

Planning your visit

Car Parking: Limited free Blue Badge parking is adjacent to the visitor reception at the rear of the coach park. A sloping pathway runs between reception and Cottage Lane. The main car park is situated a short, easy walk away (charge applies). The postcode reference for your satellite navigation device is **CV37 9HH**.

Coach Parking: For those travelling by coach, parking is adjacent to the reception area and is accessed by the same sloping pathway.

Tickets: Available at reception or online at www.shakespeare.org.uk.

Toilets: There are accessible toilets at the cafe as well as at reception.

Quiet Areas: We understand there are times when you or someone you are with may need a break from the hustle and bustle of other visitors. We have several quiet areas including the Sculpture Trail and Tree Garden.

Lost property: If you lose something during your visit please speak to a member of staff or volunteer to see if it has been handed in. Anything that is found is taken to the reception area.

Medical Emergency: If you need help please ask a member of staff or one of our volunteers and they will find one of our trained first aiders to provide assistance.

What to do if someone gets lost or separated from you: If you get separated from your carer or party, please find a member of staff or volunteer and they will organise help to find them.

Opening Times We are open all year, except for Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

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| Winter | Until 19 March | 10.00am to 4.00pm |
| Spring/ Summer | 20 March – 29 October | 9.00am to 5.00pm |
| Christmas Eve | 24 December | 10.00am to 2.00pm (last entry 1.00pm) |
| New Year | 1 January | 11.00am to 4.00pm |

Visiting first thing in the morning or later in the afternoon is often quieter. Please call us on 01789 338 532 if you would like to discuss your visit so that we can understand your needs and expectations and help you get the most out of your visit.

Available in large print at www.shakespeare.org.uk or at reception.

Anne Hathaway's Cottage: The entrance is through the visitor reception area. Access to the cottage is not available for wheelchair users and is limited for those with restricted mobility due to steps and uneven floors. However we do offer an interactive presentation as well as a pictorial access booklet, ask our team at reception. The stunning cottage gardens offer a sensory tour that will be a delight for everyone.



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| 1 Willow arbour | 9 Willow arbour | 17 Sculpture trail and arboretum |
| 2 Music note willow sculpture | 10 Seasonal refreshments | 18 Yew circle |
| 3 Woodland walk entrance | 11 Willow sculpture | 19 Gift shop and exit |
| 4 Woodland walk exit | 12 Cottage garden | 20 Cottage Tea Garden Cafe |
| 5 Butterfly border | 13 View point | 21 Shottery brook walk |
| 6 Picnic area and orchard | 14 Miss Wilmott's garden | |
| 7 Family activity tent | 15 Anne Hathaway's Cottage | |
| 8 Lavender maze | 16 Traditional orchard | |



Access at Anne Hathaway's Cottage

The cottage is ideal for family visits and the gardens provide the perfect setting for people of all ages and abilities

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Follow Shakespeare's childhood and early married years through the very rooms he lived in.



Shakespeare's New Place

Shakespeare's New Place is fully accessible and welcomes all visitors to the site where William Shakespeare spent the last 19 years of his life with his family.

Hall's Croft

Admire the luxurious Jacobean home of Shakespeare's daughter Susanna and her husband Dr John Hall.



Mary Arden's Tudor Farm

Meet the animals, talk to the Tudors, explore the woods and try Tudor food in the cafe at Shakespeare's mother's farm. Open March-October.



We want to make your visit to Anne Hathaway's Cottage as memorable as possible. Practical information is included to help you to get the best out of your visit.

The Cottage and Gardens

The cottage dates back many hundreds of years and although for this reason it is unsuitable for people with limited mobility or in wheelchairs we do offer an interactive presentation of the cottage. The gardens however, with their wide pathways, and the sonnet arbour and woodland walk are havens to enjoy. One of our main aims is to provide opportunities for vulnerable older people and those with disabilities, together with their families and carers, to derive real enjoyment from their visit to the cottage and its extensive grounds.



What will I see?



The stunning cottage gardens, with beautiful blooms, shrubs and traditional herbs and vegetables ensure your visit to Anne Hathaway's Cottage will stimulate all of your senses.

Look out for our giant willow sculpture, with its integrated seat, and the two willow houses where you can spend time relaxing and enjoying their tactility. Discover Miss Willmott's garden, named after the

Edwardian horticulturist who designed our cottage gardens in the 19th century style.

The wide, sloping pathways around the gardens, with occasional seating, make it easy for you to get around in a wheelchair or if you have limited mobility.

Can I touch and smell things?

In the spring and summer, our conservation borders have flowers and shrubs which you can smell and touch. Enjoy the Woodland Walk, the heart-shaped Lavender Maze, the Shakespeare Arboretum and the Sculpture Trail, all with many trees, shrubs and roses. Don't miss our handling items, smelly boxes and replica objects available in the cottage.



Are there things to listen to and hear?

As well as the interactive presentation of the cottage, you can select one of a number of sonnets to be read out in the Willow Arbour situated beside the path from the cottage.



Eating and drinking

After your visit, why not stop at the Cottage Garden Cafe, which is open all year and located opposite the site entrance across Cottage Lane. Our seasonal cafe, the Pea Shed, is in the grounds of the cottage and is approached via a garden path. It has outdoor bench seating and is ideal for those people looking for a pleasant place to sit for that welcome cup of tea or coffee.



Gift Shop

If you are looking for something to remind you of your visit, you will find a variety of things, suitable for all tastes and ages, in our gift shop. The shop is accessible to everyone, including those with limited mobility or in a wheelchair, and is located next to the visitor entrance.



Staff and volunteers are here to help you. Please ask if you need any help or information when you arrive or at any time during your visit.