



Caption: the front of Unit 79/80 as you see it from the top of the escalator.

Unit 79/80 County Mall

Visual and Sensory Story

This guide aims to support children, young people and adults with autism, communication difficulties, neurodivergence, other learning disabilities and those with English as a second language. Others may find it useful too.

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Caption: a member of the welcome team at the welcome desk

1: About Unit 79/80

Unit 79/80 County Mall is a **temporary arts space** in County Mall shopping centre. It is a flexible event and workshop space with a small theatre and exhibition spaces.

It has been designed so it can be used for all kinds of things such as **art exhibitions, rehearsals, live music and spoken word, fashion shows** and more. You can also hire the space.

2: What to expect when you visit Unit 79/80

What does Unit 79/80 look like?

Because Unit 79/80 is a flexible space, it won't always look the same when you arrive, but there are **some things which will always be the same**.

The outside and inside of the space will always be **dark green and white**.

There are **big green curtains** which can be used to divide the space up, and there are **green tables** and **green sofas**. which are used in different parts of the space. The walls have green paint at the bottom – a bit like grass.

As you walk in, there is a **Welcome Desk** and there will be **someone wearing a blue lanyard to welcome you.**

The **Welcome Area** has a large screen in the window and there might be a slide show or film being projected on to it. You can see this from the outside.



Caption: the Welcome Area with low tables and the big projection screen.

There will always be a piece of artwork in the front window and there might be other artworks in the space. You can read more about them [here](#)



The lighting levels

During the day, the lighting in Unit 79/80 will be overhead white light a bit darker than lighting in a shop or office space with festoons, but if a special event is happening, it might be darker, with coloured theatre lights or festoon lights.



What does Unit 79/80 sound like?

If there is an event on, like a talk or fashion show, or the opening of an exhibition, there might be a lot of people standing and talking so it might be quite noisy. There will always be a **quiet space**. If you ask one of the people in blue lanyards, they will take you there.

Sometimes during the day it might be quiet.

If there aren't many people in the space and it is quiet, you might be able to hear the **sound of the escalator** outside in the shopping centre.



Caption: the Long Gallery

The Long Gallery

On the left of the reception desk is our Long Gallery space. This will often have exhibitions of visual art. The Gallery is also the path to reach other parts of Unit 79/80.



Caption: small rehearsal space

Rehearsal Space

The green curtains and moveable walls make Unit 79/80 a very flexible space so it is easy to make little pop-up rehearsal spaces like this one.



Caption: the seating and stage in the performance space

Performance Space

The performance space is towards the back of Unit 79/80. The performance space is the only part of Unit 79/80 with black curtains as well as green curtains.



3: Opening times and contact information

Unit 79/80 is open at a variety of different times. It is open for special events. Visit [creativecrawley.com/whats-on](https://www.creativecrawley.com/whats-on) to see the programme of upcoming events.

If you have any questions or access needs, please **email: hello@creativecrawley.com** or **call: 07951 122157**



Caption: the main entrance to County Mall is by the bus station and taxi rank



Caption: the main doors of County Mall will open automatically

4: Getting to Unit 79/80

The address is: Unit 79/80, County Mall, Crawley RH10 1FP

The main entrance to County Mall is opposite the bus station.

If you arrive or leave by taxi

The nearest taxi rank is by the Bus Station, near the main entrance of County Mall.



When you enter the Mall, it might be busy. The lighting is strong and white. There are colourful sculptures hanging from the high ceilings.

Unit 79/80 is on the first floor of the shopping centre. It is at the very far end of the mall, close to the last set of escalators.

To get to Unit 79/80, walk all the way along the central mall and **take the up escalator at the far end.**

It is about a **5–6 minute walk** from the main entrance to Unit 79/80.



If you need to use the lifts, you will find them by JD Sports, about half way along the mall.



Caption: the lifts are opposite JD Sports

5: Accessibility information



Caption: all the toilets are halfway down the Mall, near the Memorial Park entrance



Toilets

There are no toilets in Unit 79/80. The nearest toilets, including **accessible toilets** are on the ground floor. There are signs to direct you. **It is a 3–5 minute walk from Unit 79/80 to the toilets.**



Caption: Exit 1 from the South Car Park comes out on the second floor, near Unit 79/80. In the photograph above, you can see a red sign that says “South 1”.

Car parking

There are **10 Disabled Parking Bays for Blue Badge holders** in both the North and South car parks with lift access to the Centre.

The nearest car parking is in **County Mall South car park**. If you park here, look for the red signs for **Exit 1** and take the escalator or the lift down one flight to the first floor.

There are other car parks in the area – you can find them by following this [link](#).