

# Chester Civil Justice Centre

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 District Registry

## Getting to the Court

**By Car** J20a M6 onto the M56 towards Chester. J15 M56 onto M53 towards Chester. From J12 M53 head onto the A56, following signs to Chester city centre, onto Hoole Way. At the bottom of Hoole Way turn left at the roundabout onto St Oswald's Way. Go over the canal and at the next roundabout take the 3rd exit onto Grosvenor Park Rd. Follow signs for the visitor centre, bearing left onto Union St, which becomes Vicar's Lane and then Little St John St. Turn left opposite the visitor centre. The court is opposite St John the Baptist church. The nearest car park is The Mall on Newgate St. Carry on along Little St John St, with an amphitheatre on the left, through one of the gates to the city walls (Newgate) and the car park is on your right, but as it's a no-right turn, continue and do a U-turn at the roundabout. Pay on exit. If there are spaces, court users can park in the court car park after 09.30.

*Car park £10 after 3hrs and up to 24 hrs*



**By Train/Bus** Trains from London Euston to Crewe travel every 30 mins; change there for Chester (2hrs 45 mins). There are direct trains (two hours) every couple of hours. Exit the station by the taxi rank. Walk straight on along City Rd and over the canal. Take the subway at the traffic lights onto Grosvenor Park Rd, again follow the signs for the visitor centre onto Little St John St and turn left opposite the visitor centre.

*Euston: Virgin trains*

*Crewe: Arriva trains*

*King Kabs: 01244 343 434*

*20-min walk in total*

*Trolley friendly*

## Understanding the Court

**Days Open** Mon–Fri.

**Opening/Sitting Times** Building open 09.00–16.00, court office open 9.00–16.00. Court sits from 10.00.

## Using the Court

**Arriving** Security desk on the right as you go in. Sign in with security or with usher.

Usher holds the family court list. There is a lift.

**Waiting** Secure advocates' room on the first floor with advocates' toilets. Vending machines. No café. Plenty of waiting areas and seating on each floor.

**Preparing** Court office on the third floor. Thirteen interview rooms throughout the building. Photocopying/faxes charged at £5 for first 10 pages and 50p per page thereafter.

**Performing** There are three hearing rooms/judges' chambers on the ground floor and two courtrooms on the first floor and two on the second floor.

**Listings** Hearings are usually listed by estimated hearing length but multiple listing also occurs. Telephone hearings and conferences possible.

## Escaping the Court

### Eating

**No time?** M&S is nearby for a quick sandwich. Follow Little St John St left towards the city centre. Turn first right into St John St.

**More time?** There are a few restaurants on St John St and Newgate St. At the far end of St John St is Eastgate St, the main St in Chester city centre.

**Killing time?** While away a leisurely afternoon in one of the five-star Grosvenor Hotel's three restaurants on Foregate St: 01244 324024. Pizza Express: 01244 323265.

### Shopping

Nearest cashpoint is Lloyds TSB on St John St. At the far end of St John St, Foregate St to the right and Eastgate St to the left make up the main shopping street. There are numerous "medieval rows", galleried buildings with walkways, and the Grosvenor Shopping Centre.

### Attractions

Chester is a lovely walled city with a large cathedral and a zoo. Chester racecourse is on the western outskirts of the city. See also the Grosvenor museum.

*Cathedral*

*Racecourse*

*Museum*

## Accommodation

There are plenty of hotels in Chester, from the five-star Grosvenor to a Travelodge on Little St John St itself: 0871 9846363. There are a number of B&Bs on Hoole Way.

