

Information for Visitors to the Collections Resources Centre

Thank you for arranging a visit to Leicestershire County Council's Collections Resources Centre.

The centre is located at **Units 31 and 33, Hayhill Industrial Estate, Sileby Road, Barrow upon Soar, LE12 8LD.**

Directions

From Leicester/A46

Proceed north towards Loughborough on the A6. Leave the A6 by the exit to Sileby and Mountsorrel. At the bottom of the slip road, turn left toward Sileby and Barrow upon Soar, cross over a narrow bridge, and turn left onto Slash Lane. At the end of the lane, turn right onto Sileby Road, then first left onto the Hayhill Industrial Estate.

Please note: Slash Lane is liable to flood after bad weather particularly after heavy rain. If flooded, for your safety please return to the A6. Continue along the A6 and take the Barrow upon Soar exit. This is a left exit just beyond a pedestrian bridge on the bypass. Turn left at the roundabout and straight over a mini roundabout towards Barrow upon Soar. Shortly after the bridge controlled by traffic lights, take the second exit at the next roundabout known locally as the 'Barrow Kipper roundabout' on to South Street towards Sileby.

Continue out of Barrow upon Soar until you reach the Hayhill Industrial Estate, signposted as a left turn from the main road just after the junction of Slash Lane.

From Loughborough

Follow the A6 south towards Quorn. Follow the A6 to the left at a roundabout, signed to Leicester and A46, and leave the A6 at the exit signed to Barrow upon Soar. Turn right at the mini roundabout, and then take the second exit at the 'Barrow Kipper' roundabout on to South Street towards Sileby.

Continue out of Barrow upon Soar until you reach the Hayhill Industrial Estate, signposted as a left turn from the main road, just after the junction of slash lane.

Inside the estate

On entering Hayhill, stay on the entrance road and do not turn into any side roads. The numbering of units on the estate can be confusing.

The Collections Resources Centre is on the right-hand side of the main road, close to the end of the estate.

Please look for the building with dark green security fencing and the numbers 31 and 33 mounted on the wall of the unit itself, above the two entrance doors.

If you are arriving by car please park in our forecourt.



By Public transport

The Collections Resources centre is midway between Sileby and Barrow-upon-Soar.

By rail

Railway services run between Loughborough and Leicester with some journeys extending to Nottingham and Lincoln and the east coast.

Directions from Sileby railway station to

The Collections Resources Centre
Units 31-33 Hayhill
Sileby Road
Barrow on Soar
LE12 8LD

Tel 01509 815514

Leave station platform by the steps and turn left at the bottom, walk down the road until you get to the T junction, opposite the church and turn right onto Barrow Road along Barrow Road/Sileby Road until you reach the entrance to the estate (approx 20 mins).

The landmarks on the way include:

The houses of Sileby village and the Costcutter supermarket on the right-hand side, then a Victorian factory workshop (now a gym) and a line of terraced houses, followed by a group of larger houses set further back from the road.

The houses then stop, and you will be walking with fields to your left and the railway line above you to your right.

There is then a group of larger semi and detached houses, the last of which has a large gravel covered parking area in front of it.

Walk around the bend in the road and after around 300 metres you will find a path with a staggered metal barrier at its entrance. Walk up the path and into the Hayhill estate. Bear left and walk towards the main road of the estate.

The Centre is the first building on the left-hand side of the main road. It has dark green railings and the numbers 31 and 33 appear in large white characters above each door. Cross the forecourt and ring the bell at Unit 31.

By bus

The Centre can be reached by bus from Loughborough using the Kinch number 2 bus www.kinchbus.co.uk.

Ask the driver for the entrance to the Hayhill estate.

Inside the estate on foot

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Procedure on Arrival

On arrival please come to the right hand door (unit 31) and press the doorbell on the intercom. Rather than answer it as a phone a member of staff will come to the door to let you in.

You will be met by a team member and asked to sign the visitors' book.

Valuables and Personal Items

Lockers are available for bags and any other personal items when visiting the collections areas of the building.

Clothing

To care for the collections some of the storage areas for collections are environmentally controlled, but the largest spaces are ambient.

This means that they reflect the weather outside the building.

If the weather is hot then the building can become very warm.

If it is cold then the building is very cold, so we advise you to wear suitable clothing if your visit will involve being in the collections areas.

We advise you to wear layers in cold weather, and you may be advised to keep your coat on when you arrive.

Some areas of first floor have metal grid sections so please wear flat shoes.

Equipment

You will be asked to leave your bag in one of the security lockers.

The equipment that you may bring into the study room or collections stores:

- a camera
- paper and pencils (no wet media including ink)
- a recording device if you are meeting with one of our experts and wish to record your conversation
- measuring and assessment materials

If your planned activity includes the use of other equipment please check with us before your visit.

We can provide you with scans or photocopies of documents and images at a charge.

We do not allow food or drink in the collections areas or study room. There is a break room where food and drink can be consumed.

Toilet Facilities

Toilets including disabled toilets are located in the ground floor corridors of units 31 and 33.

Access to the first floor

Access to the first floor may be limited if you have problems with your mobility. Please let us know if you have any specific access requirements when arranging your visit, and we will do everything we can to facilitate your needs.

Supervision

The collections areas and study room are high security areas and you will be supervised and assisted by a professional member of staff for the duration of your visit.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the Centre and hope that you find this information useful. If you have any further questions about your planned visit please don't hesitate to drop us a line or give us a ring.

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