Nantwich Youth and community Centre recognises its duty to provide where reasonably practicable an accessible building for all users no matter their abilities. In certain circumstances, due to the nature it may not be possible to meet all needs, but the Management Committee aims insofar as is possible to adapt as best as possible its facilities for members and hirers comfort.

**DEFINITION OF DISABILITY**

The Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) 1995 states that a disabled person is a person who has a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on the person’s ability to carryout normal day-today activities’ .

The broader definition of disability includes those people with physical, sensory, mental health and learning difficulties and also includes cancer, facial disfigurements, incontinence, co-ordination, the ability to lift, carry or otherwise move everyday objects, speech, memory, ability to concentrate,

learn or understand, perception of the risk of physical danger, epilepsy and those with multiple disabilities. Simply providing improved physical access does not address the broader needs of all disabled people.

**SUMMARY**

Nantwich Youth and Community Centre has existed since 1964 in its present building.

Nantwich Youth and Community Centre undertook an Access Audit in November 2023, and is reviewed regularly, weare continually seeking funding in order to improve its facilities. Provided within this document is an overview of the Access Audit for users of the premises.

The full Access Audit took into account the needs of people with mobility impairments and sensory impairments. The audit identifies physical barriers to access against pre-determined criteria, and is treated as the starting point of an ongoing access plan, constantly updated by the committee. This audit should only be seen as a snapshot of the position at the time of the report.

**AUDIT INTRODUCTION**

The Access Audit of Nantwich Youth and Community Centre premises was carried out by Graham Fenton in November 2023. The weather at the time of the survey was dry.

Nantwich youth and Community Centre occupies a site at 129 Birchin Lane, Nantwich,CW5 6ET. The premises is single storey comprising of an entrance lobby, main hall, youth club office, sports hall, toilets (boys and girls and an ambulant toilet which does not at present comply as a Disabled Toilet. (The Management Committee have been working on a plan to bring this up to standard), store rooms (inaccessible to the public), and a kitchen.

There are many activities and sports in which disabled people may wish to participate on the premises including but not limited to the Youth Club.

**External / Parking / Travel**

• There is a carpark outside the building. At busy times, this can become full and alternative car parking is available on the road.

• The car park’s surface is tarmac and is sloped on a gradient.

 There are plans for a designated disabled parking bay in 2024.

• At night, the car park is lit when the Centre is open.

**Access to Premises**

• All private hirers unless agreed otherwise will require a member of the bookings

team/management committee to open and lock up for them. Unless issued with the keypad code.

• A ramp leads up to the main door (this ramp will be improved in 2024).

• A ramp also is located by the Sports Hall exit doors for exit.

**Main Entrance**

• The main entrance door is manual and opens inwards with sufficient clearance on both sides.

• There is a small threshold strip to navigate and inside the main door is a firm doormat on the same level.

• The entrance lobby is big enough for a wheelchair.

**Navigation / Circulation**

• Site map is provided on the website and inside the building.

• The floor is level throughout.

• All doors are manual and a minimum of 750mm width (inclusive of double doors) .

• Floors and walls (there is a plan to contrast colours so door frames, floor and walls are visible - which is ongoing).

**Kitchen**

• The kitchen is planned to be replaced in 2024 so some worktops are at a height where wheelchair users may use them.

**Toilets**

• There are boys and girls toilets.

• The toilet door on the ambulant toilet opens inwards and locks with a twist lock. (There are plans to convert and extend this into a Disabled Toiled in 2024)