# ACCESS INFO

## EVERYONE IS WELCOME AT THE CONTINENTAL, SO WE WANT OUR VENUE AND WEBSITE TO BE ACCESSIBLE FOR ALL.

## CONTACT US

Ask us a question about Access Access Officer: Rob Call Rob: 01772 499 207 (9am-5pm Monday-Thursday) Email Rob: <u>robyn@newcontinental.net</u>

# **USING THE WEBSITE**

If the text is too small for you anywhere on the site:

 On a computer: using your keyboard, press and hold the control key and press the + (plus) key to enlarge the text. You can press Control and the – (minus) key to make it smaller again.

• On a touchscreen of any kind: touch the screen with 2 fingers and move them apart from each other to zoom in.

## SCREENREADER ACCESSIBILITY

People with visual impairments can use our website with screenreader software. Our site is designed to be accessible for screenreader users.

## THE VENUE

Access to both the bar/restaurant and the performance venue (The Boatyard) areas of The Continental is step-free, with ramps to the back entrance/exit and The Boatyard's rear fire exit. Accessible toilets are located in both areas. Everything is on the same floor. The majority of our live music performances take place on a raised stage. Wherever possible, anyone who needs to be admitted into events early will be catered for. Chairs can be provided at 'standing' events, or removed at seated events. Assistance animals can be brought into all of our spaces, including during performances.

# **EVENT TICKETS**

Personal assistance tickets are always free for customers who would otherwise be unable to attend the venue. On buying your own ticket, either in person from the venue or online, simply contact Rob on the above email address or phone number and he will arrange free PA entry.

# TALK TO US

We value your thoughts and ideas on any ways in which we can make The Continental even more accessible and a great experience for everyone who attends. Don't hesitate to get in touch via the above details with any comments, suggestions or questions. We welcome your ideas and feeback about our website, too.

#### JOBS

The Continental is an equal opportunity employer. We celebrate diversity and are committed to creating an inclusive environment for all employees and users of our services.

#### WHERE ARE WE?

The Continental, South Meadow Lane, Preston PR1 9QH

# DIRECTIONS

#### **Road Directions**

From the town centre, head straight down Fishergate Hill past the railway station and County Hall, then turn left onto South Meadow Lane. Follow South Meadow Lane until you reach the river, and the pub will be on the right. There's a generous car park behind the beer garden, which can be reached by turning right straight after the pub onto Riverside. If you're coming from out of town we'd suggest finding your way onto Ringway, which curves round the north of the town centre forming part of the A6 and the A59. After that, head west and follow the signs to the railway station up Corporation Street - once you've reached the railway station, follow the directions above. If you're coming from Penwortham or the west of Preston, drive along Broadgate from Fishergate Hill, onto Riverside, and then turn left onto Connaught Road. Drive straight along Connaught Road until you reach the end, then turn right onto South Meadow Lane. The pub is a couple of hundred yards along on the right.

#### **Public Transport Directions**

Walk / Cycle: From the town centre, go down to the river through Avenham or Miller park - turn right on the riverside path, and go straight on until you leave the park: The Continental will be the first building you see. If it's later on or you don't fancy going through the park, you can just go straight down Fishergate Hill past the train station and County Hall. Keep going until you reach South Meadow Lane, then turn left - carry on all the way to the end of South Meadow Lane. We're the last building you reach, next to the railway bridge. If you're coming from Penwortham or west Preston, the simplest way to get here is to walk south along Broadgate along the river, then along Riverside until you get to the pub on the corner of Riverside and South Meadow Lane. Bicycle racks are supplied at the front of the pub, next to the side gate in the beer garden, and in the carpark at the back of the beer garden. Bus: You can catch the Preston Bus or Stagecoach service number 3 down Fishergate, and get off at the junction of Fishergate Hill and Broadgate (just before the bridge over the river Ribble). From here, it's just a short walk down Broadgate and on to Riverside until you get the the pub, on the corner of Riverside and South Meadow Lane. Both services also call at the bus stop on the opposite side of Fishergate Hill on the return journey to Preston, along with services to and from Leyland, Southport and other outlying areas.

## Video tour of the venue coming soon.