

## Group Visits

### General Information

We are open to the general public from January to mid-December every Saturday, Sunday, Bank Holiday and Chorley school holidays Monday – Wednesday 12.00-4.30pm

We don't run guided tours during opening hours.

We run general guided tours throughout the year at a cost of £4.00 per head (minimum 20 people or £80.00). The tours last around 75 minutes and provides a general history of the house, its' families and its' contents.

We will endeavour to tailor a tour where possible dependant on groups' specific interests ***given enough notice***.

We are fairly flexible with which days the tours run, although we wouldn't begin a tour after 3.30pm.

Groups are welcome to conduct self-guided tours and this would be at a charge of £2.00 per head (minimum 25 people or £50)

No money will be taken on the day; the person on the booking form will be invoiced via Chorley Council after the tour.

### Access

Astley Hall is over 400 hundred years old, and was therefore built before modern accessible facilities were taken into account. The period rooms and art gallery are spread over three floors, with varying staircases between each floor. There is no lift access to these floors. The entire ground floor is wheelchair accessible. For those visitors unable to visit any other floor than the ground, we can show a DVD of the upper floors. Please let us know if you would like to use the access DVD.

Toilets are accessible on the ground floor. There are also toilets, including a dedicated disabled toilet, at the Coach House alongside the Hall.

## **Refreshments**

Café Ambio in the Coach House can provide refreshments for group visits. It is always best to book in advance, even if not pre-ordering food, to make sure there is enough room.

All food should be booked through Café Ambio:

Contact on 01257 276891

It may be necessary to book the Coach House Activity Space for larger groups. We do not charge extra for this but availability must be confirmed at the time of booking.

## **Getting Here**

Chorley is easy to find - just off junction 8 of the M61. From there follow the many brown 'tourist' road signs to Astley Hall, which is to the west of Chorley town centre off the A581 Chorley-Southport Road.

We are also only a 15 minute drive from junction 27 of the M6, simply follow the A49 Preston route until you see the brown signs at the village of Euxton.

Parking for cars and coaches is available at the Hallgate car park to the rear of Astley Hall. This is approximately 300m from the front of the hall. Disabled badge holders can drive to the front of the hall via a council depot to the rear of the hall. Access through the walled garden courtyard is restricted and advanced notice, if at all possible, would be appreciated. There is no charge for parking. If you are using a Satellite Navigation System please use the post code PR7 IXA.

People wishing to book tours should contact Pamela Wookey Visitor Services Officer

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