

Guidelines for Group Visits



*The Library
of*
Innerpeffray

We are delighted to welcome groups to The Library of Innerpeffray and its grounds, (incorporating the Chapel of St Mary, in the care of Historic Scotland). We offer these guidelines to assist groups in planning their visit, if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Approach

Our leaflet includes a basic map of our location, but please do not hesitate to contact us if you need detailed directions. The Library is signposted in Crieff and Auchterarder, and on arrival, our own large white signs indicate the approach via a minor road.

Facilities on Site and Access

There is free parking for cars and coaches at the Library. We can reserve a coach space for you to assist with parking, please just ask.

The Library, school and chapel are approached via a level or slightly sloping grass covered and gravel pathways from the car park.

There are three public toilets, two are located in the library ground floor (one is fully accessible for disabled visitors) and a further one at the side of the School Room.

The Library collection is on two floors, access to the upper floor is via a staircase of 16, broad winding stairs. Regrettably this means there is no access for wheelchair users, and others with limited mobility may find this difficult. The lower floor is fully wheelchair accessible. For visitors with restricted mobility we are happy to bring specific books to the ground floor.

The Chapel entrance includes two stone steps down to floor level. These are shallow enough to permit wheelchair access. The Schoolroom has three wide stone steps up at the entrance.

Refreshments

We can offer tea, coffee, water and biscuits or home baking with advance notice, this is charged separately. We serve this in the Schoolroom.

You are welcome to picnic in the grounds, but we are not able to offer any hot food catering (including heating foods) as we do not have the facilities.

Groups wishing to book the use of the schoolroom for a meeting, etc as part of a visit can book the Schoolroom free of charge and are welcome to arrange their own catering: please discuss this with us.

School Parties

We have separate Guidelines and offer special activities – please contact Lara Haggerty, Library Manager.

The Collection

We will provide a full introductory tour of the building, its history and the books in the collection as part of the visit. Members of your group will be able to handle and read books for themselves.

With groups of over 15 people we suggest splitting into two parties, with one half touring the Library and the other exploring the Chapel, grounds, Schoolroom, having tea/coffee before swapping over. This allows for everyone to enjoy the books in the limited space in the Library itself.

The Library holds around 5000 books, the majority are pre 1800, the oldest dating from 1476. The collection has a wide range of interest and subject matter covering for example, cookery, travel, natural history, gardening, politics, medicine, religion and law.

In 2013 the Library welcomed the Scottish Collection –over 250 Scottish First Editions recently gifted to the Library by Mrs Janet St Germain with a particularly fine collection of the works of Robert Burns, and early Scottish history books.

We are happy to select and display books of particular interest to your party, please let us know what you would like to see.

Photography is permitted, provided flash is not used, to protect the books.

Charges

Usual admission charge is £7.50. We ask that payment be made in advance or on the day to the Library Manager. Cheque, cash, debit or credit card payments are accepted, and a receipt will be provided. Please make cheques payable to The Library of Innerpeffray. If you need an invoice, please just ask.

Private Evening Visits

Evening visits are available by prior arrangement, the usual fee of £7.50 per person applies with a minimum fee of £75. We can also arrange refreshments, wine or catering as required.

Timing

We suggest you allow 1-2 hours for the full tour and browsing time: groups are welcome to stay on site for as long as they wish until the Library closes. Groups of over 15 should allow an hour and a half for everyone to fully enjoy the site.

Contacts

Lara Haggerty, Library Manager is available to help you with your booking. Contacts details are below. *If you contact us during the closed season (Nov – Feb inclusive) please allow up to a fortnight for a reply.*

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Enquiry for a Group Booking



"For the Benefit of All"

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Thank you for your interest in a group visit to Innerpeffray Library. Would you please complete over the details below and return this to the Library. I will send you a confirmation when I have checked we are able to accommodate your group.

Please indicate alternative dates, if possible. If any changes arise between confirmation and your visit, please just call to advise us.

Lara Haggerty, Library Manager _____

Name of Group: _____

Proposed date of visit: _____ alternative date? _____

Time of arrival: _____ Departure time _____

Contact Name/organiser: _____

Contact telephone _____ email _____

Preferred contact method? telephone /email/ post (please circle or delete as appropriate).

Number in party: _____ - (adults) _____ - (children)

Cost

The entrance charge is £7.50 per person.

Children under 16 accompanied by parents, free of charge.

School groups – special rates apply, please ask. Coach driver free of charge.

Payment in advance or on the day, please, by cash or cheque (payable to Innerpeffray Library), or debit /credit card payment.

Refreshments

We can arrange for tea/coffee if notified in advance, prices as below. Again, please pay on the day or in advance. Choose from either

tea/coffee/water and biscuits £2.00 []

or

tea/coffee/water and home baking £4.00 []

Other information to note

Please note that the Library upper floor has access via a stone stairwell. The stair has shallow treads and good lighting but there is no wheelchair access.

Please also refer to the Guidance for Group Visits information.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

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