



Preparation Story

INTRODUCTION:

This guide is designed to help you prepare for your visit to an event at OBX. Inside, you'll find details about what you can expect to experience along the way. Feel free to use as much or as little information as you need to enhance your visit.

We look forward to welcoming you.

Alex, Gini, Katie and Simon

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OBX regularly holds events. To find out what is on please visit our Eventbrite page [here](#).

HOW TO FIND US:

OBX is located in the Observer Building which was originally built in 1924 and housed FJ Parsons' printworks, home of the Hastings & St Leonards Observer. It is now the home to residents, people who hot-desk or hire spaces, an event space, Hastings Youth Commons and OBX where you will be visiting.

Cambridge Road: For most events you will enter from our main entrance on Cambridge Road. This is a sliding door that slides open automatically as you approach (during event times only). There is normally someone to welcome you and sign you in. If for your event this is not open, please use the intercom by the door and someone will arrange for you to be let in.

There is a ramp or steps up to this entrance and the nearest dropped curb is near the pelican crossing (down the hill as if you are heading towards the centre of town).

Once inside, you can either head down one floor to get to OBX or use the lift that can be found via passing through our history room. Press 'M' for mezzanine.

ARTWORK AS YOU ENTER:

We have been restoring the front of the building to its former glory. Look up to see the beautiful building.

Claremont Street: On some occasions you may enter from Claremont Street (we will let you know in advance in event details if this is the case). Enter via the gate and

walk down the alleyway and in through the glass doors. From here you will turn right and head up the stairs (with orange walls), through another door and into the stairway for OBX. In front of you you will see OBX, the creative technology hub.

If approaching from the seafront, this entrance is accessible and a lift can be used to head up to OBX. Press 'M' for mezzanine.

ARTWORK AS YOU ENTER:

Emma Harding's 'Living Memories':

Local artist Emma Harding has gathered stories and memories from local people related to the Trinity Triangle area. She has talked to groups and individuals in local societies, voluntary groups, care homes and cafes. The gathered memories have inspired the design of ceramic tiles which you can now see on the wall as you walk down the alley towards the door. Scan the QR codes to find out more about the project and the people involved.

Leigh Dyer's 'Observer Alley Gates':

Double gates featuring depictions of typesetting equipment. The gates commemorate the previous use of the building, as the printworks and editorial offices of the 'Hastings and St. Leonards Observer' newspaper.

GETTING HERE:

Address: Observer Building, 53 Cambridge Rd, Hastings TN34 1DT, UK

Train: Hastings Station: 7 minute walk

Bus: 9 local bus routes run outside the building & more routes from the train station.

Nearest Disabled Parking Bay: Cambridge Road outside ESK.

Nearest Parking: Street or Priory Street Multi-Storey Car Park

Nearest Cycle Path: 2 mins away from National Cycling Route 2 which runs along the coast from Brighton to Camber.

ABOUT OBX:

Is OBX wheelchair accessible?: Yes.

Is there a buggy park?: We do not have a specific space for this but we can create a space for buggies to be left.

Can I bring my assistance dog?: Assistance dogs are welcome in all of our spaces.

What is OBX?: OBX is the Creative Technology hub for Hastings Commons. We are based on the mezzanine floor in the Observer Building. We work with local communities and artists to run workshops, talks, exhibitions and arts projects.

Who else is in OBX?: Our fellow team members from Hastings Youth Commons are currently sharing our space. If you attend one of our youth clubs you may already be familiar with our space already.

What is in the space?: The space is a flexible space that regularly hosts workshops and different activities. You can find technical equipment, computers, desks and sofas.

Who is the team at OBX? The OBX team is made up of Gini (Creative Lead), Katie and Simon (Creative Producers) and Alex (Digital Assistant). We will be wearing a black lanyard that says Hastings Commons in white and has the Hastings Commons logo in orange.

FACILITIES:

Cloakroom: We don't have a cloakroom but we do have a coat rack outside the toilets should anyone wish to hang their coat up.

Toilets: There are three toilets which are gender-neutral (anyone can use them). One is wheelchair accessible. These can be located through the magenta door near the entrance to the space.

Seating: For most of our events, we arrange rows of chairs for the audience, with designated spaces for wheelchair users. The chairs can be easily rearranged to accommodate different seating needs. Additionally, we provide sofas in the corner of the space for a relaxed, chill-out area.

Lighting: For most of our events we use projectors and simple lighting.

Bar: For our over 18 events a bar is set-up in the space with a selection of drinks (vegan and gluten free options available). There are also snacks including crisps and chocolate (vegan and gluten free options available).

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Filming: We often document our events to share with others what happens in our space. If you **do not** want to be filmed, please ask a staff member (with a black lanyard that says Hastings Commons in white and have the Hastings Commons logo in orange) for a circular sticker.

Space layout: Please find a map of our space below. If needed we can also provide maps of our other floors. Please get in touch to request these.



Questions: If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch via obx@hastingscommons.com or by calling +44 (0)1424 235600 and we would be happy to help.