

National RADAR key scheme toilets in Nottinghamshire

Accessible Public Toilets for
Disabled People



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The service is provided by a team of staff and volunteers who all have a personal experience of disability, and have the necessary expertise and knowledge to pass on valuable information and advice.

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Background to the National Key Scheme

The availability of appropriately designed toilets in public places is vital for disabled people to engage in the everyday life of their communities and to take part in the full range of activities. This was recognised from the earliest days of campaigns for improved access to toilets in this country.

By the late 1970s, most local authorities and some other public bodies had provided public toilets designed or adapted for disabled people. However, it had become evident that in some parts of the country these were being damaged either by deliberate vandalism or more casual misuse.

To counter this vandalism, an increasing number of public toilets were being locked with keys held by attendants. A few councils had issued keys to disabled people on a local basis, however, it became clear that the construction of new public conveniences for disabled people was actually being held back by the absence of a uniform system of controlling entry.

The national disability charity, RADAR (see page 7), had held the view that public toilets for disabled people should be unlocked and kept in a usable condition at all times. Toilets can become unusable by disabled people even if there is only a low level of damage or lack of maintenance, for example, wheelchair users may not be able to avoid broken glass that others can step over.

With regret, RADAR recognised that in many areas the two elements of its policy had become irreconcilable. It therefore set up discussions with disability organisations, local authorities and others to establish the National Key Scheme (NKS) to increase the security and encourage proper usage of accessible toilets.

The principle of the scheme is that if it is necessary to lock toilets for disabled people, a standard lock should be used. Local authorities adopting the scheme should make arrangements for disabled people in its area to obtain a key. The same lock can be used by the many other organisations providing toilets used by disabled members of the public.

The National Key Scheme was launched at the beginning of 1981. By the end of the first year, NKS locks had been fitted to about 100 toilets. However, during the second year the lock was fitted at 40 major railway stations, making the scheme truly national, and the 100th local authority had adopted the scheme by the end of 1983.

Since the mid-1980s, the number of toilets fitted with the lock has grown by about 300 per year. The scheme has become an ordinary part of provision in most parts of the country.

The current listing of NKS toilets includes well over 6000 toilets in all parts of the country provided by over 400 local authorities and an increasingly wide range of other organisations.





The Design and Use of Accessible Toilets

The current design recommendations for a unisex public toilet have focused on the features that are required for wheelchair users and people who can walk only a short distance.

The approach must be level or ramped, the doorway must be level and of an adequate width and the dimensions large enough for wheelchair manoeuvre to allow for different directions of transfer to the toilet and for personal assistance if this is required.

The fact that some disabled people will need assistance from a companion necessitates a unisex cubicle. The recommended layout of fittings aims to cater for the maximum possible range of requirements for handrails.

The provision of well-designed public unisex toilets designed for disabled people does not mean there is no need to pay attention to the design and maintenance of other toilets. Simple fittings such as a handrail in at least one toilet cubicle and by a urinal would help a large number of people.

RADAR

RADAR, the Royal Association for Disability and Rehabilitation, oversees the National Key Scheme. RADAR is a national disability organisation, working to represent the needs and expectations of disabled people throughout the country.



How to Use the Listings in This Booklet

The public toilets listed in this booklet are those that are fitted with the National Key Scheme lock – it is not a list of all public toilets designed for disabled people in Nottinghamshire. In general, the entries in this guide are unisex toilets designed for disabled people that are available to NKS keyholders at all times. The listings are alphabetical by district.

Some toilets are not available at all times; they may be within premises that are closed overnight (ie public houses).

Most toilets fitted with the NKS lock are run by district or borough councils in whose area they are located. However, an increasing proportion are now provided by other organisations. These include other local authorities such as parish and county councils, commercial bodies including shopping centres, public houses and rail companies, and a wide variety of other public and voluntary organisations.

National Key Scheme Toilets in Nottinghamshire

Key:

PH = Public House.

(information in brackets) = denotes its ownership.

Where there are restricted hours, this is stated (toilets in public houses are accessible during opening hours).

Ashfield District

Hucknall:

Market Place

Bowman PH, Nottingham Road

Pilgrim Oak PH, High Street

Kirkby in Ashfield:

Station Street, nr Nags Head PH. No key, on timer lock

Sutton in Ashfield:

Idlewells Shopping Centre (private)

The Picture House PH, Fox Street

Bus Station, Devonshire Square

Bassetlaw District

Blyth:

Blyth Services, A1M/A614 (Moto)

Clumber Park:

Cricket Ground, near Visitor Centre

Clumber Park Caravan Site (Caravan Club) - site hours

Retford:

Retford Station Platform (GNER) - station hours only

Chancery Lane - open shopping hours only

Chapel Gate - open shopping hours only

Broadstone PH

Litten Tree PH

The White Hart PH, Market Place

Dominie Cross PH, Market Place

Worksop:

Gateford Road - open shopping hours only

Park Street , Market Place - open shopping hours only

Priory Shopping Centre - open shopping hours only

Half Moon PH

Liquorice Gardens PH, Newcastle Street

Litten Tree PH

Lock Keeper PH

White Lion PH

Crossing Centre, Newcastle Avenue—shop hours only

Romans Rest PH

Three Legged Stool, Raymonth Lane PH

Broxtowe District**Beeston:**

Beeston Fields Recreation Ground

Bus Station

Leyton Crescent Recreation Ground

Weirfields Recreation Ground, Canal Side

Last Post PH, Chilwell Road

Chilwell:

Charlton Arms PH, High Road

Eastwood:

Nottingham Road nr Library

Kimberley:
Main Street

Stapleford:
Ilkeston Road Recreation Ground
Queen Elizabeth Park, Toton Lane
The Roach PH

Toton:
Manor Farm Recreation Ground

Gedling District

Arnold:
Arnold Hill Park - open 7am-7pm
Front Street
King George V Park - open 8am-5pm
Redhill Cemetery - open cemetery hours
Wood Street - open 8am-6pm
Methodist Church, Market Place
Burnt Stump PH, Burnt Stump Hill
The Ernehale PH, Nottingham Road
Friar Tuck PH, Gedling Road

Bestwood Country Park:
Alexandra Lodge (Nottinghamshire County Council)

Burnt Stump Country Park:
Country Park Car Park - open 8am-5pm

Burton Joyce:
Wheatsheaf Inn PH, Main Street

Calverton:
St Wilfreds Square - open 7am-7pm

Carlton:

Albert Avenue

Cavendish Road nr cemetery - open 8am-5pm

Gedling:

Chesterfield Arms PH, Main Road

Mapperley:

Haywood Road Car Park

Netherfield:

Morris Street Car Park

Ravenshead:

Milton Court Shopping Precinct

Stoke Bardolph:

Ferry Boat Inn PH

Mansfield District**Mansfield:**

Bus Station, Walkden Street

Four Seasons Shopping Centre

Mansfield Town Hall, Market Place

Mansfield Rail Station (Central Trains)

Courthouse PH, Market Place

Ravensdale PH, Sherwood Hall Road

Rufford Arms PH, Chesterfield Road South

Rushley PH, Nottingham Road

The Swan PH, Church Street

The Widow Frost PH, Leeming Street

Yates's Bar, Leeming Street

Gala Bingo, Albert Street (Gala) - opening hours only

Mansfield Woodhouse:
Rose Lane

Warsop:
High Street Car Park

Newark and Sherwood District

Blidworth:
Mansfield Street

Clipstone:
Vicar Water Country Park Visitor Centre

Edwinstowe:
Mansfield Road nr Village Hall

Farnsfield:
White Post PH, Ollerton Road

Laxton:
Visitor Centre (Parish Council)

Lowdham:
Southwell Road/Main Street

Newark:
Castle Grounds, Gilstrap Building
London Road Car Park
Riverside Park, Toney Lane
St Mark's Shopping Precinct
Buttermarket (Town Council)
St Mark's Place (Town Council)
Newark Northgate Rail Station, platforms 1 and 3
(GNER)

Sir John Arderne PH, Church Street
Saracens Head Yard PH, Market Place

New Ollerton:

Sherwood Heath Tourist Information Centre - open
Centre hours
Sycamore Drive

Southwell:

Church Street Car Park

Nottingham City

Basford:

Fox PH, Valley Road

Bulwell:

Duke Street - open 7am-7pm

Cinderhill:

Broxtowe Inn PH, Nuthall Road

Hyson Green:

Gregory Boulevard -open 7am-7pm

Nottingham City Centre:

Broadmarsh Bus Station

Forest Recreation Site, Gregory Boulevard (7am-7pm)

Trent Bridge, Victoria Embankment (7am-7pm)

**Nottingham Rail Station, platforms 1 and 5 (Central
Trains)**

Debenhams Store, Long Row (Debenhams)

Company Inn PH, Castle Wharf

Grove Castle Hotel PH, Castle Boulevard

Ha Ha Bar, Weekday Cross

Jongleurs, Castle Wharf, Canal Street
Liit Nottingham PH, Market Street
Lloyds No 1 PH, Carlton Street
Old Dog & Partridge PH, Lower Parliament St
Roebuck Inn PH, St James Street
Varsity PH, Peel Street
Walkabout PH, Friar Lane
Wetherspoons PH, South Parade, Market Square
Willoughby Arms PH, Wollaton
Gala Bingo, Hucknall Road (Club hrs)
Gala Bingo, St Anns Well Road (Club hrs)

Changing Places Toilets

Changing Places toilets provide a height adjustable adult-sized changing bench, a hoist, adequate space in the changing area for the disabled person and up to two carers, a centrally placed toilet with room either side for carers, a screen or curtain to allow the disabled person privacy. Please visit www.changing-places.org or phone 020 7696 6019 for more information on Changing Places toilets and their Locations in Nottinghamshire.

Sherwood:

Spondon Street –open 7am-7pm

Rushcliffe District

Ruddington:

Millers PH, Loughborough Road

Wilford:

Ferry Inn PH

Frequently Asked Questions



Who can obtain a key?

Any individual who has a disability and is able to provide evidence of this, for example, a blue badge. This is required under current VAT legislation.



How can I obtain a key?

Contact your local authority or obtain one from Dial Mansfield & District. Keys may be collected from the Dial office (cost: £2.50), or by post (cost: £3.90, including postage and packing). Requests by post should be sent to the address below with the remittance, delivery address details and photocopy of proof of disability. Cheques should be made payable to 'Disability Nottinghamshire.



How do I find out about toilets in other areas?

For details of accessible toilets in other areas operating under the National Key Scheme please contact us as we have access to the comprehensive national directory (covering England, Scotland, Wales, Northern Ireland, Channel Islands and the Isle of Man).

For clarification of the above or for any other questions contact:

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