

Information on the facilities and resources of Whitsome Ark

Whitsome is in the Merse area of Berwickshire in the Scottish Borders and **Whitsome Ark** is a new community resource opened in September 2009 which provides a warm, comfortable and welcoming provision for a wide range of events and activities.



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Those responsible for running the Ark have achieved a national Keystone Award which recognises that the Ark is well run and cared for, that users are put first, and that activities happen in a safe and welcoming environment.

The Ark is suitable for wedding receptions, christening parties, birthday and other parties for adults and children alike. The building also lends itself to training events and meetings. WiFi Internet access is available throughout the building. The Ark is available for hire to responsible individuals, groups, organisations and businesses.



There are splendid views and extensive landscaped grounds suitable for outdoor activities and/or the erection of marquees for additional accommodation.



Whitsome community shop and Post Office is based in the Ark and sells a wide range of everyday items. The shop is open from 8 - 1 Monday to Friday, 8.30 - 1 Saturday and 9 - 10 Sunday.



Special points of interest:

- ◆ Modern amenities
- ◆ Very welcoming
- ◆ Warm environment
- ◆ Well equipped
- ◆ Superb views
- ◆ Dedicated parking

The Main Hall

The Main Hall is light and airy and has an amazing long view of the Lammermuir Hills from its many windows.

The Hall comfortably holds 100 people seated in rows and can accommodate more if not all need to be seated.

Folding doors open to allow additional internal space and a marquee can be added to accommodate up to 180 people in total.



There is flexible ceiling lighting providing excellent illumination and atmospheric wall uplighters.

There are numerous well placed electrical sockets and an Induction Loop.

A Trolley is available for ease of serving beverages.



The Cafe



The Café area is open to the kitchen and can be used as a seating area for the consumption of food or as a serving area for functions in the Main Hall. It comfortably seats 20 people around tables.

The café is separated from the foyer by folding doors which can be fully opened to double the café area.



Foyer with folding door on the left closed

The Kitchen

The fully fitted Kitchen is separated from the café area by a low worktop which can be used for serving.

There is a double sink unit and a hand basin.

There are also 2 electric cookers, Hydroboil for boiling water, a larder fridge, commercial dishwasher, microwave and large electric kettle.



The Toilets

There are modern fitted Ladies' and Gents' toilets and a fully accessible toilet with shower and baby changing facilities.



The Meeting Room

The Meeting Room is fitted with an induction loop and is equipped with a sink unit, hand basin and worktop. An electric kettle and tea/coffee making supplies are provided.

The room is suitable for meetings with up to 12 people comfortably seated around a table.

There is a large hatch from the room to the foyer/café area which makes the room suitable for use as a bar/servery.



Social use of the meeting room.

Catering Equipment

The following is a list of the main crockery available in Whitsome Ark. Please let us know of any additional items you require.

White Porcelain items:

24 mugs
60 cups and saucers
90 large dinner plates
90 medium tea plates
90 soup bowls
90 dessert bowls
Assorted side plates

Viners cutlery:

90 dinner forks
90 dinner knives
50 soup spoons
90 dessert spoons
90 teaspoons
Non matching items:
50 forks, 30 teaspoons

60 pottery mugs

24 plastic bowls
24 plastic beakers
24 plastic small plates
Water jugs
Wine glasses
Water glasses
Beer glasses

Tea & Coffee pots

Milk jugs
Small flower vases
Tea light holders
Trays



Other Equipment available to Ark Users

We keep a range of equipment in the Ark which is available for people using the building. This must be requested at the time of booking.

- ◆ 2 extra long folding tables
- ◆ 20 long folding tables
- ◆ 10 medium folding tables
- ◆ 10 folding card tables - 1m²
- ◆ 8 small folding card tables
- ◆ 100 padded chairs
- ◆ 12 padded chairs (with arms)
- ◆ 10 plastic café chairs
- ◆ 51 plastic chairs
- ◆ 30 folding wooden chairs
- ◆ Back projection screen

- ◆ Powerpoint projector
- ◆ Overhead projector
- ◆ DVD player
- ◆ Stage lighting
- ◆ Stage flats
- ◆ Display boards
- ◆ Fairy lights
- ◆ Bunting
- ◆ Large and small gazebos
- ◆ PA system
- ◆ Table tennis table

- ◆ Badminton net
- ◆ Modular stage—7x1m² x 500mm high
- ◆ Barbecue



Projection screen in main hall

Other Equipment Available on Loan

Whitsome Ark occasionally loans equipment for use away from the building and asks for a donation for the use of such equipment. Users are responsible for putting right any damage.

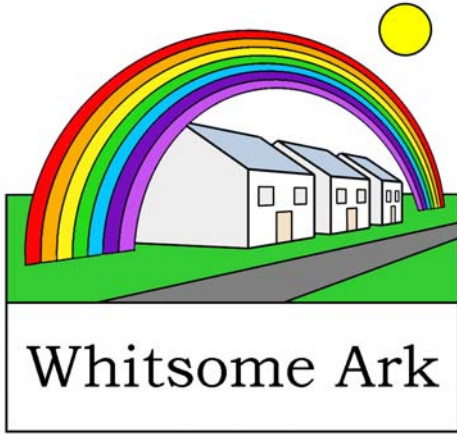
Items available are:

- ◆ Marquee 10m x 4 m
- ◆ 2 Marquees 9m x 3 m
- ◆ 5 Gazebos 3mx3m
- ◆ Stage lighting
- ◆ Stage flats



- ◆ Folding wooden chairs
- ◆ Outdoor plastic chairs
- ◆ Folding tables
- ◆ Strings of bunting
- ◆ Coloured light festoons

Various gazebos in Whitsome Ark grounds



Charges for Voluntary and Not for profit groups

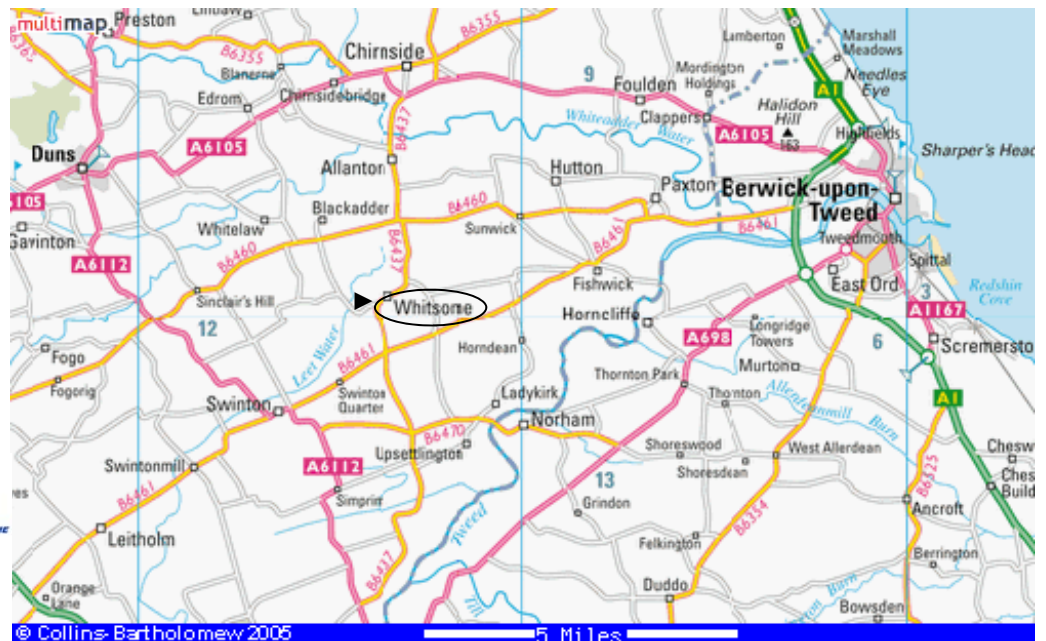
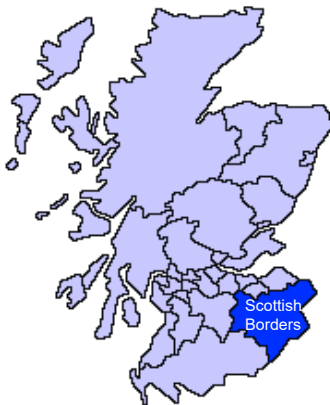
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You are welcome to email the Secretary for further information or to arrange a visit. A committee member will be happy to show you round and answer any queries you may have. Alternatively you can visit our website at <http://www.whitsome.scot>

Finding Us



The nearest railway station is Berwick upon Tweed (10 miles) and there are buses to and from Chirside which is 3 miles away.