Kent County Show 2023

Accessibility Guide

The Kent County Agricultural Society is committed to making the Kent County Show accessible to all. We welcome feedback on improvements or further adaptions to needs. You can also contact us if you have a specific question, or if you need help planning your day. Email us at info@kentshowground.co.uk or call us on 01622 630975.

We hope you have a comfortable and enjoyable day visiting the Kent County Show.

GETTING TO THE SHOW

By car

The Kent County Show is located at the following address:
Kent Showground
Detling
Maidstone
Kent
ME14 3JF

Road signs will direct you to enter through the Main Gate off the A249.

By public transport

The nearest train station is Maidstone East. Nu-Venture will be providing a shuttle bus service from Maidstone East Station at 9:15am, 10:30am & 11:45am, and Maidstone Town Centre (King Street) and 9:20am, 10:35am and 11:50am to the Showground. The drop off point is located at Main Gate Car Park near Entrance 1.

Buses will return from the Kent County Show to Maidstone East Station and Maidstone Town Centre at 3pm, 4:30pm & 6:15pm.

By taxi

You can get a taxi with Streamline by calling 01622 750000. The taxi company has a wheelchair accessible vehicle.
Accessible taxis should be booked in advance.

ACCESSIBLE PARKING

The Showground has accessible parking spaces adjacent to Entrance 4. A local authority permit (Blue Badge) should be clearly displayed upon entrance through Main Gate off the A249, and a parking steward will direct you to the accessible car park. Please note that all accessible parking is on grass.

Parking spaces cannot be reserved in advance and are available on a first come, first served basis. If the car park is full, we will do our best to park you in a suitable alternative location.

If you need additional assistance entering the Showground, please inform the Show Office prior to the event, or speak to one of our stewards onsite.

WHEELCHAIR AND SCOOTER HIRE

Advanced Mobility will be offering wheelchair and electric scooter hire at the Kent County Show. These can be collected from just inside Entrance 4, closest to the accessible parking area. Please refer to the map for location.

Prices are:

£30 Large / Medium Scooter

£10 Manual Wheelchair

We would strongly advise that you book in advance to guarantee availability. Bookings can be made by calling 01274 297 777, or by visiting https://advanced-mobility.co.uk/collections/kent-county-show-2023.

WALKWAYS AND ACCESS

The Showground is mainly flat, with concrete or asphalt walkways. The buildings are either accessible by wheelchairs and mobility scooters or have a ramp.

Some attractions, including the animal areas, heritage cars, and countryside ring are mainly grass areas, which may require more effort when manoeuvring a manual wheelchair.

FIRST AID

First aid and medical services will be provided by MET Medical with the main Medical Centre located near the Show Office (Alan Day House). This will be marked as ‘First Aid’ on maps located around the Showground and inside the Show Programme. There will also be a number of on-foot paramedics and cycle responders patrolling the event. If you need medical attention, please report to the Medical Centre, or alert a medical responder or event steward.

TOILETS AND BABY CHANGING FACILITIES

There are a number of disabled toilets located around the Showground for use during your visit. These toilets are clearly marked on event plans and Show Maps located around the site and inside the Show Programme, as well as signposted on doors.

Baby changing facilities are available by the Public Bar and Restaurant inside the Clive Emson Building, or the Astor Pavilion for members. Facilities are continually monitored by our stewards and contractors for cleanliness.

CHANGING PLACES FACILITY

We are partnering with Mobiloo, a fully accessible toilet and changing facility for those who require a hoist and/or changing bed when using the bathroom.

The Mobiloo can be found by Entrance 1 near Curly's Farm.

ASISSTANCE DOGS

Dogs, including assistance dogs, are welcome on the Showground and inside our buildings. Please ensure your dog is kept on a lead at all times.

DISABLED VISITORS AND CARERS TICKET

Visitors attending requiring a carer are eligible for a complimentary carer's ticket. We strongly recommend arranging this in advance for smoothest entry on the day, however, it is not a requirement to do so.

All visiting guests, except for the carer, will require a purchased entry ticket which are available online at www.kcas.org.uk/kent-county-show/ or via the ticket hotline 01622 630975 (8:30am – 5pm, Mon-Fri).

When booking in advance, an email should be sent to info@kentshowground.co.uk with a copy of one of the below forms of documentation, along with your order number, and a carer's ticket will be supplied to you. If not booked in advance, you will need to present one of the following forms of documentation at the gate instead:

- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Disability Living Allowance (DLA)
- Carers Allowance
- Certificate of Visual Impairment (CVI) or BD8

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