



## Hebden Bridge Disability Access Forum Member Information

**Who are we?** HBDAF is a group which started in Autumn 2016, which aims to improve access to life in general in the Hebden Bridge area.

**What area?** Hebden Bridge, Mytholmroyd and the surrounding hill top villages.

**Who can join?** Anyone who is Deaf, disabled and/or neurodivergent, or has a long-term health condition, and who lives in, works in or visits the area. We want members of all ages and backgrounds, to know what barriers we all face in access to places, events, information or services.

We also warmly welcome non-disabled Associates to support us in our work.

### Membership

We have 33 members (2023), some of whom do not attend meetings but contribute by email or telephone. All are equally important. We have an online Google Group (members only not public) for discussion and information. Agenda for meetings are sent out to everyone so that members who don't attend can contribute before the meeting. Minutes are circulated quickly afterwards, so that all members can soon be involved in activities, consultations or discussions.

### Meetings

Currently (May 2024) we have our Ordinary Meetings on the third Monday of each month. 2.30pm to 4.30pm with a 5 minute comfort break in the middle.

We meet in the **Terrace Room, the Town Hall**, St George's Street, Hebden Bridge HX7 7BY. People also attend the same meeting by **zoom video link** if they choose to – a hybrid meeting. You are very welcome to have a Personal Assistant, support worker or anyone else to support you at meetings, if wanted. You are welcome to attend regularly, occasionally, or for only part of the meeting, to suit your needs. We can consider paying travel expenses to the meeting if needed. Please join us!

### The Terrace Room – Access and Comfort features of the meeting room

- wheelchair accessible (via a lift), or up one flight of stairs
- induction loop available for hearing aid users
- background noise low due to carpeting
- large glass doors to the outside terrace for natural light/air, smoke free
- electric lighting is even
- usually comfortably warm not overheated
- drinking water available
- accessible toilet on the same level

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average attendance has been around eight people per meeting – some are on zoom

**Please ask** if you have any access needs, including light/noise issues, we shall do our best to accommodate them.

We can arrange informal **drop-in chat** meetings by Zoom video link only, if members request them. No agenda or minutes, just chat.

Hebden Bridge Disability Access Forum is a working group of Hebden Royd Town Council, which supports us with administration and finance.