

BUXTON MILITARY TATTOO
SATURDAY 10 JULY 2010, 6 PM

ACCESS STATEMENT

1. Background. The tattoo is organised by ABF The Soldiers' Charity to raise money for ABF The Soldiers' Charity. Part of the work of ABF is to support soldiers who have disabilities of many types caused by wounds incurred in recent and past conflicts. The organisers are, therefore, sympathetic to the needs of spectators with disabilities and will do everything reasonably possible to assist them to have an enjoyable event.
2. Venue. The venue is the 18th Century Cavendish Dome of the University of Derby, Buxton. The Dome has recently had a major overhaul to bring it up to the standard required of a university campus, including disabled access and facilities. However, because it is not a modern purpose built events venue, some limitations for disabled access are inevitable, particularly the limitation on numbers of parking places for disabled spectators.
3. Disabled Parking. The Dome has very limited parking on site, all of which is closely controlled and, except for permanent pass holders, access is denied except where a Parking Permit has been previously arranged using a specific vehicle's registration number. With the exception of a small number of Disabled Parking places for which a permit is required, there will be no parking available for spectators of the tattoo. Where possible, spectators with disabilities should arrange to be dropped off on the road outside the main entrance to the Dome and their car should then be parked in a public parking place which may be some distance away. In cases where this is not practicable, spectators with disabilities should request to book one of the few disabled parking places. This should be done in advance with the Event Manager, Chris Thornton. (See www.buxtontattoo.org.uk Contact Us page) Those who have already bought tickets for the tattoo, eg from the Opera House, should quote their ticket number or numbers. Those who have not yet purchased their tickets may buy them from Chris Thornton at the same time as arranging their disabled parking. Chris will need to know the registered number of the vehicle to be parked. On the day of the tattoo, Chris will provide the security staff with list of vehicles authorised to use the few disabled parking places.
4. Wheelchair Users. Wheelchair using spectators are very welcome and places for wheelchairs will be made available on the ground floor. Bona Fide Able Bodied Carers for wheelchair using spectators will be admitted free and a free Carer ticket will be sent to the wheelchair using spectator on request. Wheelchair places and free Carer Tickets may be requested on the ticket mail order form. Alternatively contact Chris Thornton (see above) quoting the wheelchair using spectators ticket number.
5. Gallery. There is a lift to the gallery as well as stairs. However, the organisers have taken a decision to restrict wheelchair spaces to the ground floor. This is because there is much less space available on the gallery for

spectators' chairs. Also, the view from the gallery for a wheelchair spectator would be limited by the gallery railing.

6. Access to the Building. From the main entrance to the Dome campus and from the disabled vehicle parking places to the Dome main entrance is level hard surface which is lit after dark. The main entrance to the Dome has two steps but also has a disabled access ramp and handrail. The ground floor of the Dome is all on one level with no obstacles to movement by disabled people and wheelchair users.

7. Disabled Toilets. There are disabled toilet facilities on the ground floor.

8. Blind and Limited Vision Spectators. Blind and limited vision spectators are very welcome and should find no particular restrictions beyond those normally experienced at any similar event. However, any blind or limited vision spectator who has any need of any specific advice or assistance from the organisers should please request it in advance from the Event Manager (see above).

9. Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Deaf and hard of hearing spectators are equally very welcome and should find no particular restrictions beyond those normally experienced at any similar event. There is a hearing aid loop induction system which utilises 'necklaces'. However it should be noted that there are a limited number of necklaces available so spectators that require them, should let the Front of House Staff know as soon as possible. Only the commentary and announcements will be broadcast via Public Address and the Induction loop system. However, any deaf or hard of hearing spectator who has any need of any specific advice or assistance from the organisers, eg reserved seating near the bands, should please request it in advance from the Event Manager (see above).

For further information regarding any of the above, please contact the Event Manager on 01298 25568 or email eventmanager@buxtontattoo.org.uk