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DISCOVERING THE PAST, MAKING CHANGES FOR THE FUTURE

Woodhorn Museum is a mining museum with a difference - through a range of exhibits, experiences, and events they bring Northumberland's mining heritage to life. In addition to being the home of cultural artworks, the museum features the region's most powerful winding engine and a ventilation fan which survived a direct hit during a German bombing in 1941.

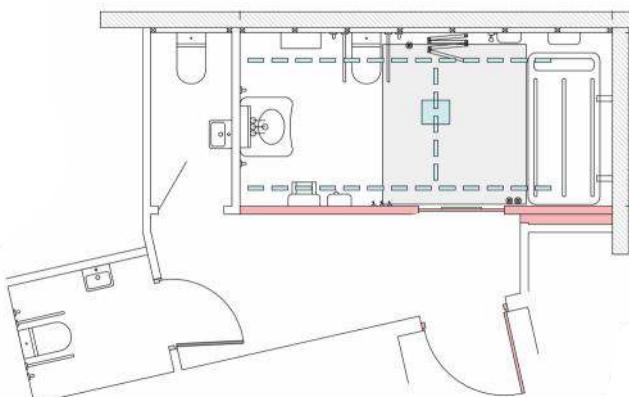
Mixing the modern with the historical, the museum is always searching for ways to link the past to the present and open their exhibitions to a wider range of people. As part of this, Building Services Manager, Mark Wright was tasked with the installation of a Changing Places toilet to welcome more disabled visitors to the site.

The Project: Changing Places Toilet Adaption

"As soon as funding was approved for our new facility, RISE came in and assessed our site's suitability for a Changing Places toilet. It was decided we would adapt an existing space where we had enough room to fit all of the necessary equipment," says Mark.

The RISE team quickly got to work and carried out the necessary building work before installing the standard Changing Places equipment. The finished space meets the Changing Places standard and provides ample room for a guest plus an assistant or family member.

The entire project at Woodhorn Museum was completed smoothly in 2-3 weeks with little disruption onsite. Mark and the rest of the museum team were impressed by the process and result.



"We found RISE online and since the first contact, everything has gone quickly and without any problems," says Mark. Mark particularly liked that RISE can totally 'own' a project including sourcing equipment and carrying out building works. He had this advice for other tourist attractions looking to install a Changing Places toilet:

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Enabling People To Discover Their Local History

Installing a Changing Places toilet was a natural progression for Woodhorn Museum following on from their other commitments to make their site more accessible. The museum is part of a wider group of museums under the Museums Northumberland name that are committed to making improvements across their sites, including the installation of hearing loops and introducing 'quieter sessions' for busy exhibits.

The newly installed Changing Places toilet will now form part of the museum's future promotion strategy and they're hoping that the facility will open their doors to a wider range of customers and their families.



 **Before & After:** We provided all building and enabling works as part of our turnkey service.

In addition to the installation of all specialist equipment, our scope of works included structural amendments, internal partitioning and joinery, wall panelling, flooring, plus all plumbing and electrical works. We provided architectural details, and as with all RISE installations, we also provided specialist training with our partners Access For All UK, and registered the facility upon completion.

For further information about Changing Places or to schedule a free consultation, please call 07729 224 738 or email hello@riseadapt.co.uk