

HMP Ashfield

Shortwood Road, Pucklechurch, Bristol, BS16 9QJ

Welcome to HMP Ashfield!

Ashfield is a category C training prison for men who have been convicted of sexual offences.

Getting Here:

The prison is in a semi-rural location north of Bristol but south of the M4. The nearest train station is Bristol Parkway. Public buses run from Bristol past the prison.

If driving, leave the M32 at Junction 1 and join the A4174 southbound, following signs for Mangotsfield and Pucklechurch. Exit onto the B4465 and follow until you reach the prison, which is to your right and the second exit at the mini roundabout.

Parking:

There is a car park, with ample parking, to the right as you turn into the prison. Parking is free and there is no limitation on time. Disabled spaces are available.

Checking In:

Upon your arrival, enter the "Staff Entrance" door and report to the window just inside. There, you will need to give your name and the name of the person you are visiting. You will be issued with a Visitor Pass which you must wear at all times during your visit.

You will then be let through to the waiting area where you should wait for the person you are visiting to collect you. At this point, you will be taken into the main prison where you will be accompanied at all times.

Proof of Identity:

You must have an acceptable form of photographic identification with you when you visit. Failure to present this on arrival will result in you being refused access.

A driving licence or a passport is the preferred forms of identification. If you do not have either of these, please notify your HSH point of contact before your visit, who will assist you in establishing a suitable alternative.

Facilities:

Once in the prison, you will have access to bathroom facilities, tea and coffee making facilities, cutlery and a refrigerator for any food or drink you bring with you.

If needed, the team on site can provide you with writing materials, access to a telephone and any PPE you may require as part of your visit.

Prohibited Items

Any individual entering a prison, including staff and visitors, must adhere to the Prohibited Items List. This is a list of items that must not be brought into the prison establishment. Some items on the list may be permissible with prior authorisation from the prison's security department.

Visitors are advised simply to take only "essential" items into the prison during any visit. This might include:

- ✓ A pen and paper / notepad for note taking
- ✓ Supporting paperwork that has been requested
- ✓ Feminine hygiene products
- ✓ Prescribed medication, but not more than will be needed during the visit
- ✓ Food and soft drinks to last the duration of the visit – wrapped in cling film or paper (if required)
- ✓ Small bag, sufficient only to hold the above listed items
- ✓ Clothing required for the visit (i.e. a coat if it is cold/wet)

The full list of prohibited items is made available in the gate area of the prison. If you have any of the listed items on your person at that time, you must notify the prison staff in the gate area. You will either be directed to return such items to your vehicle or to secure such items in a locker provided by the prison. If you use a locker, you will be issued the key to keep on your person during your visit and to allow you to retrieve the items when you leave the prison.

It is a criminal offence to take prohibited items beyond the gate area and into the main prison, unless you have written authorisation from the prison's security department.

Prohibited Items List:

The below is a list of prohibited items that must not be taken into the prison:

- ✗ Explosives, weapons or ammunition of any description (including imitation)
- ✗ Tools of any description, including scissors, pen knives
- ✗ Manicure sets, including nail files, tweezers, clippers, nail polish, polish remover
- ✗ Mobile phones, chargers
- ✗ Computer equipment
- ✗ Cameras, video recorders, audio recorders
- ✗ Smart watches, fitbits, wearable tech
- ✗ SIM cards, memory sticks, any other data transfer device
- ✗ Unauthorised drugs
- ✗ Alcohol
- ✗ Cigarettes, tobacco, lighters, matches
- ✗ Metal cutlery
- ✗ Glass containers
- ✗ Mirrors, including makeup compacts with mirrors built in
- ✗ Aerosols
- ✗ Chewing gum
- ✗ Blue tack (or similar)
- ✗ Tin foil
- ✗ Wire
- ✗ Clothing with offensive logos
- ✗ Umbrellas
- ✗ Chemicals or cleaning equipment
- ✗ Large amounts of cash (anything over £20)

This list is not exhaustive.

