



# The Mulberry Bush Third Space

Reflective spaces for meaningful experiences



# Information Pack

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# Introduction

Thank you for contacting MB3 and we hope that you will find the information in this booklet helpful in making a choice about staying and/or using our facilities.

MB3 is a part of The Mulberry Bush Organisation Limited.  
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We are in the picturesque and peaceful rural heart of the Cotswolds, situated in the village of Toddington, Gloucestershire. We are within easy reach of Cheltenham, Gloucester, Tewkesbury and Evesham.

Our facilities include a main building, accommodation building and private meadow.

We also house research materials of international importance to the history of therapeutic care and communities: The Planned Environment Therapy Archives and Special Collections, and The National Childcare Library.

# What we offer

Mulberry Bush Third Space is a place to:

- meet and work together
- reflect and learn
- relax and entertain

Our site and facilities can be used for conferences, meetings, training courses, workshops, seminars, study and research.

Our spaces offer a wide range of opportunities for creativity and reflection making it perfect for organisations, companies, schools, clubs and groups.

This unique site offers different and interesting spaces for therapeutically driven organisations and Therapeutic Communities to utilise.

We can facilitate activities such as stargazing, bbqs, fire pits and group games. We also offer tours of our archives, special collections and library.

There is disabled access throughout the downstairs area of the main building, accommodation block and private meadow.

# Main Building

This unique building contains the following facilities:

- On-site car parking for up to 32 cars
- Small meeting room (Green reading and study room with photocopier) for 2 - 3 people
- Medium meeting rooms (Sunlight and Garden rooms) for 15 - 20 people
- Large meeting room (Log fire room) for 30 - 40 people
- Large communal dining area
- Multimedia presentation facilities
- Wi-Fi facilities

We provide a fully equipped kitchen area. You can self-cater, organise your own caterers or we can arrange catering if required.

The building is alarmed and we provide door codes on your arrival for your security.

# Residential building

This is a purpose built facility containing the following:

11 twin bedrooms that can accommodate up to 22 people, each with tea making facilities and views out onto the meadow.

6 Communal Bathrooms each with their own shower.

Disabled Access – There is disabled access on the ground floor of the residential building and a shared but designated bathroom.

Small, comfortable lounge area with TV and DVD facilities. A number of DVDs, games and books are provided. The lounge has french windows that open on to the meadow and picnic area.

A well equipped kitchen with a small dining table

A separate laundry facility containing washing machines and tumble driers. All bedding and towels are provided. There is an area for a BBQ (provided) and benches/tables for outdoor cooking and eating.

Wi-Fi - Please note that we purposefully have no Wi-fi in this building. This promotes the opportunity for you to have a quieter, more tranquil experience at MB3.

# The Meadow

The meadow is a large, peaceful space which can cater for a variety of outdoor activities, such as mindfulness and meditative relaxation.

It is ideal for schools and youth groups offering outdoor education.

There is a fire-pit surrounded by wooden benches for outdoor eating, for which we provide the cooking pots and utensils.

There is a footpath through the 'wildlife' nature area and we are developing a wild flower meadow area and pond.

The meadow is home to a variety of wildlife including deer, bats and pheasants. We have installed insect hotels around the location and bird box cameras for anyone wanting to explore the area.

To make the stay extra special we provide a croquet set and two telescopes along with a star-gazing chair.

**NB: If you require the croquet set or stargazing equipment during your stay, please advise us in advance.**

# Camping

There is a designated camping area with space for up to ten, two-person tents (NB: These are not provided).

There are two shower and toilet facilities (situated next to the laundry room). We are developing electricity access for the meadow.

There is additional space within the meadow for marquees and bell tents making it ideal for fayres (NB: not provided).

## YURT

We are taking ownership of an 8.5 metre yurt that can accommodate groups of 70+ in April 2020.

There will be a log stove and hardwood flooring. It is suitable for conferences, activities such as Yoga classes and children's birthday parties.

We take bookings for May 2020 onwards.

NB: please contact us for individual prices for this facility)



# Archives and Special Collections

We hold the **Planned Environment Therapy Archives and Special Collections**, an internationally important collection of archives and published materials that explore the history of therapeutic practices in schools, hospitals, prisons and residential settings.

**The Archives hold the papers of pioneers** such as Winnicott, Lomax-Simpson and Maxwell Jones, as well as organisational papers of the Mulberry Bush, Finchden Manor, Cassel Hospital and many others.

**We offer group tours** of the Archives for those visiting Mulberry Bush Third Space. Our standard tour will feature our favourite items and stories. If your group has a specific interest we will do our best to tailor the content to your needs.

## Library

We also house **The National Childcare Library**, an extensive resource of published materials recording the history of private and public childcare. The Library includes rare and out-of-print books, journals and pamphlets.

**Books can be borrowed from the Library** for up to four weeks on payment of a £5 deposit. Your deposit will be reimbursed in full on return of the book.

## Be part of it!

We welcome donations large and small from individuals and organisations in both paper and digital format. As part of the Archives, Special Collections and Library your materials will be preserved and made accessible to researchers, practitioners and community groups for generations to come.

## Contact

For more information please contact our Archives Team on [archives@mulberrybush.org.uk](mailto:archives@mulberrybush.org.uk) or 01242 621200



# Environment

We are trying to make Mulberry Bush Third Space as environmentally friendly as possible and reduce our plastic consumption.

Please bring your own toiletries.

Please use our recycling and compost bins.

## MB3 - Hire Charges (2019-20)

<b>Residential</b>	<b>Includes lounge area and kitchen with 6 shared bathrooms</b>
Hiring a room (drinks facilities in room)	£55.00 per night per person
<b>Main Building</b>	<b>Includes fully equipped kitchen and dining room</b>
Whole Building	£210.00 per day
Log Fire Room (30-35 people)	£90.00 per day
The Sunlight Room (15-20 people)	£35.00 half day / £70.00 full day
The Garden Room (15-20 people)	£35.00 half day / £70.00 full day
The Green Reading Room (2 people)	£15.00 half day / £30.00 full day
<b>Camping</b>	<b>Free access to the shower block</b>
1 Tent (2 people)	£25.00 per night
Cost of additional person (4 or over)	£2.00 per night

For further information on our facilities and costings please contact:

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To arrange a visit (highly recommended) please follow the directions to our web page on the following website

[mulberrybush.org.uk/mb3](http://mulberrybush.org.uk/mb3)

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