

Fishergate Postern Tower, YO1 9AF - Access Restrictions

The following information is provided as a guide to the maximum sizes of any items which can be moved into or out of Fishergate Postern Tower, Piccadilly - via the Ground Floor and three Upper Floors

Everything must enter the building by the single entrance door on the ground floor :-

GROUND FLOOR MAIN DOORWAY ACCESS = { see diagram next page }

Stone pointed arched doorway - wooden door opens far enough to make the stonework the width restriction.

Width - at ground level, and uniform to the top of the full width section = 93 cm

Height - from ground level to the top of full width section = 165 cm

Height - from ground level to top of pointed arch = 202 cm

DOORWAY - GROUND FLOOR TO SPIRAL STAIRCASE = { see diagram next page }

Access to all upper floors is via the spiral stone staircase, and the doorway on the ground floor.

Stone pointed arched doorway - wooden door opens far enough to make the stonework the restriction.

Width - uniform at ground level and to the top of the full width section = 57 cm

As all doorways & spiral above have a width of 60 cm - THIS DOORWAY is the limiting width factor for ALL access above the ground floor level.

Height - from ground level to top of full width section = 145 cm

As all doorways above have a height 179 cm - THIS DOORWAY is the limiting height factor for ALL access above the ground floor level.

Height - from ground level to top of pointed arch = 167 cm

DOORWAYS - ALL UPPER FLOORS TO SPIRAL STAIRCASE = { see diagram next page }

Stone flat topped doorways - wooden door opens far enough to make the stonework the restriction.

Width - uniform from floor to top of opening (at all floor levels) = 60 cm

Height - from floor level to top of opening (at all floor levels) = 179 cm

Door opening at second floor has a stone step up from the wooden floor.

SPIRAL STAIRCASE = { see diagram next page }

Stone stairs with central stone core. Spiral clockwise, left hand to rope rail, as going up.

Width - from inner core to outer wall (to rope metal eyelets) = 60 cm

"Head Height" - above any stone step = approx 300 cm

UPPER FLOOR ACCESS IN EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMATANCES = { see diagram next page }

At sometime in the past trap doors have been installed in all of the wooden ceiling/floors on the three levels.

"Open Trap" dimensions are fairly standard for all three floors - at approx 100 cm wide x 130 cm long.

The trap doors appear to be just "dropped in" from above, and are removed by pushing up from below.

They will be heavy and require a "2 person lift" from above, plus a third person pushing up from below.

Special Health and Safety Considerations -

The open floor hole of any removed trap door will present a major safety hazard so must be managed accordingly. During any time when traps are removed the building should be considered as a building site with appropriate building site H&S rules i.e. = display safety notices; NO public access; restricted entry; hard hats to be worn; barriers placed around open hole(s); a responsible person in charge. Lifting and lowering of objects must be performed using the correct equipment. It is suggested that no traps should be removed without full FOYW Committee knowledge and approval.

If you plan to install anything which is very near to the stated dimensions above it is suggested that you visit the tower to re-check the measurements accurately.

