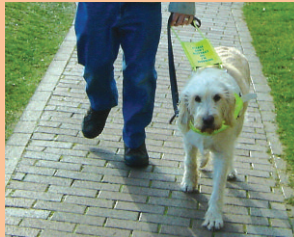
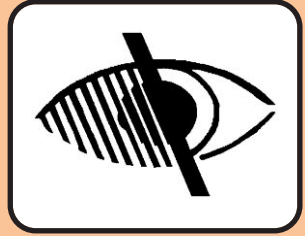


# Eastbourne Guide for Disabled People

2019



**EASTBOURNE  
ACCESS  
GROUP**

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## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Eastbourne Guide for Disabled People, published by the **Eastbourne Access Group**, a voluntary community group. We promote equality and inclusion for all and disability awareness. We want Eastbourne to be a disabled friendly town.

Eastbourne is a fine Victorian town built mostly on the level. Gentle ramps and slopes are used to overcome steps and stairs where possible making Eastbourne more accessible although some barriers do remain due to architectural limitations.

We hope the information in this guide, on our website and Facebook page will make it easier for disabled people whether they are residents or visitors, to enjoy Eastbourne to the full.

On our website you will find:

- Accessible places to eat and visit in and around Eastbourne
- Disabled facilities in seafront hotels
- Blue Badge parking .....and much more.

**Town Centre and Devonshire Quarter Redevelopments** are on-going through 2019 especially regarding the road, pathways and shared areas. You can keep up to date with changes through the local Councils' and our websites and Facebook pages. We are pleased to have been involved in discussions with these plans as a member of **Eastbourne Disability Involvement Group (EDIG)**, giving a voice to local disabled people.

Our events with **The Beacon** shopping centre supporting **Purple Tuesday** and **Disabled Access Day** are encouraging local businesses to ensure all customers enjoy a better experience. They are helping to give disabled people the confidence in going out and about trying new places knowing a warm welcome will be given and staff have awareness training.

**Everyone can get involved** by reviewing services they receive either face to face, via feedback forms or use review websites. If businesses are not told they cannot expect to improve and make changes. Pleasing a customer means a returning customer bringing back friends and family; everyone wins. Giving good customer service and making small adjustments can make a big difference to any customer's journey.

## REPORTING PROBLEMS

For dog fouling, overgrown vegetation, fallen trees, fly tipping, graffiti, use the free **Report it, Eastbourne App** for smart phones or call **Customer First** 01323 410000.

Do you have trouble putting out your wheelie bin or recycle box? There is an assisted collection service for disabled people. Are there barriers preventing you accessing a service provider? Call Customer First 01323 410000 or visit the Council Customer Contact Centre, 1 Grove Road, Eastbourne BN21 4TW.

For road and pavement problems contact **East Sussex Highways** Tel: 0345 60 80 193, report it online [www.eastsussexhighways.com](http://www.eastsussexhighways.com) or use the **Fixmystreet App** for potholes, dropped kerbs, cross overs, blocked drains, etc.

## KEEPING SAFE

**Hate Crimes** ring 999 if it is an emergency, report online at [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) or ring 101. You can also report Hate Crimes at the local Citizen Advice Bureau 03444 111 444.

**SCAMS** report fraud to Action Fraud 0300 123 2040 or online [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).

Use local businesses that are approved or checked by Trading Standards:

**Checktrade** [www.checktrade.com](http://www.checktrade.com)

**Buy with Confidence** [www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk](http://www.buywithconfidence.gov.uk)

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For further information about Eastbourne, contact the **Tourist Information Centre** (TIC), Cornfield Road, BN21 4QA Tel: 01323 415415. They can help with hotel accommodation, theatre bookings, events, places to visit, transport, etc.

**Satellite TIC Office** Royal Hippodrome Theatre, 108-112 Seaside Rd, BN21 3PF.

**TIC Seafront Office** by Bandstand, Lower Parade, Grand Parade, BN21 3AD. Open April to October, 7 days a week. Winter opening Mon-Fri 9 am – 4 pm. Tel: 01323 410611.

For a tourist guide to Eastbourne, either visit Tourist Information Centre or **[www.visiteastbourne.com](http://www.visiteastbourne.com)**.

## GETTING AROUND

### Buses

Eastbourne uses **Stagecoach** services. The circular routes 'Loop', 1/1a and 'The Wave 99' services use accessible buses most of the time. They accept Class 2 mobility scooters and powerchairs. Owners are required to show they can safely manoeuvre onto a bus, a permit card is given to show drivers. Ring Stagecoach Disability Helpline 01227 812409 for details. Time table enquiries Tel: 0871 2002233. Use Stagecoach Bus App, social media or website to keep up to date. [www.stagecoachbus.com](http://www.stagecoachbus.com).

The Wave 99 is the Hastings, Bexhill, Eastbourne service.

**Brighton & Hove Buses** Coaster 12, 12A, 12X & 13X to Brighton and return. All accessible buses with ramps. For more information Tel: 01273 886200.

**Disabled Persons Bus Pass** Tel: 03003 309471, you can get a form from your local library or online [www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk).

### Rail

Southern Rail provides coaches with accessible toilets, marked with a wheelchair symbol on each train. Four spaces available for wheelchairs and mobility scooters, shared with bicycles and child pushchairs. Maximum size of wheelchairs allowed is 700x1200mm, total weight 300kg. All local stations are accessible but use the level crossing to cross the line at Hampden Park and at Polegate. If you need assistance, ring the Assisted Travel Line 0800 138 1016 at least 24 hours prior to your journey. There are helpful travel guides, tips on the website [www.southernrailway.com](http://www.southernrailway.com)

**Disabled Persons Railcard** Tel: 0345 605 0525 or apply online.

### Car Parking

Blue Badge holders may park for free with no time restriction in the Council car parks, on-street pay and display bays, except in spaces designated for other user's resident / permit holders and on chevron-marked no-waiting and no-loading areas. On-street disabled bays have no time limit, unless it is signed differently.

**Please ensure you read all road signage, markings and notices before parking and leaving your vehicle.**

**Multi-storey car parks** – The Beacon (free on Sundays), Junction Road and Trinity Place do charge Blue Badge holders. Pay particular attention to the vehicle height restriction

**Parking Information and Permits** General enquiries Tel: 01273 335500 or email [parking.information@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:parking.information@eastsussex.gov.uk). Register and apply for permits on line, using NSL Apply.

### **Blue Badge Applications**

Contact Blue Badge Team for information and help with application. Email [bluecarbadges@eastsussex.gov.uk](mailto:bluecarbadges@eastsussex.gov.uk). Apply online [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk).

### **Eastbourne Taxis**

Call-a-cab Ltd 01323 746746.

Eastbourne and Country 01323 720720.

Sussex Cars 01323 726726.

Wheelchair Transport Services 01323 400429, 07813 800 948  
[info@wtsplus.co.uk](mailto:info@wtsplus.co.uk) 6 vehicles; each take 1-4 wheelchairs + seats.  
Adrian Attwater 07885 744725 up to 4 wheelchairs + seats.

See our **Wheelchair Route maps** indicating the safest way to travel on pavements in your wheelchair or scooter using dropped kerbs and pedestrian crossings are shown on the centre pages of this Guide. (Digital version available on our website).

### **Wheelchairs and Scooters**

These can be hired or bought from mobility shops in the area:

**AB Mobility**, 7a St Mary's Walk, Hailsham. 01323 849736

**CareCo**, Hilliers Garden Centre, Stone Cross. 01323 449380

**Clearwell Mobility**, High Street, Polegate. 01323 484060

**M&B Mobility Services**, Tideswell Rd. 01323 721223/638046

**Proctor Health Care**, 8 Station Parade, E/b. 01323 417508

**Southern Mobility**, 2a Cavendish Avenue, E/b. 01323 645067

**Weald Mobility**, 330 Seaside, Eastbourne. 01323 431455

**Shopmobility**, Rear exit Arndale Centre by Marks and Spencer, Tel: 01323 439585. Hires manual wheelchairs, scooters and power chairs for those with limited mobility.

**The British Red Cross Mobility Aid Service** Thalia House, 3 London Road, Bexhill TN39 3JT 01424 213583. Currently open Mondays 10-1. Lend wheelchairs and equipment for a donation. Will delivery to Eastbourne areas, charges apply, or you collect.

**East Sussex Wheelchair Service.** Tel: 0333 003 5619 a professional referral is required to access this service.

### **Walking or Riding on Paths, Shared Areas and Roads**

Please remember pedestrians always have right of way so be prepared to slow down in your scooter, wheelchair or adapted cycle. Eastbourne is getting more shared areas particularly within the new town centre area. Many people have hidden disabilities and will not be aware of your presence even with an audible warning.

When buying or hiring a scooter or wheelchair make sure it suits your needs. Before taking charge of your vehicle make sure you know its capabilities, understand the controls and the steps needed to keep it well maintained. You are allowed to travel a maximum 4 miles per hour on pavements. Insurance is advisable. If your scooter has two speed settings it must be set not to exceed the maximum speed permissible. To drive on the road, you need a Class 3 scooter that can travel at up to 8 mph and have front and rear lights, flashing indicators, mirror and a horn. Class 3's must be registered with DLVA. The Highway Code applies to scooters.

### **Motability Scheme for vehicles and scooters**

The Motability Scheme provides an affordable, worry-free way for disabled people with higher rate mobility benefit to lease a car, scooter or powered wheelchair. [www.motability.co.uk](http://www.motability.co.uk).

### **THE SEAFRONT PROMENADE**

This stretches from Holywell in the West to Langney Point in the East. Ramps lead to the Lower Prom near the Pier, Bandstand and Wish Tower. During the summer, the accessible Dotto Train runs the length of the Prom and on to the Harbour. There are wooden beach pathways to high water mark at the Lifeguard Station and on both sides of the Bandstand. See page 7 for a list of accessible toilets. There are cafes and kiosks along the Prom. Car parks at Wish Tower slopes, Treasure Island, Fisherman's Green, Fort Fun, Prince William Parade plus on-street parking.

**The Bandstand and Seafront TIC Office** Tel:01323 410611.

Some of the Prom is a shared cycle paths while other paths are marked with lanes dedicated for walkers or cyclists.

### **THE WATERFRONT and SOVEREIGN HARBOUR**

Most of the harbour area is accessible by wheelchair. Large free car park, Blue Badge spaces. Accessible public toilet. Accessible walkways to and around the harbour, beach, lock-gates, bars and restaurants, some with accessible toilets. Some of the paths are shared cycleways. Sovereign Retail Park with shops, post office in ASDA, petrol station and Boots chemist with midnight pharmacy.

## ACCESSIBLE PUBLIC TOILETS

Eastbourne has many accessible public toilets shown on the Wheelchair Route maps (centre pages), plus those in the shopping centres, railway station and Waterfront in South Harbour. Most are kept locked with a RADAR (National Key Scheme) key. Keys can be purchased from Tourist Information Centre, Shopmobility, Council Office & some mobility shops.

Eastbourne has a **Community Toilet Scheme** visit [www.eastbournecommunitytoilets.accessibleeastbourne.net](http://www.eastbournecommunitytoilets.accessibleeastbourne.net)

### Accessible public toilets situated on the Seafront:

Beachy Head, in the main car park.

Holywell, on the lower Prom.

Helen Gardens, at the rear of Pavilion.

Bandstand, on both Middle and Lower Prom.

**Changing Places** Middle Prom by Bandstand

Pier, under the Pier on the Lower Prom.

Treasure Island Car Park, attached to the Bowling Pavilion.

Fishermans Green, by the Tennis Courts.

Prince William Parade, on Prom by the Waterworks.

Waterfront, South Harbour by boat yard/shops/cafes.

### Elsewhere in Eastbourne:

The Archery, Seaside adjacent Youth Centre.

Brassey Avenue, Hampden Park, by railway crossing.

Hampden Park, beside Cafe.

Hyde Gardens, beside Tourist Information Centre.

Junction Road Multi-storey Car Park.

Princes Park, beside cafe

Green Street, near Albert Parade Old Town

### The Beacon & Supermarkets with toilets:

The Beacon, main square and a **Changing Places**.

ASDA, Crumbles Retail Park.

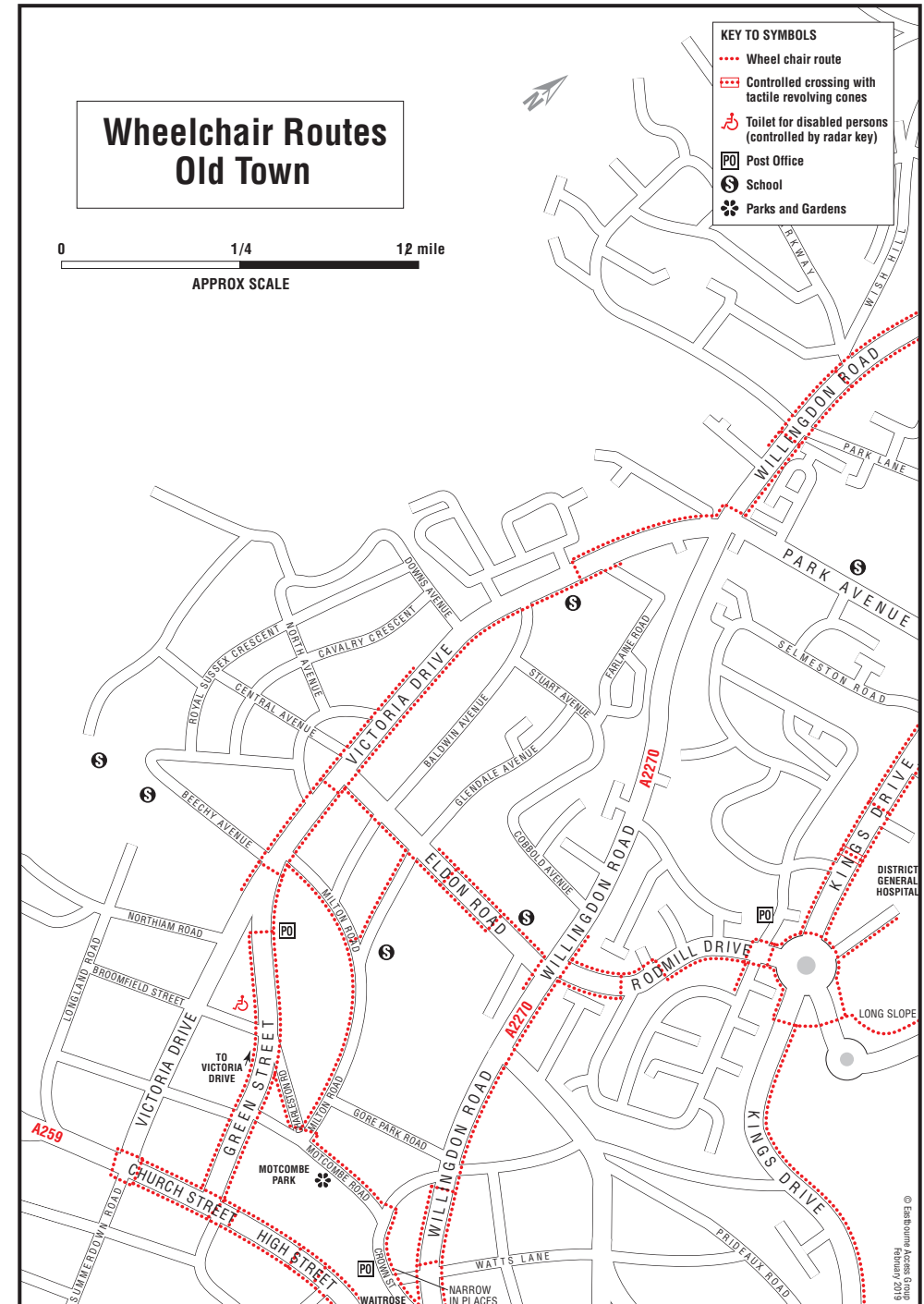
Morrisons and Aldi, Lottbridge Drove

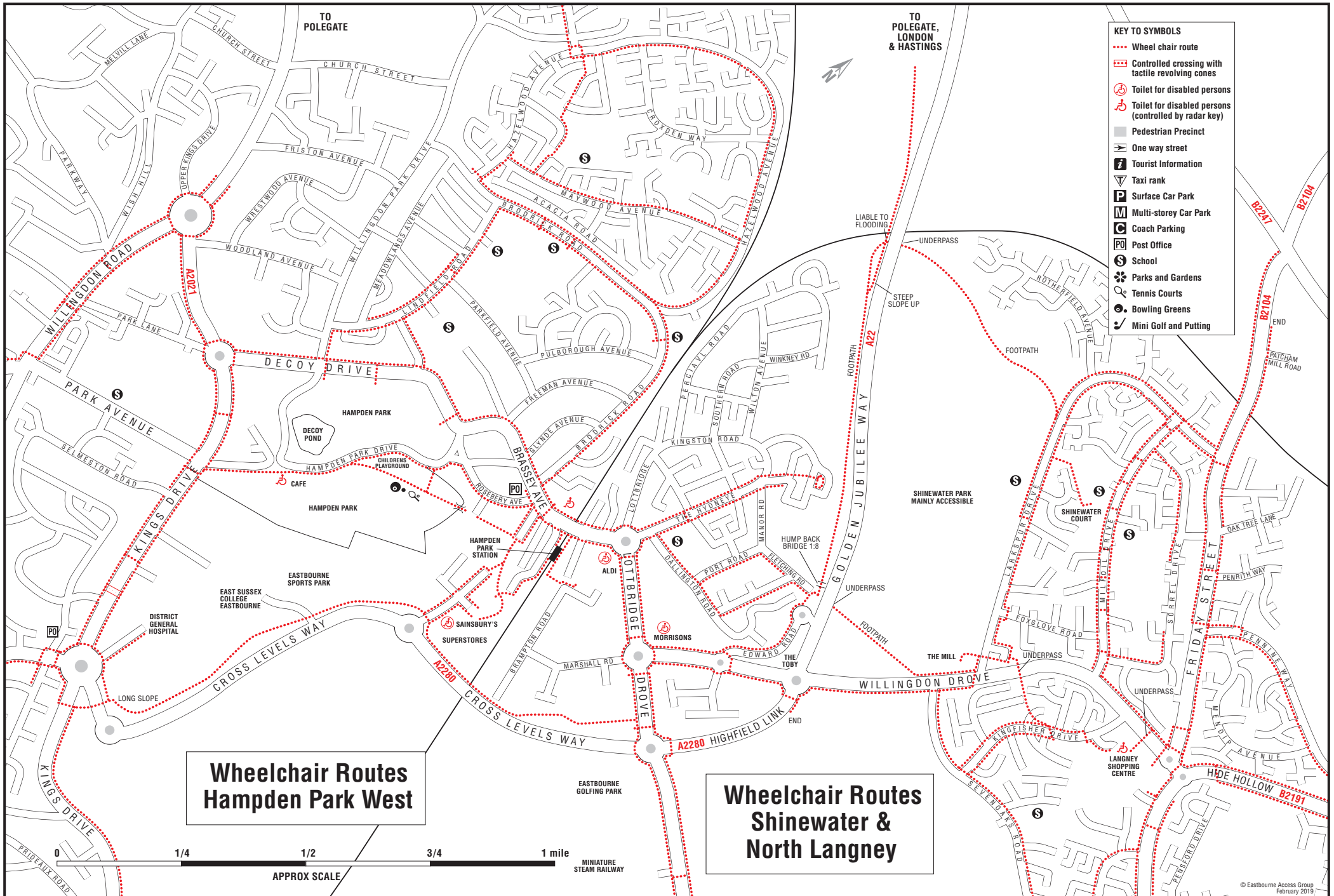
Sainsbury's, Cross Levels Way.

Tesco, Lottbridge Drove.

Waitrose, High Street, Old Town.

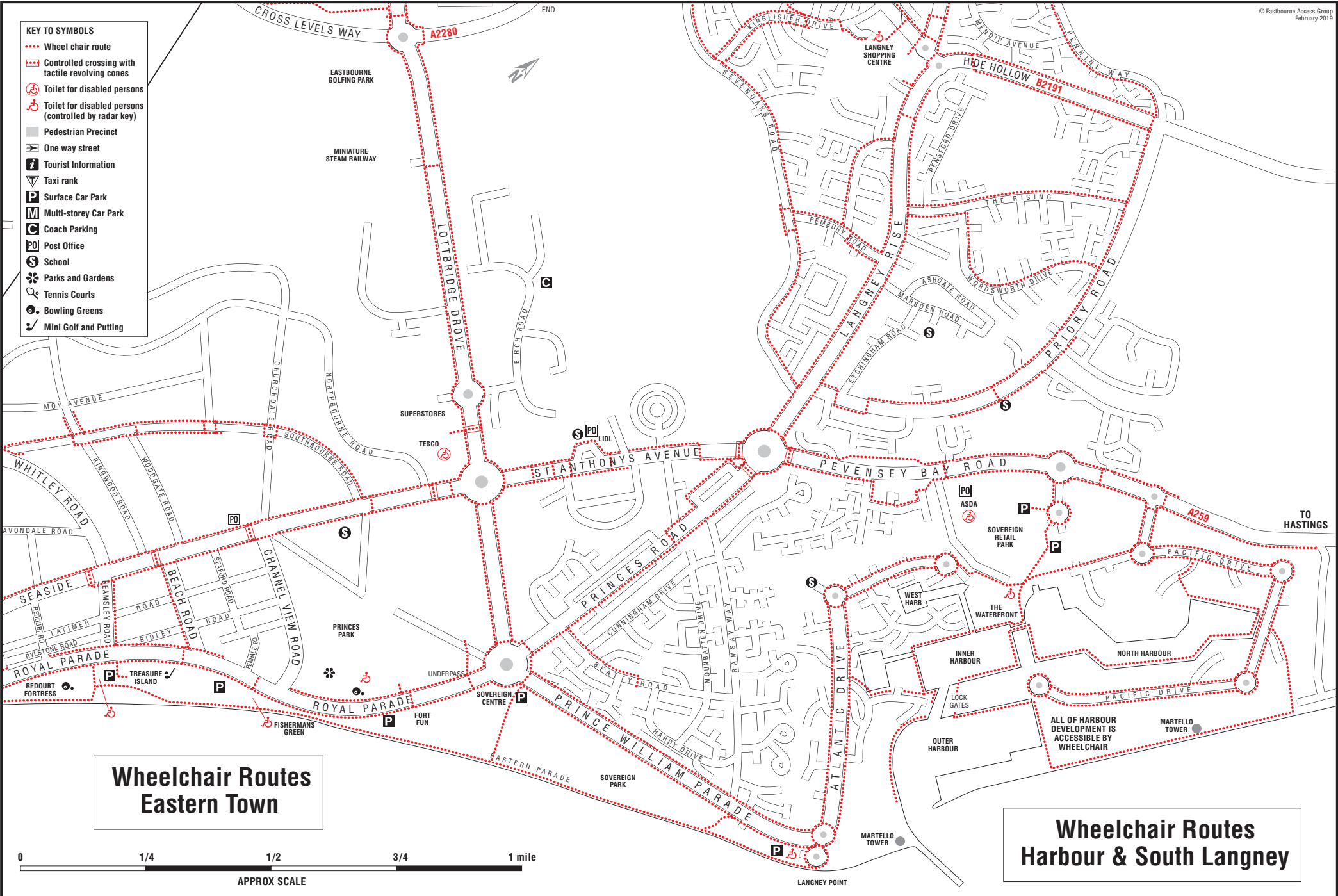
If you experience a problem with a public toilet call Customer First 01323 410000 or if privately owned contact directly.







- KEY TO SYMBOLS**
- ..... Wheel chair route
  - ..... Controlled crossing with tactile revolving cones
  - ♿ Toilet for disabled persons
  - ♿ Toilet for disabled persons (controlled by radar key)
  - ▭ Pedestrian Precinct
  - ➔ One way street
  - 🗺 Tourist Information
  - 🚕 Taxi rank
  - P Surface Car Park
  - M Multi-storey Car Park
  - C Coach Parking
  - PO Post Office
  - S School
  - 🌳 Parks and Gardens
  - 🎾 Tennis Courts
  - 🏏 Bowling Greens
  - 🏌 Mini Golf and Putting



**Wheelchair Routes  
Eastern Town**

**Wheelchair Routes  
Harbour & South Langney**



ALL OF HARBOUR  
DEVELOPMENT IS  
ACCESSIBLE BY  
WHEELCHAIR



## HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

Eastbourne is well supplied with hotels and guesthouses, large and small, but as is often the case, traditional architecture limits accessibility. Our website has a list of disabled facilities provided by some seafront hotels. The Tourist Information Centre Tel: 01323 415415 offers further help to find more accessible and disabled friendly accommodation such as dietary requirements, ramp access, wet rooms, hearing loops etc. Alternatively search [www.visiteastbourne.com](http://www.visiteastbourne.com). It is your responsibility to check with individual hotels if they can meet your needs and requirements.

## PARKS AND GARDENS

**Helen Gardens** in King Edwards Parade. Play area, bowls, cafe, putting green. Accessible toilet by pavilion. Street Parking.

**Western Lawns** King Edward's Parade. Leads up to the Wish Tower (Martello Tower). Large open space, used for public events, restaurant (opening in 2019), RNLI Museum. Small car park, blue badge spaces.

**Gildredge Park** Entrances in Dittons Road, Compton Place Road and The Goffs. Bowls, cafe, tennis, play area, and a skate park. Small car park at The Goffs entrance, otherwise street parking. Public toilets not accessible for wheelchairs.

**Motcombe Gardens** Motcombe Road. Small quiet park with pond. Bowls. Street parking only.

**Hampden Park** Accessible paths through park and wooded sections, level path round lake and play area. Accessible toilet by cafe. Skate park, bowls, tennis, rugby club. Street parking only.

**Princes Park** Entrances Wartling Road, Channel View Road and Royal Parade. Lake, model boat club, bowls, splash pad, play areas. Accessible level pathways around most of park. Large field. Accessible toilet by Cafe. Street parking or Fort Fun car park.

**Shinewater Park** Access from Larkspur Drive, Pigs Lane bridle path near The Mill or Edward Road BN23 8AS near Toby Carvery. Large man-made lake, surfaced pathways, fishing, play area and skate park. Street parking. The 14 mile Cuckoo Trail starts here.

## MAIN SHOPPING CENTRES AND RETAIL PARKS

**The Beacon.** Town Centre under cover, accessible. New cinema and restaurants opening in 2019. Accessible toilets & Changing Place in main square. Multi-storey car park with lifts. Charges apply. Shopmobility at rear exit, near Marks & Spencer. Chemist.

**Sovereign Retail Park.** Next to Harbour. Large free car park with Blue Badge spaces. ASDA with post office, cafe, accessible toilet, chemist. Boots has midnight pharmacy, other retail units and petrol station.

**Langney Shopping Centre.** (Being extended) Free car park with Blue Badge spaces. Accessible toilet by Kingfisher Pub. Bank, chemist, Tesco, cafe and other shops. Community library. Market on Tuesday and Saturdays. Petrol station adjacent.

**Broadwater Way.** Large free car park with Blue Badge spaces. Sainsbury's with cafe, chemist, Argos and accessible toilet. Also, Currys/PC World, DFS Furniture and petrol station.

**Admirals Retail Park.** Lottbridge Drove. Large free car park, Blue Badge spaces. Tesco, chemist, accessible toilet. Petrol station. Homebase accessible toilet. Several large retail units.

**Hampden Park Retail Centre.** All car parks have Blue Badge spaces, Morrisons supermarket with cafe, toilet, petrol station. Dunelm with cafe and toilets, B&Q, Aldi and other large stores.

**(Please beware parking time limits apply in many of the car parks - please read the signs).**

There are many independent shops in Meads, Albert Parade, Old Town, Enterprise Centre, Little Chelsea, Seaside, St Anthony's, Langney Point, Hampden Park, Freshwater Square, etc.

## BANKS AND BUILDING SOCIETIES

These are mainly accessible with hearing loops. The majority are situated in the Town Centre in Terminus Road and Cornfield Rd.

## EASTBOURNE'S MAIN POST OFFICE

Within WH Smiths, 110 Terminus Road, BN21 3AL. Accessible.

## **THEATRE, CINEMAS AND ART GALLERY**

**Eastbourne Theatres** Box Office Tel: 01323 412000.

Eastbourne Theatres operate a free scheme for those who need a carer to be with them at a show to assist them. Apply for 'Essential Companion Scheme' form at the box office.

**Congress Theatre.** BN21 4JR. 15 Wheelchair spaces with seat for Essential Companion. Lifts to all floors. Accessible Toilets. Changing Places toilet opening this year. Blue Badge parking on road and adjacent car parks and Blue Badge Drop Off point. Loop System in all areas of auditorium, Infrared System with headphones and neck loops available from Duty Manager.

**Devonshire Park Theatre.** BN21 4BW. 4 wheelchair spaces with seat for Essential Companion. Access from service road beside theatre. 6 Blue Badge spaces in front of theatre or street parking. Loop System and Infrared System as above. Audio-description is available Friday evenings and Saturday Matinees. Accessible toilet.

**Winter Garden** - Closed for refurbishment re-opening 2020.

**Royal Hippodrome Theatre.** 2 wheelchair spaces. Accessible toilet. Loop audio system. Box Office Tel: 01323 802020. Carers discount for members of Care for the Carers card scheme.

**The Bandstand.** Concerts for all ages, accessible, toilets. Free carers ticket. Tickets from Seafront Office Tel: 01323 410611 or Tourist Information Centre. [www.eastbournebandstand.co.uk](http://www.eastbournebandstand.co.uk)

**Cinemas.** Cineworld, The Beacon (opens Apr 19), The Curzon, Langney Road and Hailsham Pavilion. Cinema Exhibitor's Association Card allows people with disabilities to obtain a carer ticket. [www.ceacard.co.uk](http://www.ceacard.co.uk). Helpline Tel: 01244 526016.

**The Birley Centre and College Theatre.** Carlisle Road BN21 4JY. A contemporary performing arts centre. Ramp access, lift, accessible toilet. Part of Eastbourne College. Box Office Tel: 01323 452255.

**Towner Art Gallery.** BN21 4JJ. Next to Congress Theatre. Fully accessible, lift, cafe, accessible toilet. The cinema has 4 wheelchair spaces on front row. Tel: 01323 434670.

## **HEARING IMPAIRMENT**

**East Sussex Hearing Resource Centre,** 8 St Leonards Road. BN21 3UH. Display of assistive devices, hearing loops, mobile service, lip reading and sign language classes, drop in, NHS hearing aid battery replacement and maintenance, deafblind, deafened, etc. Awareness training. Tel: 01323 722505.

**Hearing Link,** 8 Saffrons Road, BN21 1DG offers a range of services to help people adjust to and manage the challenges that hearing loss can bring. Tel: 07526 123255.

**Hearing Loops.** In difficult hearing situations like noisy places and trying to hear people behind security screens a hearing loop is a great help. Hearing Link's 'Lets Loop' campaign encourages businesses to use them. Eastbourne's theatres, most banks, churches, the station and some supermarkets are equipped. Look out for the sign at the entrance or counter. When out and about always ask if there is a hearing loop and check it works!

## **VISUALLY IMPAIRED PEOPLE (VIP)**

**Eastbourne Blind Society,** 124 Longstone Road, BN22 8DA Social activities and resource centre for VIPs. Display of aids and equipment. Awareness Training. Tel: 01323 729511.

**East Sussex Library Service** Large print, audio books and online services. Home library service. Tel: 0345 60 80 196.

**The Eastbourne Talking Newspaper Association** provide recorded extracts from local and Sunday newspapers and magazines for VIPs. Tel: 01323 727273.

**The Friends of Devonshire Park Theatre** arrange audio-description of plays on Friday nights and Saturday matinees.

**Guide Dog and Assistance Dog Owners** have the same right to services supplied by shops, banks, hotels, libraries, pubs, taxis and restaurants as everyone else - Equality Act 2010. A taxi driver may have medical exemption for not carrying a dog.

## **DEMENTIA**

For people worried about or affected by dementia.

**Adult Health & Social Care Connect.** Tel: 0345 60 80 191.

**Alzheimer's Society.** Sussex helpline Tel: 01403 213017.

**Dementia Friends.** [www.dementiafriends.org.uk](http://www.dementiafriends.org.uk)

**Memory Lane Eastbourne.** Tel: 07800 874361 social activities for people with dementia and their carers to attend together.

**Eastbourne Dementia Action Alliance** Tel: 01323 385285.

## OTHER LOCAL SUPPORT GROUPS

**Eastbourne Mencap.** 113 Pevensey Road BN22 8AD Tel: 01323 722034. Supporting local people with learning disabilities.  
**Eastbourne MS Society.** Tel: 07580 469300.  
**Eastbourne Parkinson's Group.** Tel: Secretary 01323 769599.  
**E. Sussex Branch MND Assoc** email: smallwood.sue@sky.com.  
**JPK Project.** Church Street BN21 1HP Tel: 0843 289 3624. Providing opportunities for people with learning disabilities. Cafe.  
**SASBAH** The Sussex Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus. Tel: 01825 873045 www.sasbah.org.uk.  
**Sussex Epilepsy.** Tel: 07497 822055 www.epilepsysussex.com.  
**Eastbourne Wellbeing Centre.** 6 Saffrons Road BN21 1DG Tel: 01323 405330 Supporting people's mental health and wellbeing.  
**Samaritans.** 13 Bolton Road BN21 3JT. Tel: 01323 735555 or call for free on 116 123. Email jo@samaritans.org.

**Pegasus Card.** If you have speech or communication difficulties, registering for a Pegasus card could help you in an emergency. The emergency services will know how best to communicate with you and your specific needs. Register online [www.sussex.police.uk](http://www.sussex.police.uk) and search Pegasus card.

**Autism Stress Alert** card scheme Tel: 07476 418135.

## CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES

**Information for Families.** Tel: 0345 60 80 192. Childcare, activities, support groups, i-go card; for 0-19 yrs. (25 SEND). Or search online [www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk) and [www.escis.org.uk](http://www.escis.org.uk).

**Amaze SENDIASS** helpline Tel: 01273 772289 for impartial advice and support up to 25 years old and their parents and carers. [eastsussex@amazebrighton.org.uk](mailto:eastsussex@amazebrighton.org.uk).

**Single Point of Advice** for Children Services 01323 464222.

**Children's Centres.** Support families with under 5's Tel: 01323 464340 for your nearest centre and services offered.

**East Sussex Young Carers.** Tel: 0300 777 2011 support 5-18 year olds who are caring for someone at home, parent or sibling.

**Embrace.** Suite 1&2, The Undercroft, 20 Wharf Road, BN21 3AW. Tel: 01323 404775 supports special needs and disabled children and young people, activities, clubs, outreach, advocacy.

**Families for Autism.** Supporting children and young people on the autistic spectrum and their families. Email: [lisa.davis@familiesforautism.com](mailto:lisa.davis@familiesforautism.com)

## USEFUL CONTACTS

### Local Support

**ESCIS, East Sussex Community Information Service website.** Directory of leisure, hobbies, childcare, support groups, disabilities, events, etc. Covering all ages. [www.escis.org.uk](http://www.escis.org.uk)  
**1 Space** a self-service directory. [www.eastsussex1space.co.uk](http://www.eastsussex1space.co.uk).  
**Possability People.** [www.possabilitypeople.org.uk](http://www.possabilitypeople.org.uk)  
A Sussex charity making more things possible for disabled & older people. Information and advice for disabled people, families, friends and carers. Tel: 01424 234460.  
Care and support services and advice. Tel: 01273 894040.  
**Care for the Carers.** 8 St Leonards Road, BN21 3UH. Tel: 01323 738390. Support, information, advice, newsletter for unpaid carers in East Sussex. Carers alert/discount card.

**Benefits, East Sussex helpline.** Tel: 0333 3440681.

**East Sussex Credit Union** Tel: 0300 303 3188. Not for profit savings and loans co-operative. [www.eastsussexcu.org.uk](http://www.eastsussexcu.org.uk)

**BHT Eastbourne Advice.** 8 St Leonard's Road, BN21 3UH. Tel: 01323 642615. Free specialist housing advice to people on possession action, homelessness, suitability of accommodation, tenancy rights, disrepair and allocations policies.

**Citizens Advice Bureau.** Highlight House, 8 St Leonards Road, BN21 3UH Tel: 03444 111 444. [www.eastbournecab.co.uk](http://www.eastbournecab.co.uk).

**Shaftesbury Centre.** Milfoil Drive BN23 8BR Tel: 01323 760654. Advice and counselling centre.

**'STEPS to stay independent'.** 1 Grove Road, BN21 4TW. Tel: 01323 436414. For 60+ and facing housing difficulties.

**Eastbourne Foodbank.** Tel: 01323 409925. Contact for agencies who can give foodbank vouchers and for your nearest distribution centre. Email [admin@eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:admin@eastbourne.foodbank.org.uk).

**Now! Charity Group. Furniture Now** 3 Courtlands Road, BN22 8TR Tel: 01323 638000. Sells pre-owned furniture, not for profit - low prices. Recliner armchairs, electric beds, mobility aids and more. **Training Now.** 01323 887199 for unemployed and workshops to build confidence and skills.

(Other unwanted furniture outlets run by local charities - **Age UK, British Heart Foundation, St Wilfrid Hospice**).

**Salvation Army.** Rebourne Corner Day Services, 149 Langney Road, BN22 8AH. Tel: 01323 417149. Plus weekday activities, New to you Furniture and Care and Share clothing shops.

### Keeping active

**Age Concern, Eastbourne.** The Venton Centre, Junction Road BN21 3QY. Services for people aged 50 plus. Cafe, hairdresser, therapies, activities. Accessible toilets. Tel: 01323 638474.

**Alice Croft House.** BN21 4NE Tel: 01323 728157. Club for over 50's. Activities, classes, snooker, IT suite. Lift. Accessible toilet.

**Chaseley Trust.** Activate Gym for wheelchair users. Open to local disabled people. Membership charges Tel: 01323 744200.

**Community Wise.** Ocklynge Road, BN21 1PY. Tel: 01323 722924. Community services and activities. Community shop.

**Defiant Sports** Tel: 07887 755856 providing inclusive sports and activities in the community.

**Eastbourne Seniors Forum.** A voice for over 50's, newsletter, events, directory of leisure facilities. Tel: 01323 768868.

**Eastbourne Wheels for All.** Accessible cycling opportunities for people of all abilities and ages. Eastbourne Sports Park, Cross Levels Way, BN21 2UF. Tel: 07881 282725 or 01273 482490.

**East Sussex Age UK.** Offer support to those in later life with day services, information and advice. Tel: 01273 476704.

**Motcombe Swimming Pool.** Old Town BN21 1PU Tel: 01323 410748 accessible changing area, toilet, hoist into pool.

**Sovereign Swimming Club.** For disabled people. Sunday afternoons at Motcombe Pool, accessible, hoist. 01323 484165.

**Sovereign Centre Swimming Pool.** Royal Parade BN22 7LQ Tel: 0845 2671200. Accessible changing area, toilet. Hoist into gala pool available on request. Level access into fun pool with waves. Cafe and seating area.

**Sport Eastbourne.** Tel: 01323 509859 Centres at Hampden Park, Cavendish, Shinewater and Sports Park. Classes and activities for all ages and abilities. [www.sporteastbourne.com](http://www.sporteastbourne.com)

### Volunteering

**Eastbourne Volunteers & Hub.** The Labyrinth, Mark Lane BN21 4RJ Tel: 01323 381811. Volunteering and information on events, activities, local groups, charities. Eastbourne Voice.

**Possability People.** Volunteering & employment support & opportunities for disabled people. Tel: 07795 904179.

### Public and Local Authority Services

**Adult Health & Social Care Connect.** Tel: 0345 60 80 191. Helps those needing extra support to live as independently as possible. Carers Assessments. Report abuse or neglect.

**East Sussex Fire and Rescue Service.** Offer free Home Safety checks, smoke detectors. Ring re eligibility Tel: 0800 1777 069.

**Eastbourne Borough Council.** 1 Grove Road BN21 4TL. Tel: Customer First 01323 410000, [customerfirst@eastbourne.gov.uk](mailto:customerfirst@eastbourne.gov.uk)

**Eastbourne Central Library.** 1 Grove Road, BN21 4TL. Tel: 0345 60 80 196. Also in Hampden Park, Brodrick Close BN22 9NQ. Accessible. Equal Access and Home Library Service. Large print, audio, DVD and specialised books. Online services including eBooks and downloadable audio books. Community Libraries in Old Town, Langney Shopping Centre and Willingdon.

**Police emergency 999. Non-emergency 101.**

**Tourist Information Centre.** Tel: 01323 415415. Cornfield Rd BN21 4QA. Accommodation, theatre, places to visit, events, etc.

**Welbeing Wealden & Eastbourne Lifeline.** 24-hour telephone response service for vulnerable people and other services to aid independent living. Tel: 01323 644422 [www.welbeing.org.uk](http://www.welbeing.org.uk)

### Health Services

**Conquest (Hastings) Hospital.** The Ridge, TN37 7RD. Tel: 01424 755255.

**Drop-in Doctor Surgery.** Eastbourne Rail Station BN21 3QJ open 7 days a week 8am-8pm. Tel: 01323 726650.

**Eastbourne District Hospital.** Kings Drive, BN21 2UD. Tel: 01323 417400.

**Emergency Dental Service.** Hailsham. Weekdays appointment line 6.30- 10.30 pm for appointments 7- 9 pm. Weekends/Bank Holidays 1-5.30 pm appointments 2-4 pm. Tel: 01323 449170.

**Health in mind** offers a free service and help if feeling stressed or down Tel: 0300 003 0130, [www.healthinmind.org.uk](http://www.healthinmind.org.uk).

**Healthwatch, East Sussex.** Want your views on health & social care services. 0333 101 4007 [www.healthwatcheastsussex.co.uk](http://www.healthwatcheastsussex.co.uk)

**St Wilfrid's Hospice.** 1 Broadwater Way, Eastbourne BN22 9PZ Tel: 01323 434200. Cafe open to public every day.

**NHS 111 service** for non-emergencies, medical advice available. Free from landlines and mobile phones.

**Your Local Pharmacist** can help you with your medication, repeat prescriptions, minor ailments, health checks, etc.

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