



My Visit to Larne Museum and Arts Centre

Pre-Visit Guide Series

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Welcome

Welcome to Larne Museum and Arts Centre

Everyone feels different when visiting a new place or trying something new. There are new sounds and smells, and you may not know what to expect. This guide will help you get ready for your trip.

It will:

- Tell you how to get to and enter Larne Museum and Arts Centre.
- Introduce you to some of the people who work here.
- Explain how to find your way around.
- Show you some of the things that you can do when you visit.

We Are Here to Help

Here is a member of our staff whom you might meet on your visit. She is one of our Autism Champions. You can ask her for help while you are with us.



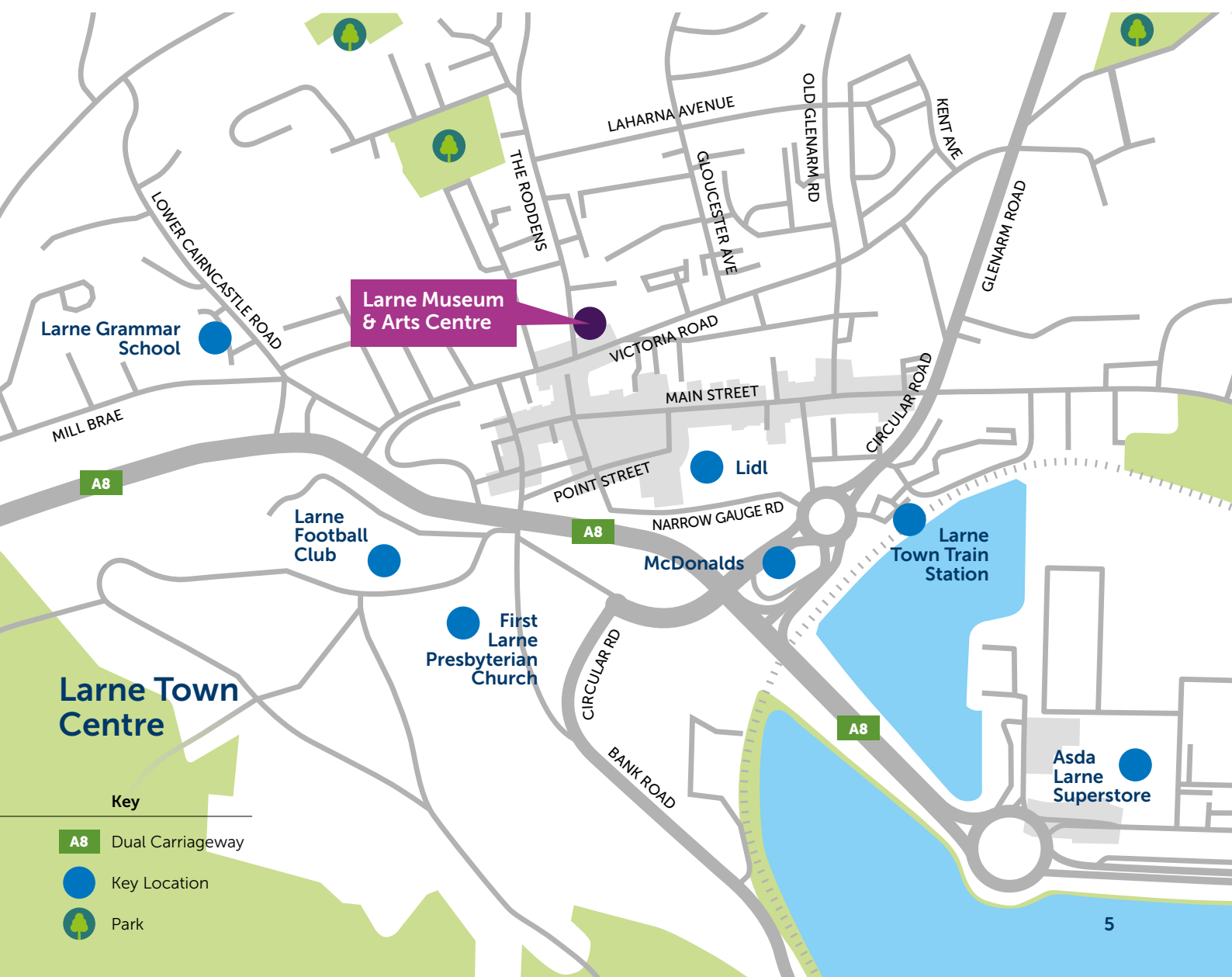
Getting Here

Larne Museum and Arts Centre is located close to Larne town centre. It is just off the A8 on Victoria Road, Larne.

There is a pay and display car park directly opposite the museum and a disabled car parking space at Gardenmore Presbyterian Church beside the museum. Just ring the staff before your trip if you need to use this.

You can also travel by bus or by train:

- There is a bus stop right beside the museum. If you get off the bus at this stop, it's only a short walk to the museum entrance.
- If you get off the bus or train at the station, it will take about 10 minutes to walk to the museum.



Arriving Here

This is the entrance that will take you into Larne Museum and Arts Centre.

There is a set of steps to climb directly in front of the building. At the top you will find two sets of doors, the first of which are black and will be open.

The second set are wood, and glass and you will need to push these to get in. When you enter, you will be on the ground floor in the reception area.



Finding Your Way Around

There are two floors in the building.
The Museum is on the ground floor.

This is colour-coded on the map below, and throughout this guide.

There are staircases and a lift to help you get around the different parts of the building. There is plenty of signage and staff will always be happy to help you find your way.

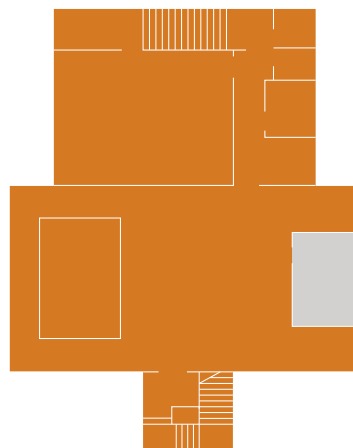
Ground Floor (GF)

- Reception
- Temporary Exhibition Gallery
- Permanent History Gallery
- Offices
- Toilets/Adapted Unisex Toilet



First Floor (F1)

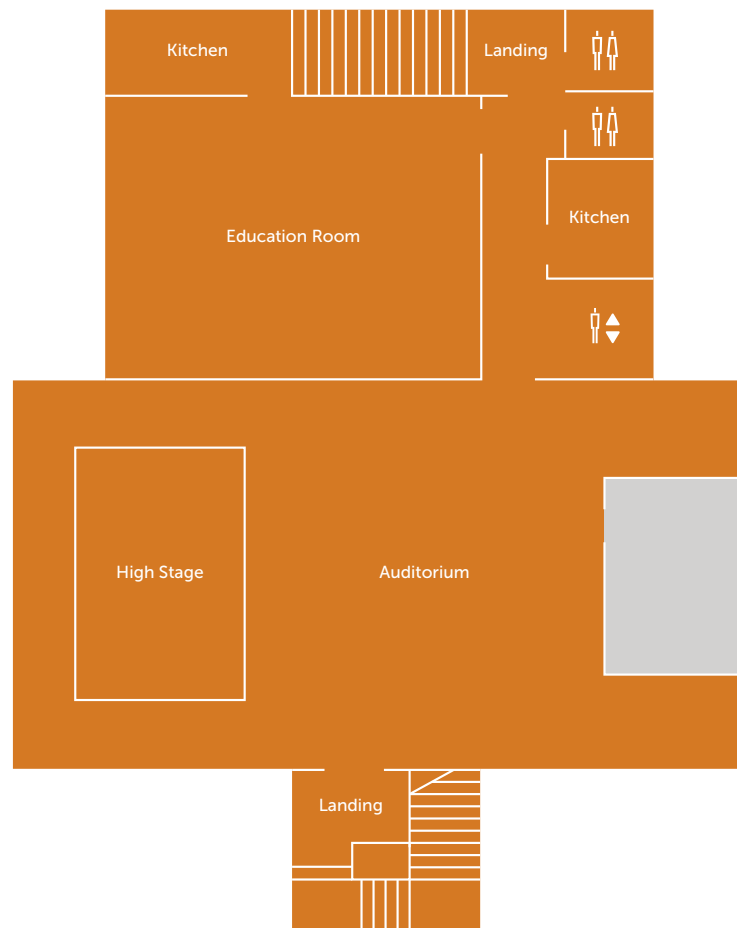
- Auditorium
- Education Room
- Toilets
- Kitchen Facilities



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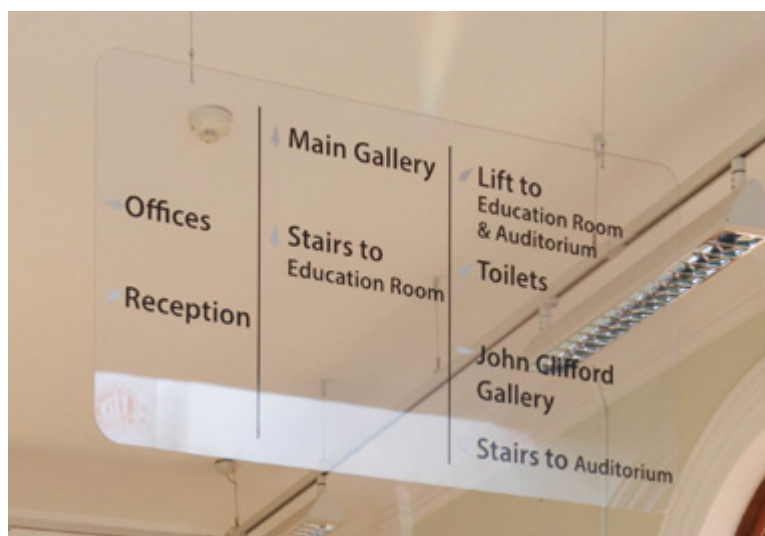


Finding Your Way Around The Reception Area

In this area there are green tiles and a window into the wall where you will see the Heritage Officer or other staff members working.

The museum is free, and you do not need a ticket. You might need to check in or buy a ticket for a special activity. At busy times, there may be queue. Our staff are friendly and can help you with your visit.

From the Reception area, you will go to a different area of the building, depending on what you would like to see.



Finding Your Way Around Temporary Exhibition Gallery

Gallery Entrance

On the right-hand side of the hall is the temporary exhibition gallery.

Inside the Gallery

In it you might see art, photography, or a display about the history of the area. Sometimes there is a television screen which has a video and sound playing. This video will have something to do with the exhibition.

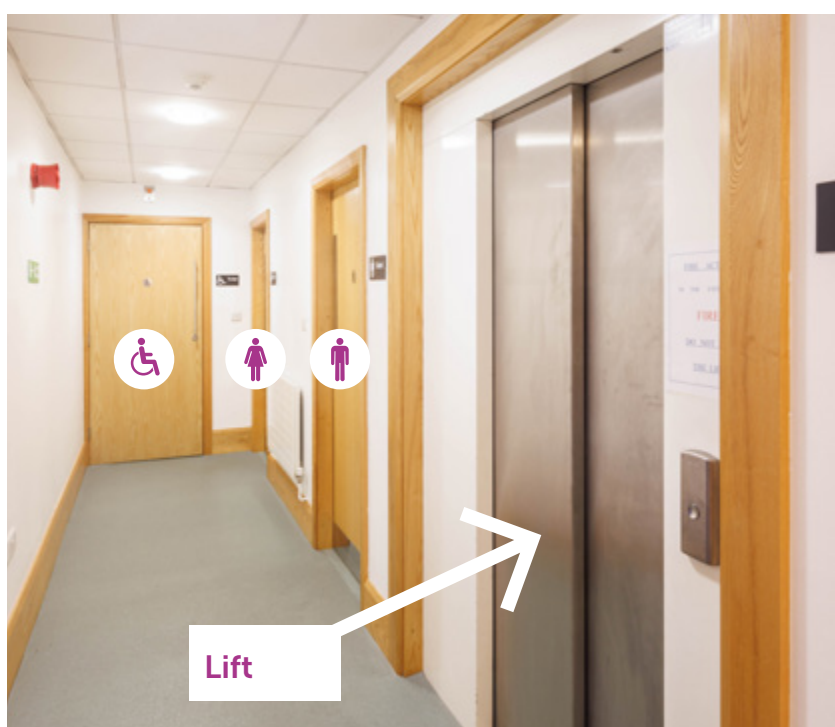


Finding Your Way Around Temporary Exhibition Gallery



Lift & Toilets

Beside the temporary exhibition gallery is a wood and glass door which leads to the lift and toilets.



Finding Your Way Around Permanent History Gallery

Gallery Entrance

When you enter the building, you will see two glass doors straight in front of you. The doors are closed to help to control the temperature in the museum. The museum is also kept a bit darker to help to protect the objects on display, but you will still be able to see them.

Inside the Gallery

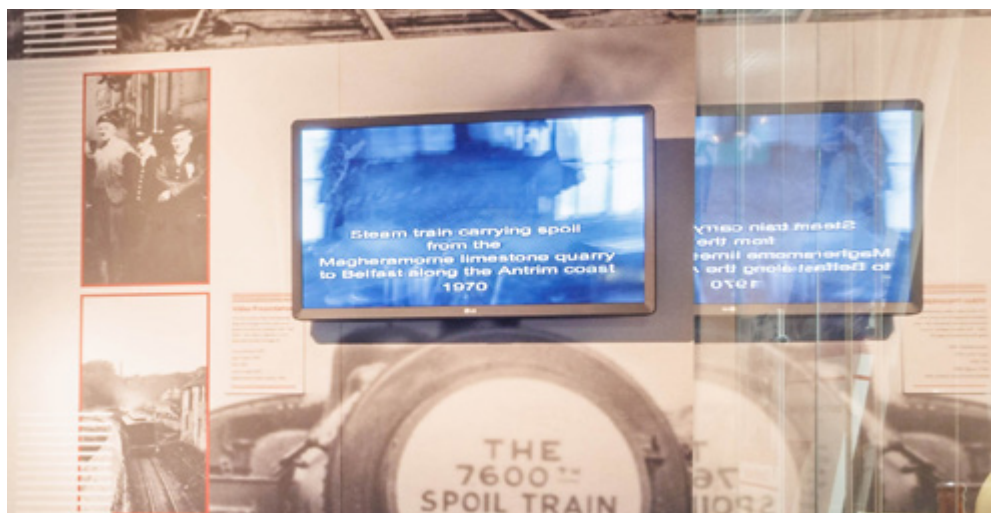
When you go through the doors, you will walk past an anchor on your left. Opposite the anchor is the first display case. Most of the objects on display in the museum are behind glass. They will have a number beside them, and information printed which tells you about the objects.



Finding Your Way Around Permanent History Gallery

History of Larne Film

You will hear a voice talking in the museum. This is part of a film about Larne. Feel free to continue standing there and watch the film if you would like to.



Listening Post

As you walk round the museum you will see lots of different objects. There are also two listening posts. You can lift the phone-like object and listen to people speaking about their memories of Larne.



Comma Monitor

There is a desk with a screen above it and a chair beside it. This is called a comma monitor and can be used to view old photographs. The Heritage Officer will be able to help you use it.



Finding Your Way Around Permanent History Gallery

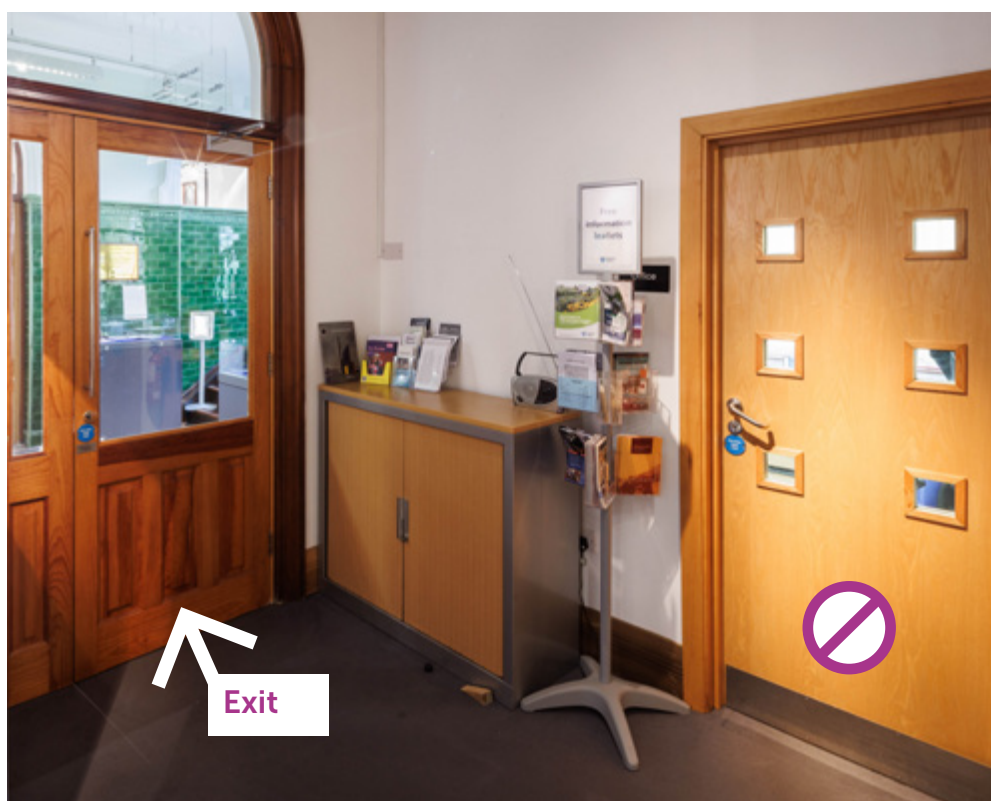


Leaving the Exhibition

As you get to the end of the Main Gallery there will be three doors.

The two doors on the right are offices.

The door on your left is the exit back to the reception area.

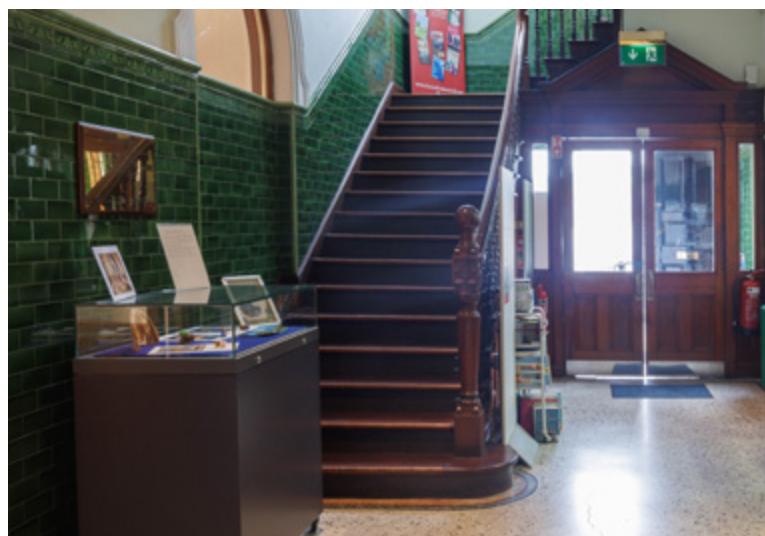


Finding Your Way Around The Auditorium

There may be events and activities taking place in the Auditorium during your visit which you may wish to see.

The Staircase

In the reception area there is a dark wooden staircase which will take you to the auditorium.



Inside The Auditorium

This is a big room used for talks and performances. There is a stage surrounded by black curtains. Sometimes there can be bright theatre lights and loud sounds depending on what's on.



Finding Your Way Around The Auditorium

Using the Lift

You can also get to the auditorium in a lift. This will get you to the first floor and the door on your left will take you to the auditorium.



The Kitchen

Beside the Auditorium there is a kitchen. Sometimes the kitchen can be noisy and have strong cooking smells.



Finding Your Way Around The Education Room

Sometimes art classes, talks and workshops take place in the education room. You will find this on the first floor and you have 3 options to get there:

- The staircase in Reception
- The lift
- The staircase at the back of the Main Gallery

The Staircase

In the reception area there is a dark wooden staircase which will take you to the education room.

Using the Lift

You can also get to the education room in a lift. This will take you to the first floor.

Smells and Noise

Depending on the class or workshop, there might be strong smells from art materials and some noise.

The Kitchen

There is a kitchen just off the Education Room. Sometimes the kitchen can be noisy and have strong cooking smells.



Finding Your Way Around The Education Room



Toilets

Outside the education room are two toilets.

Leaving the Education Room

To get back down stairs and leave the museum you can use the lift and stairs mentioned before or take the back stairs back to the main museum gallery.

Quiet Areas

You will hear some noise in the museum gallery. If you at any point require a quiet space, please ask a member of staff at reception to show you where to go.



Opening Hours

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Monday	10am-4pm
Tuesday	10am-4pm
Wednesday	10am-4pm
Thursday	10am-4pm
Friday	10am-4pm
Saturday	Once a month*
Sunday	Closed

**Open one Saturday each month, 10am-4pm.
Please contact the centre for further details.*

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Useful Information

We are committed to welcoming everyone to Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's facilities.

As well as producing this guide, we have signage in place around the building to help people with a range of needs find their way around.

Accessible Classes

We also run accessible classes and sessions for individuals with additional needs or disabilities, and for those who would prefer a quieter time to enjoy the centre. For more details, please ask a member of staff.

Fire Alarms

If a fire alarm sounds, please make your way to the nearest fire exit. Staff will be there to help you.



Useful Information

Thank you for reading our guide. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

All staff will be able to assist you while in the building or using any of the facilities if required.

We hope this guide helps you to prepare for your visit; helps you find your way around during your visit and makes it easier for you to enjoy your time with us.

If You Have Questions

During your visit to Larne Museum and Arts Centre if you have any questions about any part of our facilities or your experience there, please ask to speak to either the Heritage Officer or one of the Autism Champions, who are pictured in the front of this guide.

Suggestions and Feedback

If you have any suggestions for improvement, again please ask to speak to the Heritage Officer or one of the Autism Champions.





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