cm	Room 1	90cm	40	Boardroom	Yes	Yes	Yes	£5.90 Per hour
			Main Hall	198cm	165	Both				£7.40 Per session Kitchen: £6.80 per session
Churston Golf Club	On-site level parking for 175 cars. 7 reserved spaces	Ramped entrance	Function Room	91.4cm	20-50	Boardroom: 20 Theatre: 50 Horseshoe: 25	Yes	Yes	Yes	Half-day £45.00
			Meeting Room	91.4cm	20-40	Boardroom: 20 Theatre: 40 Horseshoe: 20				Full day £80.00
Fishermen's Mission, Brixham	None	Level entrance, 99.1cm	Meeting Room	99.1cm	40	Both	Yes	Yes	See notes	£25 per session (day) £35 per session (eve)
			Cafeteria	99.1cm	Check	Boardroom only				£35.00 per session (Mon, Wed, Fri only)
Furrough Cross Church, Babbacombe	6 spaces. 1 x Blue Badge space	Ramped access	Church Hall	120cm	100	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	£30 Per session
Galmpton Institute	On-street parking	2 steps/portable ramp. 94cm.	Hall	94cm	80	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	Whole hall: £9.50 per hour Half hall: £4.75 per hour

Hookhills & Broadsands Park Community Association	27 spaces. 3 Blue Badge Spaces	500cm	Skittle Alley	150cm	70	Both	No	No	Yes	£10.00 per hour + VAT
			Ballroom	150cm	100	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	£10.00 per hour + VAT
			Ballroom Annex	130cm	50	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	£10.00 per hour + VAT
			Community Room	Check	80	Boardroom	Yes	Yes	Yes	£8 per hour
			Committee Room	Check	40	Boardroom	Yes	Yes	No	£6 per hour
Paignton Day Centre	On-street parking 18 metres way	94cm – fixed ramp	Main Hall Upstairs	91cm	80	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	£10 per hour
			Coffee Bar	91cm	22	Boardroom				
Paignton Secretarial College	On-site level parking for 12 cars. Public car park 400 metres.	90cm – level/ramped access	Room 1	80cm	12	Boardroom	Yes	Yes	Yes	£70.00 per half day
					18	Theatre				
Palace Avenue Methodist Church, Paignton	On-street parking 10 metres away	152cm	Hall	121cm	100	Theatre	Yes	Yes	Yes	£10 Per hour £70 Per day
			Room 1	91cm	30	Both				£8 Per hour £50 Per day
St. Anne's Hall, Torquay	100 metres to on-street parking	One level entrance leads to accessible lift. Other has three steps up to double doors	Hall	147cm	130	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	£20 for mornings £23 for afternoons £28 for evenings
			Committee Room	90cm	24	Boardroom				£10 per session

St. George's Church Hall, Paignton	40 spaces	113cm	Hall	114cm	160	Both	Yes	Yes	No	£9 per hour
St. John Ambulance, Paignton	Up to 25 spaces	100cm	Goodman Room	81cm	50	Stacking chairs	Yes	Limited	Yes	£25 per session
			Blue Room	81cm	25	Stacking chairs				£20 per session
St. Luke's Church Halls, Torquay	20 spaces	182cm	Upper Hall	152cm	70	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	£30.00 per 3.5 hour session.
			Lower Hall	182cm	150	Both				
St. Matthias' Church Centre, Babbacombe	3 Blue Badge spaces. On-street parking outside	Level access	Peter Larkin Hall	Double doors	150	Theatre / Boardroom	Yes	Yes	Yes	£15.00 x hourly £31.00 up to 2 hours £46.50 up to 3 hours £62.00 up to 4 hours
			Mary Alexander Lounge	Double doors	** 50 * 30	*Lounge / **Theatre / Boardroom	Yes	Yes	Yes	£10.50 x 1 hourly £21.00 up to 2 hours £31.50 up to 3 hours £42.00 up to 4 hours
			Pine Room	Double doors	100	Theatre / Boardroom	Yes	Yes	Yes	£10.50 x hourly £21.00 up to 2 hours £31.50 up to 3 hours £42.00 up to 4 hours
			Rose Price Room	80 cm	12	Boardroom	No	Yes	Yes	£8.00 hourly £16.00 up to 2 hours £24.00 up to 3 hours £32.00 up to 4 hours
			The Ark	80 cm	15	Lounge / Informal	No	On request	Yes	£8.00 hourly £16.00 up to 2 hours £24.00 up to 3 hours £32.00 up to 4 hours

St. Paul's Church Hall, Preston	10 spaces on site. On-street parking close	138cm	Main Hall	154cm	Check	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	£15 per hour
			Francis Morris Room	75cm	30	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	£9 per hour
			Youth hut	75cm	30-200	Both	Yes	Yes	Yes	£8 per hour
Torbay Foyer, Torre, Torquay	No on-site. On-street parking 200 metres or at Brunswick Square pay & display opposite.	1200cm. Level access. Power assisted door.	Space 4 (hall)	1600cm	100	Both	Kitchen, plus drinks machine.			
			Upstairs Meeting Room	800cm. Lift access	100	Both	No			Hourly rate. See notes
Torquay Central Church, Torquay	12 spaces. 2 Blue Badge spaces	365cm	Church Hall	182cm	500	Both				£75.00 per session £110 per day
			Rooms 1,3,4	182cm	50	Boardroom	Yes	Yes	Yes	£25.00 per session £30.00 per day
			Rooms 5,6	182cm	20	Informal				£20.00 per session £25.00 per day
Torbay Voluntary Service (TVS)	None, on-street. Car park approx 90metres along road.	90cm Currently 1 low step, but fixed ramp expected in summer 2010. Portable ramp available.	Boardroom	80cm	24 max	Boardroom:16 Theatre: 24	Yes	Yes	Yes	Hourly rates: TVS affiliated - £8.00. Non-affiliated: £10.00
			Training Room	175cm	24 max	Boardroom:16 Theatre: 24	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Windmill Centre, Hele, Torquay	14 spaces. 1 Blue Badge space	Level access	Main Hall	Double doors	50	Both		Yes	Yes	Yes	£20 per hour
			Training Room	Check	10	informal					£12 per hour
			Mervyn Benny	Check	10	informal					£12 per hour
Torquay Museum	On-street parking	200cm ramped entrance	Local Studies	100cm	24/50	Both		Yes	Yes	Yes	
Upton Vale Baptist Church, Torquay	No on-site parking. 100 metres from Town Hall car park	Varies, Check	Main Hall	103cm	200	Both		Yes	Yes	Yes	£65.00 per session
			Church	173cm	250/550	Theatre					£65.00 per session
			Sports Hall	127cm (8 steps)	Sport only						£25.00 per session
			Lymington & Middle Room	103cm	15	Both					£40.00 per session
			Riviera Lounge	71cm	35	Both					£45.00 per session

Contact details and further information

<p>Acorn Centre Lummaton Cross Barton, Torquay TQ2 8ET</p> <p>(01803) 328819</p>	<p>Level access. Flip charts and screens available. No induction loops. Accessible WCs with lateral transfer. Kitchen and crockery facilities. Extra on-street parking 6 metres away.</p>
<p>Barton Baptist Church, Happaway Road, Barton, Torquay TQ2 8EU</p> <p>(01803) 311628</p>	<p>Level access to church. Flip Chart and OHP available. Induction loop in the large upstairs hall only. Crèche room and large upstairs hall can access downstairs kitchen. Accessible WC with lateral transfer available in building.</p>
<p>Brixham College Adult & Community Learning Higher Ranscombe Road Brixham TQ5 9HF</p> <p>(01803) 853302</p>	<p>There is level access. Equipment is available if not being used elsewhere. A portable induction loop is available. There is a WC that has sufficient room for lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. Note: this venue is available for disability related purposes only by special arrangement.</p>
<p>Brixham Fore Street Methodist Church</p> <p>(01803) 852941</p>	<p>Church in pedestrianised Fore Street. No adjacent parking. Accessible WC, but not for lateral transfer. No catering facilities. Enquire for non-religious meeting rates.</p>
<p>Brixham Methodist Community Centre</p> <p>(01803) 852941</p>	<p>Located in pedestrianised Fore Street. Meeting equipment available. Induction loop for deaf people. Kitchen and crockery facilities (except Rooms 1 and 2). Accessible WC with lateral transfer space.</p>
<p>Brixham Fisherman's Mission</p> <p>(01803) 859123</p>	<p>Located near fish market. No on-street parking. No meeting equipment available. Use public car parks in town. Kitchen facilities, with crockery. Induction loop available in meeting room. Cafeteria WC may be suitable for wheelchair user, but not lateral transfer.</p>

<p>Brixham Methodist Community Centre Fore Street Brixham TQ5 8AA</p> <p>(01803) 853097</p>	<p>There is level access. No meeting equipment is available. There is sufficient room in the WC for lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. The kitchen is hired separately at £6.80 per hour. The rooms can be hired by the day or session.</p>
<p>Churston Golf Club, Dartmouth Road Churston Ferrers Brixham TQ5 0EA</p> <p>(01803) 832751</p>	<p>Flipchart available. OHP. Screen. TV/.DVD. Day (08.30 – 17.30) room hire or evening hire. Accessible WC with lateral transfer. Kitchen, but only for club staff. No induction loops.</p>
<p>Furrough Cross Church Hall Babbacombe Road Torquay TQ1 3SE</p> <p>07521 313864</p>	<p>There is ramped access. No meeting equipment is available. The room can be hired by the session.</p>
<p>Galmpton Institute Greenway Road Galmpton Brixham TQ5 0LT</p> <p>(01803) 845547</p>	<p>There are two shallow steps up to the entrance. A portable ramp is available. No meeting equipment available. A portable induction loop is available. The WC has sufficient room for lateral transfer and a carer to help a disabled person. Rooms can be hired by the session or day. The hall can be hired either as a whole or half.</p>
<p>Hookhills & Broadsands Park Community Association Freshwater Drive Paignton TQ4 7SB</p> <p>(01803) 845250</p>	<p>There is a fixed, non slip ramp for access. An overhead screen is available. There are no kitchen facilities in the skittle alley. The kitchen facilities attract a charge, according to requirements, e.g. full cooking facilities: £25.00 per hour. The WC block has been recently refurbished and has fully accessible facilities (lateral transfer and space for a carer to assist a disabled person). Rooms can be hired by the day or session.</p>
<p>Paignton Day Centre 89 Torquay Road Paignton TQ3 2SE</p> <p>(01803) 551551</p>	<p>There is level access. There is meeting equipment available – TV, CD player and DVD player, etc. in the main hall. Equipment can be made available to hire in the upstairs coffee bar. The WC in the main hall has sufficient room for lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. Single WC in coffee bar. The rooms can be hired by the session or hour.</p>

<p>Paignton Secretarial College 3, Midvale Road Paignton TQ4 5BD</p> <p>(01803) 559816</p>	<p>Equipment available: Flip chart, projector and screen, broad band internet access. Tea/coffee supplied. Lunches can be supplied. Kitchen and crockery available. Bookable by the session or the day. Lateral transfer accessible WC. No induction loop.</p>
<p>St Anne's Hall 143, Babbacombe Road Torquay TQ1 3SR</p> <p>(01803) 327174</p>	<p>There are three steps up to the entrance. Meeting equipment is available to hire in the Hall (flipchart, large display screens). Accessible WC with lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. There is equipment to hire in the committee room. The rooms are available to hire by the session or by the day. Kitchen hired separately.</p>
<p>St George's Church Hall Barn Road Paignton TQ4 6NG</p> <p>(01803) 844255</p>	<p>There are four steps to the entrance. There is no portable ramp. No meeting equipment available. The WC does not have sufficient room for lateral transfer. The rooms are available to hire by the session or by the hour. The electricity meter and heating are coin operated.</p>
<p>St John Ambulance Paignton Branch Mountbatten House 41, Totnes Road Paignton TQ4 5LA</p> <p>(01803) 557743</p>	<p>There is level access. The WC has sufficient room to allow lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. Kitchen has kettles and cooker, but limited crockery. The rooms are available to hire by the session.</p>
<p>St Luke's Church Halls Shedden Hill Torquay TQ2 1WX</p> <p>Patricia Reynolds (01803) 299934</p>	<p>There is level access. The WC has sufficient room to allow lateral transfer, but no wheelchair access from upper hall. Flipchart available to hire in the lower hall. Lower hall recently refurbished with block flooring. The WC has sufficient room for lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. The rooms are available to hire by the session or by the hour.</p>
<p>St. Matthias' Church Centre Babbacombe Road Torquay TQ1 1HW</p> <p>(01803) 214175</p>	<p>There is level access. There is equipment available that can be hired in the Peter Larkin hall: flipchart, screen and overhead projector. The WC is on the ground floor. There is sufficient room for lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. The kitchen facilities are hired separately. Equipment (projector, screen, TV, video, etc.) can be hired in the Mary Alexander Lounge, Pine Room, Rose Price Room and the Ark. The rooms hired by the session.</p>

<p>St Paul's Church Hall Carrie Worsnop Locarno Avenue Paignton TQ3 2DH</p> <p>(01803) 394138 0778 0804 065</p>	<p>No meeting equipment available. The WC in the main building has sufficient room for lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. <i>There is no wheelchair access to Francis Norrish Room.</i> The youth hut does not have a WC with sufficient room for lateral transfers. The rooms are available to hire by the session or by the hour.</p>
<p>Torbay Foyer, Torre, Torquay</p> <p>(01803) 316632</p>	<p>Hall (no windows) is purpose built for art, drama, dance, exhibitions, conferences, etc. Fully accessible ground-floor WC with lateral transfer space. No crockery unless buffet is supplied. Accessible lift to first floor room. Both rooms available from 9.00am – 22.00 each day. Rates vary according to type of user. Community use: £12.00 per hour, half day £30.00, full day, £60. Commercial users pay more. Add VAT to prices, which are subject to review from April 2010.</p>
<p>Torbay Voluntary Service (TVS) 11, Castle Road, Torquay TQ1 3BB</p> <p>(01803) 212638</p>	<p>Equipment available: flipchart, whiteboard, projector and screen (with laptop). Improvements in 2010 include new ramp at entrance and induction loop. Charges per hour.</p>
<p>Upton Vale Baptist Church St. Marychurch Road Castle Circus Torquay TQ1 3HY</p> <p>(01803) 400403</p>	<p>Located near Torquay Town Hall and library. Flip chart, OHP projector, screen available for most rooms and PA (not Sports Hall). Kitchen and crockery available in Main Hall, the Church, Riviera Lounge (kitchen only in Sports Hall). Crockery only in Middle/Lymington room. The latter rooms are always hired out as a single unit. Main church seats 250 downstairs but capacity overall for 550. WC with lateral transfer for all areas, except Sports Hall. Induction loop in church only.</p>
<p>The Little Theatre St Marks Road Meadfoot Torquay TQ1 2EL</p> <p>(01803) 299330</p>	<p>There is level access. There is a projector and projection screen available in the coffee shop. The WC has sufficient room for lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. There is meeting equipment available to hire in the auditorium. Catering is provided by the theatre.</p>
<p>Torquay Central Church Torhill Road Torquay TQ2 5RF</p> <p>(01803) 550861</p>	<p>There is level access. Equipment is available to hire in the church hall and rooms 1, 3 and 4. There is a portable induction loop in the church hall. The WC has sufficient room for lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. No equipment to hire in rooms 5 & 6. No WC with sufficient room for lateral transfer near to rooms 5 & 6. The rooms are available to hire by the day or by the session.</p>

<p>Torquay Museum 529 Babbacombe Road Torquay TQ1 1HG</p> <p>(01803) 293975</p>	<p>There is level access. A portable induction loop can be arranged. Meeting equipment is available to hire in the Local Studios. There is sufficient room in the WC for lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. Equipment and a portable induction loop are available in all rooms.</p>
<p>Windmill Centre Pendennis Road Hele Torquay TQ2 7XB</p> <p>(01803) 314786</p>	<p>There is level access. Flip chart and screen is available to hire in the main hall, training room and Mervyn Benny room (which is an I.T. suite). All rooms are near to a WC that has sufficient room to allow lateral transfer and for a carer to assist a disabled person. The rooms are available to hire by the hour.</p>

<p>The following venues are likely to be accessible but we do not currently hold information</p>	
Brixham Rugby Club	(01803) 882162
Brookfield House, Paignton	(01803) 557605
Chestnut Heights Community Centre, Brixham	(01803) 852421
Christ Church, Paignton	(01803) 664227
Cool House, Torquay	(01803) 299511
Living Water Assemblies of God Pentecostal Church, Preston	(01803) 552538
Paignton Zoo	(01803) 697520
Preston Baptist Church	(01803) 522541
South Devon College	(01803) 540505
St Mary Magdalene Parish Church Hall, Torquay	(01803) 315845
Torquay United (Boots & Laces)	(01803) 328666
Watcombe Community Centre, Torquay	
YMCA, Paignton	(01803) 551578