

MAKING SPRING HARVEST ACCESSIBLE



SPRING HARVEST

Do you have a disability? Or does someone in your group have a disability?

- We want everyone to get the best out of their stay.
- We want to make Spring Harvest as accessible as possible.
- Here is some information that may help you.
- There is more information on our web site including a recorded version of our brochure.

Please let us know

Please email or telephone us to tell us the things that would help you most.

- If we don't know in advance what you would like we may not be able to offer it at the event.
- To avoid waste we only produce braille, large print or audio versions of our resources if you ask.
- We can't guarantee to provide everything everyone asks for, but we'll try to accommodate your needs as best we can.

Hearing difficulties

- Seats are reserved for people needing these services and for a hearing friend.
- There is a hearing loop in most venues.
- Please ask a steward for the best place to sit if you need the looped area.

There will be a **BSL Interpreter team** at each break.

When you have made your booking please tell us if you will need the services of the team and then introduce yourself to them on the first evening.

Interpreters will serve in all main sessions. They may also be available for other areas of the programme but they won't know how much capacity they will have until they have spoken to everyone once you've arrived.

There will be a **Speech to Text service** at **Skegness** and **Minehead**.

We have **generalised emergency plans** for those who are deaf & hearing impaired who will need assistance to leave a venue in the event of an evacuation. If you will need such assistance please read our leaflet explaining the plan and speak to a steward at the start of each session.

Mobility difficulties

- Most of our venues are accessible by wheelchair. Our stewarding team will be able to help you access ground floor venues. For their own safety they are not permitted to lift wheelchairs.
- If you are disappointed by not being able to attend a talk because of access issues please come and talk to us at the Spring Harvest Info Point.
- We will reserve a space for wheelchair users or those with mobility difficulties if that is needed, but with the seating arrangements we will have we do not anticipate this will be necessary.
- You can speak to a steward or other member of the Spring Harvest team when you arrive, and they will help you

Powered and manual wheelchairs can be booked at the Butlin's resort – call the switchboard and ask for the Hire Shop.

Minehead: 01643 703331

Skegness: 01754 762311

You may also be able to pre-book battery operated wheelchairs and scooters from:

- Independent Living in Minehead, Tel: 01643 709000
www.independentlivingsw.co.uk
- Seacroft Mobility in Skegness, Tel: 01754 762 916
www.seacroftmobility.com/hire

Motorised scooters may be plugged into normal sockets. If wheelchairs or scooters are left outside guests must take full responsibility for them.

We have **generalised emergency plans** for wheelchair users who will need assistance to leave a venue in the event of an evacuation. If you will need such assistance please read our leaflet explaining the plan and speak to a steward at the start of each session.

Adults with learning disabilities

- Our friends from **Count Everyone In** will run a programme at **Minehead (18-22 April)**.
- They plan to fit a lot in including worship, Bible teaching, prayer, signing, dance, flags, drama, craft - so that everyone, especially adults with learning disabilities, can Renew, Rebuild & Restore the church.
- Capacity may be reduced so **please let us know** if you have booked to join us for that programme.

Visual difficulties

These are examples of the services we could offer.

Once you have made your booking please contact us to discuss how we can best help you:

- Audio recordings of Harvest News or other material emailed to you.
- Large print versions of the daily programme and other material, for example the offering envelope.
- A PDF version of the daily Harvest News sent to your email address.
- Braille or large print versions of the songs to be sung during the evening celebrations (this is not always possible due to the worship team's tight schedule)
- Reserve seats for a blind person and a friend or other family members.
- We can remove a seat so a guide dog can lie down, safe from people passing by.

We have **generalised emergency plans** for those who are blind & partially sighted who will need assistance to leave a venue in the event of an evacuation. If you will need such assistance please read our leaflet explaining the plan and speak to a steward at the start of each session.

Individuals on autistic spectrum disorder

The main Celebration is a time for a large number of people to join together for worship and preaching. There is some time to respond to God and the ministry of the Holy Spirit, plus dance and drama.

It can be 'high energy', have loud music and flashing lights in some places. There are quieter places and quieter meetings.

Sensory profiles

We hope this will help our guests, particularly those on the autism spectrum, to understand our venues.

- A venue is a room or building where our meetings are held. We use many different venues on the Butlin's resorts. Some have carpets and are quiet, others are more noisy.
- We will be using new buildings in Minehead and Skegness for some of our meetings. They are large and they could be noisy and make echoes.
- You will have a choice of venues for many sessions so we hope you can find one where you feel comfortable. If you have any specific questions about a venue please do ask.

Other information

- Some venues may use lighting effects and loud music as part of the programme.
- We try to put up signs outside venues where **moving lights** will be used and sound levels are monitored at all times.
- We will have reduced seminar programme, so it may not be possible to include a seminar on disability issues in 2022, but there are many resources online (including talks from Spring Harvest in the past) at **essentialchristian.co.uk** so please direct your church there if they are interested in learning more.
- There are facilities for dialysis close to the resorts. Please consult your local service for advice.
- We will have to adapt the programme to comply with the health regulations at the time of the event so please understand that some things may have to change.

Help at Spring Harvest

- Our **Disability Consultants** draw on personal expertise in the area of disability and special needs and will be pleased to offer their specialised assistance. Please ask at the Spring Harvest Info Point if you'd like to speak to them.
- Our **Customer Care team** will be happy to answer questions about the Spring Harvest programme. You can contact them via the Spring Harvest Info Point.
- Our **volunteer stewards** are trained in making all our guests welcome and will be happy to help you.
- If you have any problems with your Butlin's accommodation, Butlin's Guest Services, will be pleased to help.
- Butlin's produce a useful guide to their facilities for people with disabilities, which you can pick up from Guest Services or request from them in advance.
- At **Harrogate** the Centre Staff will be happy to assist you.

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If you would like more information or would like to ask for assistance at the event, please call us on 01825 769000 or email access@springharvest.org