

## Accessibility at The Level

The Level prides itself on being a highly accessible park. Most of the park's particular accessibility features were introduced as part of the park's 2013 restoration, while others were brought in later, to enhance the park's enjoyment for all.



### Wheelchair access and mobility

- Picnic tables in the pétanque and boccia area, designed to enable wheelchair users to bring their wheelchairs right up to the table
- Additional benches installed throughout the park, most with arm-rests and concrete hard-standing areas next to them
- Flat and step-free access to the park's entrances, cafe and community meeting rooms (pavilions)

### Playground area and games

- Accessible play equipment items (eg basket swing, roundabout with wheelchair space and more) - and landscaping and other natural features
- Weekly guided play sessions, using a wide mix of play equipment including many inclusive items. Sessions are provided by PlayTiger CIC
- Boccia sets available to hire, free of charge, for use onsite on the special gravelled area

### Sensory features, including planting, sculptures and sensory garden

- A sensory garden in the playground area featuring sound-creating and stimulating equipment pieces
- Planting throughout the park chosen for colour, texture and fragrance - including ornamental grasses which have a pleasing sound in the wind
- Tabletop textured chessboards around the pétanque/boccia area
- Textured artworks designed by local artists featuring key elements of the park's wildlife, conservation, history and its social context
- A welcome archway at the southern entrance which contains wildlife and heritage images picked out in punched perforations
- A podcast about the park's history and heritage, enabling those with sight impairment to understand and appreciate the park's history and heritage



### Community meeting spaces (in the Pavilions)

- Flat, step-free access
- A hearing assistive device available for hire for those using the community rooms

### Toilets

- A specialist 'Changing Places' toilet facility
- DDA-approved disabled toilets including a further accessible toilet facility available exclusively to those hiring the community spaces in the restored pavilions

### Disabled parking

Two disabled car parking bays on the London Road side of the park.

### Other features to help everyone feel welcome:

- Garden Manager based at the site weekdays
- Upgraded lighting (done as part of the restoration)
- Seating
- The Level's Activity Plan has brought many events and activities help make the park look and feel vibrant and valued. Many of these are volunteer-organised and run, supporting and enhancing community involvement and inclusion
- Special tours and workshops arranged in conjunction with agencies working with vulnerable people to help them enjoy the park to its full
- All noticeboards with contact information for reporting concerns or issues

The Level has won "PiPA" accreditation from Inclusive Play [www.inclusiveplay.com](http://www.inclusiveplay.com) for the accessibility of its play area

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