

Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration

New River Head Visitor Information

We are looking forward to welcoming you to the outside space of New River Head, the site for the new Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration.

The New River Head site is currently derelict. It is not fully accessible and it has very limited facilities. If you have any access queries, or you would like to discuss your needs, please contact us access@qbcentre.org.uk.

We are working with access consultancy [Earnsliffe Associates](#) to ensure that the site will be fully accessible when it opens as Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration in 2025.

Accessibility and facilities

The buildings at New River Head have lain unused since the 1950s and the condition of the site reflects this. There is cobbled paving leading up to the buildings. We recommend wearing sturdy shoes.

No buildings will be open on the day and all activities will take place outside.

There are no toilets on site. The nearest accessible public toilets are in Chapel Market.

There is no electricity, water or catering facilities on site. Hot drinks and snacks can be purchased at Myddelton Deli opposite the site entrance or other nearby local cafés.

Covid-19

Activities will take place outdoors in well-ventilated spaces. Feel free to wear a face covering and we recommend maintaining 1m distance from people who are not part of your household. Masks and hand sanitiser

will be provided for those who want to use it, we would ask that you do not attend if you have symptoms of Covid-19, including a temperature or persistent cough.

At a Glance

Arriving

Our entrance is on Amwell Street. Amwell Street slopes downwards at its south end where it meets Rosebury Avenue. This may impact visitors approaching from the south or departing to the south.

Guide and assistance animals

Guide and assistance animals are welcome. There is uneven ground on the site and cobbles.

Level access

There is uneven ground throughout the site.

Steps

There is an incline leading from the street to the entrance.

Temperature

Activities take place in uncovered outdoor spaces. Temperatures reflect the weather, which can be cold or hot.

Crowds

The capacity of the site is 80 people at any one time.

Parking and drop offs

We have disabled parking spaces. It is possible to arrange drop offs at the site entrance. Please contact us to book the space or arrange a drop off.

Site information

Large-print versions of site and heritage information are available.

Contents

1. Getting Here.....	4
By Public Transport	4
Parking	4
2. Arriving.....	4
3. Getting around the site	4
4. Facilities	5
5. New River Head map	5
1) Entrance.....	6
3/4) South section	7

1. Getting Here

The site address is Quentin Blake Centre for Illustration, Rear of 28 Amwell Street, London, EC1R 1XU.

There is one entrance on Amwell Street, opposite St Mary Magdalene Academy. Find [the site](#) on Google Maps.

Amwell Street slopes downwards at its south end where it meets Rosebury Avenue. This may impact visitors approaching from the south or departing to the south.

By Public Transport

The nearest London Underground stations are Angel and Farringdon, with buses stopping nearby on Rosebery Avenue and Pentonville Road. Farringdon Thameslink is the station with the smallest step and gap between carriage and platform and is suitable for wheelchair users. Please see Transport for London's [accessibility guide](#) for more information.

Parking

Our site is in [Congestion Charge](#), [Controlled Parking](#) and [Ultra Low Emissions Zones](#).

It is possible to drive up to the entrance of the site to make drop offs. We have one disabled parking space. Please contact us to arrange a drop off or to book the space access@qbcentre.org.uk.

2. Arriving

There is an incline leading from the street to the entrance.

When you arrive, a member of our team will welcome you.

3. Getting around the site

New River Head is a derelict site of around half an acre enclosed by a fence. There is one entry gate.

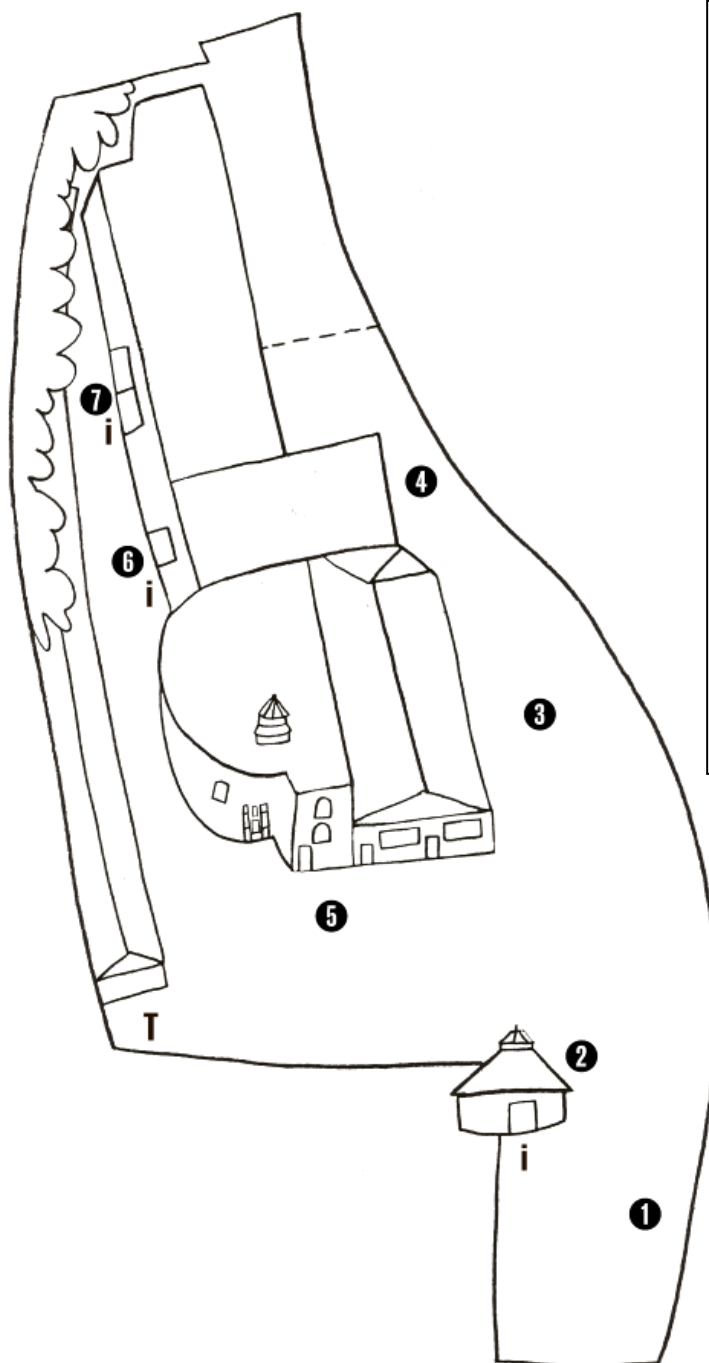
The ground outside is uneven and has slight inclines in several places. Some areas are concrete and some are cobbled. Trip hazards will be clearly signposted or cordoned off.

4. Facilities

There is no water or electricity.

There are no catering facilities.

5. New River Head map



1. Entrance
2. Windmill Base
(Not open)
- 3/4. South Section
5. Engine House
(Not open)
6. Boiler House
(Not open)
7. Coal Stores
(Not open)

1) Entrance



- The ground is uneven.
- There is a slight incline between Amwell Street pavement and the entrance.

3/4) South section



- The ground is uneven with one large slope going downwards.
- There is a steep slope going downwards.
- There are metal grates in places that make the ground uneven.

If you have any access queries, or you would like to discuss your needs, please contact us access@qbcentre.org.uk