



**THE UPPER NENE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
PIDDINGTON ROMAN VILLA MUSEUM**

**ACCESS POLICY, 2006 – 2011**

**1. Mission Statement**

“To collect, record, preserve, interpret and display material from the Society’s excavation of a late Iron Age settlement, Romano-British villa and early Saxon burial site, at Piddington, Northamptonshire, in a single site Museum, in the former Wesleyan Chapel, Piddington, to inspire, educate and give enjoyment to all visitors”.

**2. Access aims**

The Upper Nene Archaeological Society aims to offer the broadest possible physical and intellectual access to its collection and services.

**3. Physical access**

- In setting up the research facility, store and library and in planning the Museum displays, all due consideration has been given to the needs of visitors, including those with physical disabilities.
- Case layout, lighting, displays and labelling recognise the widest possible needs of our visitors and users of the facilities.
- The research and educational facilities are fully accessible and all reasonable requests for assistance will be met.

**4. Intellectual access**

- Access is available to the collections, by way of permanent and temporary exhibitions, planned to make them more accessible to a wide range of different audiences. Education activities for children are organised either at the Museum, or by outreach visits. Educational activities and events are devised to target groups and encourage non-users to visit the Museum.
- The Society and the Museum are actively involved in supporting the Northamptonshire Branch of the Young Archaeologists’ Club.
- Talks are also provided to adult education and special interest groups.

**5. Consultation**

To ensure that the Museum is fully accessible to all, the ‘audience’ will be identified and its needs recognised through regular consultation. Feedback from visitors, both formal and informal, is sought on a regular basis and suggestions have been acted on.

**6. Training**

Personnel in contact with visitors will be given customer care and disability equality training, to enhance the quality of visits. Museum Guides will be given in-house training and encouraged to attend appropriate courses, such as those organised by EMMS.

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