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INTRODUCTION

Humans have always looked up and marvelled at the night sky in an attempt to understand our own sense of purpose here on Earth. For over 75 years, Jodrell Bank has been at the forefront of that quest for understanding, operating at the heart of ground-breaking discoveries about our Universe.

Jodrell Bank's inspirational story includes revolutionary scientific discoveries, amazing feats of engineering, the dawn of the Space Age and the creation of the Grade I listed Lovell Telescope, an icon for science and engineering. Today, the Observatory is owned and managed by the University of Manchester and is a world-leading science research institute, with scientists working at the cutting edge of modern astrophysics.

In 2019 Jodrell Bank was recognised as a site of Outstanding Universal Value and inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site list.

A beacon of innovation and pushing boundaries, our unique location and state-of-the-art facilities are ideal for a wide range of corporate hire and event needs.



FIRST LIGHT PAVILION

A striking, purpose-built venue, our First Light Pavilion was created in 2022 with flexibility and sustainability in mind. This unique building contains a custom-built auditorium, meeting spaces, commercial kitchens and catering facilities, and an award winning exhibition gallery.

Its expansive space, with natural light flooding in through floor to ceiling windows, makes it the perfect venue for a range of corporate events - from galas and awards nights, to conferencing and away days.

- Capacity: up to 500 delegates (in multiple spaces)
- Prices starting from £2000.00

Features:

- Modern AV technology
- Fully accessible
- Commercial catering facilities
- Outdoor terrace and formal lawns
- Enclosed delivery yard
- Toilets and accessible WC
- 140 capacity Space Dome cinema
- 100 capacity restaurant
- 50 capacity meeting room
- Foyer and walkway
- Interactive museum exhibition



FIRST LIGHT PAVILION OVERVIEW

Space Dome (Immersive Cinema and Auditorium)

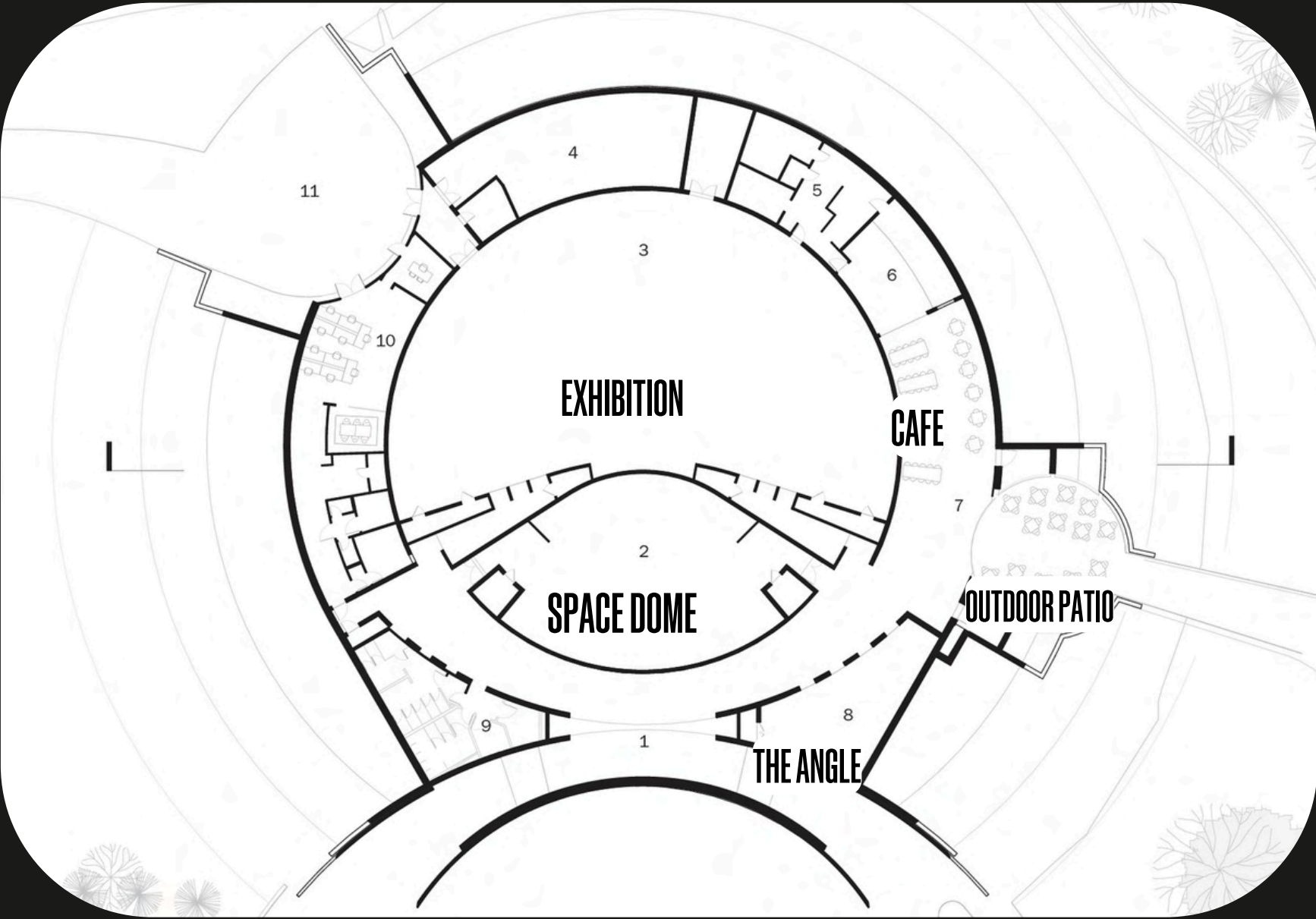
Size: 222.77 m²
 Capacity: 140 people
 Prices starting from £500.00

Restaurant and Café

Size: 138.51 m²
 Capacity: 100 people
 Prices starting from £1000.00

The Angle Meeting Room

Size: 67.80 m²
 Capacity: 2-50 people
 Prices starting from £250.00 or £42.50 pp DDR rate



***Note:** Individual space capacities are subject to seating, production, event activities and fire exits.

AERIAL FOOTAGE

WATCH HERE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=17-kPMDISvc>

A drone's view of the First Light Pavilion and surrounding grounds.



SPACE DOME

Our state-of-the-art Space Dome offers your delegates the chance to experience out-of-this-world presentations and screenings on our curved cinema screen. Choose from one of our immersive films exploring the Solar System, or bring your own backdrop and deliver a talk to remember.

- Capacity: 140 delegates, with tiered cinema seating
- 2 accessible bays for wheelchair users

- **Features:**

- 9 projectors
- Curved screen
- Soft furnished padded cinema seats
- Glass lectern
- Integrated sound system
- Lapel and handheld microphones



SPACE DOME EXPERIENCES

COMPLIMENTARY DOME SHOWS

The History of Jodrell Bank FREE

From the iconic Lovell Telescope to the dawn of the Space Race, your delegates will dig into the fascinating heritage of our UNESCO site.

This 12 minute screening can be added to your itinerary upon booking. Private showing, dependant on numbers.

BESPOKE PRESENTATIONS

Hire our Space Dome and deliver an unforgettable presentation with your own backdrop.

This highly customisable space can meet a broad range of needs, including product launches, award ceremonies, cinema screenings, and album listening parties.

FAMILY FRIENDLY DOME SHOWS

The Great Solar System Adventure! £5 per person

Ready to embark on a death-defying space-time adventure? From the sun-scorched surface of Mercury to the icy expanses of Pluto and beyond, prepare to be subjected to the myriad dangers and wonders of our Solar System.

We Are Stars £5 per person

Put the stars at your delegates fingertips with this immersive film exploring our cosmic origins, the evolution of stars, and the creation of elements.

Narrated by Andy Serkis, this show seeks to answer some of life's biggest questions using breath-taking animation.

Cap Com Go! £5 per person

On July 16th, 1969, three astronauts blasted off to space to make the first ever attempt to land humans on the Moon.

In this short film, delegates can sit back and experience the epic NASA Apollo 11 mission like never before.

One Step Beyond : A Journey To Mars £5 per person

Experience the thrill of launch, the challenges of life in space, the cutting-edge technology of NASA's Artemis program, and the search for life that could transform how we see our planet, our past, and our place in the cosmos – as we prepare for humanity's biggest step yet: setting foot on Mars.

Narrated by Richard Armitage, prepare to take an immersive journey to space like never before...

FIRST LIGHT CAFÉ

A relaxed and inviting space located within the First Light Pavilion, our restaurant and café area is the perfect spot for your evening gala dinner, awards night, or an informal lunch time buffet.

With floor to ceiling windows offering stunning views of our arboretum, it's the ideal space for social or networking events.

- Indoor café capacity: 80-100 delegates
- Outdoor patio capacity: 50 delegates
- Overflow 30-50 delegates: The Angle

- **Features:**

- Casual, modern décor
- Servery and hot plates
- Finishing kitchen
- Cabaret seating for 100
- Café dining for 80
- Outdoor seating area with a view
- Access to Space Dome, exhibitions, and foyer



THE ANGLE



The Angle meeting room offers an ideal environment for thoughtful conversations and innovative idea sharing in a private setting. Based within our award-winning First Light Pavilion, it is in a prime location next to our café and Space Dome.

The room contains integrated conferencing equipment and has been designed to host small team meetings, conferences, or seminars.

- Capacity: 30-50 delegates
- Prices starting from £250.00 or £42.50pp DDR Rate
- **Features:**
 - 85 inch interactive screen
 - Wi-fi access
 - Hybrid functionality soundbar and camera
 - Flipchart

On the day of your meeting, all delegates will receive a free day pass to the wider facilities on site. Please ask our team for our 'What's On' guide to ensure we can schedule any activities for your group - from immersive films in the Space Dome, to a range of fascinating talks and tours.

STAR PAVILION CONFERENCE SUITE

Sitting in the shadow of the Grade-1 listed Lovell Telescope, the Star Pavilion is a completely self-contained theatre and conferencing suite. Equipped with tiered seating and advanced audio-visual systems, this multi-purpose venue is ideal for conferences, lectures, and presentations.

With floor to ceiling windows providing a stunning view of the telescope, the Star Pavilion is designed to provide an out-of-this-world experience for larger audiences.

- Cabaret capacity: 100 delegates
- Theatre capacity: 200 delegates
- **Features:**
 - 200 capacity auditorium
 - Commercial kitchen
 - Private, accessible bathroom facilities
 - Patio area
 - AV room
 - Loading bay



WOLFSON AUDITORIUM

Sitting within the Star Pavilion, this flexible event space can be customised to meet a variety of business needs.

Whether you're hosting a meeting, seminar, or team-building event, this versatile room offers both cabaret and theatre seating options with a full view of the iconic Lovell Telescope.

- Cabaret capacity: 100 delegates
- Theatre capacity: 200 delegates
- Prices from £1500.00 or £52.50 pp DDR rate

- **Features:**

- Customisable seating arrangements
- Commercial kitchen
- Private, accessible bathroom facilities
- Access to outdoor areas for breaks
- AV room and equipment
- Available for half-day or full-day bookings



TALKS AND TOURS

TELESCOPE TALK

FREE 3.30pm Daily

Uncover the secrets of the one of world's largest radio telescopes - and witness live scientific demonstrations guaranteed to make you go 'wow!' - in this 30 minute talk with one of our expert Explainers.

This session can be added to your itinerary upon booking and will be a private showing, dependant on numbers.

HERITAGE TALK

Starting from £80.00

From the dawn of the Space Age to ground-breaking discoveries about our Universe, choose from two fascinating topics to lift the curtain on the rich history of this World Heritage Site:

Radars to Quasars: The Story of Jodrell Bank

Journey through Jodrell Bank's beginnings, starting in a humble potato field where Bernard Lovell's wartime radar research inadvertently detected meteor showers. From tracking Sputnik and the Space Race, to uncovering black holes and the origins of the Universe, learn how this initial chance event placed Jodrell Bank at the forefront of modern astrophysics.

Jodrell Bank and the Space Race

Explore the thrilling role Jodrell Bank played in the Cold War's Space Race, bridging a tense rivalry between the U.S. and the Soviet Union. This talk reveals how Jodrell's radio telescope became a critical, neutral player in space exploration, tracking key missions for both superpowers and saving the site from financial ruin. Join us to uncover Jodrell's unique place in Cold War history, where science and diplomacy intersected against the backdrop of space exploration.

IN HOUSE CATERING



Our exceptional catering services can be tailored for every occasion, providing a diverse, locally-sourced menu to suit a wide range of event needs.

Whether you're hosting a formal conference, an intimate team meeting, or a whole site takeover, we work closely with you to ensure every detail is taken care of, from delicious refreshments to full-course meals.

With commercial kitchens on site to accompany our adaptable conferencing facilities, Jodrell Bank combines great food with an inspiring environment for a perfect corporate day out.

CATERING PACKAGES

REFRESHMENTS

Tea and coffee on arrival - £2.50 pp

Morning break - £5.00pp

Includes tea, coffee, and mini muffins

Afternoon break - £5.00 pp

Includes tea, coffee, and sweet treats

Fork buffet - £19.95 pp*

- Selection of sandwiches and wraps of the day: meat, fish, vegetables (V/VE)
- Falafel and couscous salad
- Hummus and crudites
- Fresh fruit salad
- Blondies and brownies

Sandwich buffet - £14.95 pp*

- Selection of sandwiches: Meat, fish, vegetables (V/VE)
- Bowl of crisps
- Whole fruit platter
- Selection of traybakes

*Served with jugs of iced water and self service of hot drinks



DAY CATERING PACKAGE - £29.99

- Morning tea and coffee + mini muffins
- Fork buffet + tea and coffee (including desserts)
- Afternoon tea and coffee + sweet treats

PARTNER EVENT CATERING

We are delighted to partner with Vanilla in Allseasons, an award-winning local caterer based in the heart of Cheshire, for bespoke menu requirements.

With a passion for fresh, local ingredients, seasonal cooking, and exquisite dining experiences, Vanilla in Allseasons creates food that is as showstopping as our venue.

Whether you're hosting a gala, networking dinner, awards night, or simply want to elevate your conference to the next level, we can collaborate with our partners to provide a menu that's bound to impress delegates and meet your specific event needs.



DAY DELEGATE RATES

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£42.50pp The Angle Meeting Room

£52.50pp Star Pavilion <99 Delegates

£55.00pp Star Pavilion 100+Delegates

Our day delegate offer gives you the space to prioritise your business needs and explore everything Jodrell has to offer - we'll take care of the rest. Includes:

- Venue hire
- 3x tea/coffee
- Breakfast muffins
- Buffet lunch
- Afternoon brownies
- Day pass to Jodrell Bank (including our exhibitions, scenic grounds, and more!)
- Complimentary 12 minute immersive film
- Flipchart, screen, projector, or TV system

CORPORATE TAKEOVER DAYS

Starting from £3000.00

Want to make the most of our UNESCO World Heritage Site? Corporate takeover days give you an exclusive pass to our iconic location, allowing delegates to fully immerse themselves in our rich science and history.

Whether you're interested in running a corporate family day, work party, or larger team away day, we can design bespoke packages including:

- Team building activities
- Science shows
- Catering options
- Telescope Talks
- Site tours
- Immersive Space Dome films

TEAM BUILDING

Price upon asking

From retro rocket building to traditional sports days, we have partnered with [KDM Events](#) to offer a series of indoor and outdoor team building activities designed to energise participants, encourage colleague collaboration, and break the ice!



TRANSPORT

TRAINS

Macclesfield, on the West Coast Mainline from London Euston to Manchester, is the most convenient station and an approx. 20 minute taxi ride to Jodrell. The taxi rank is directly outside the main exit from the station.

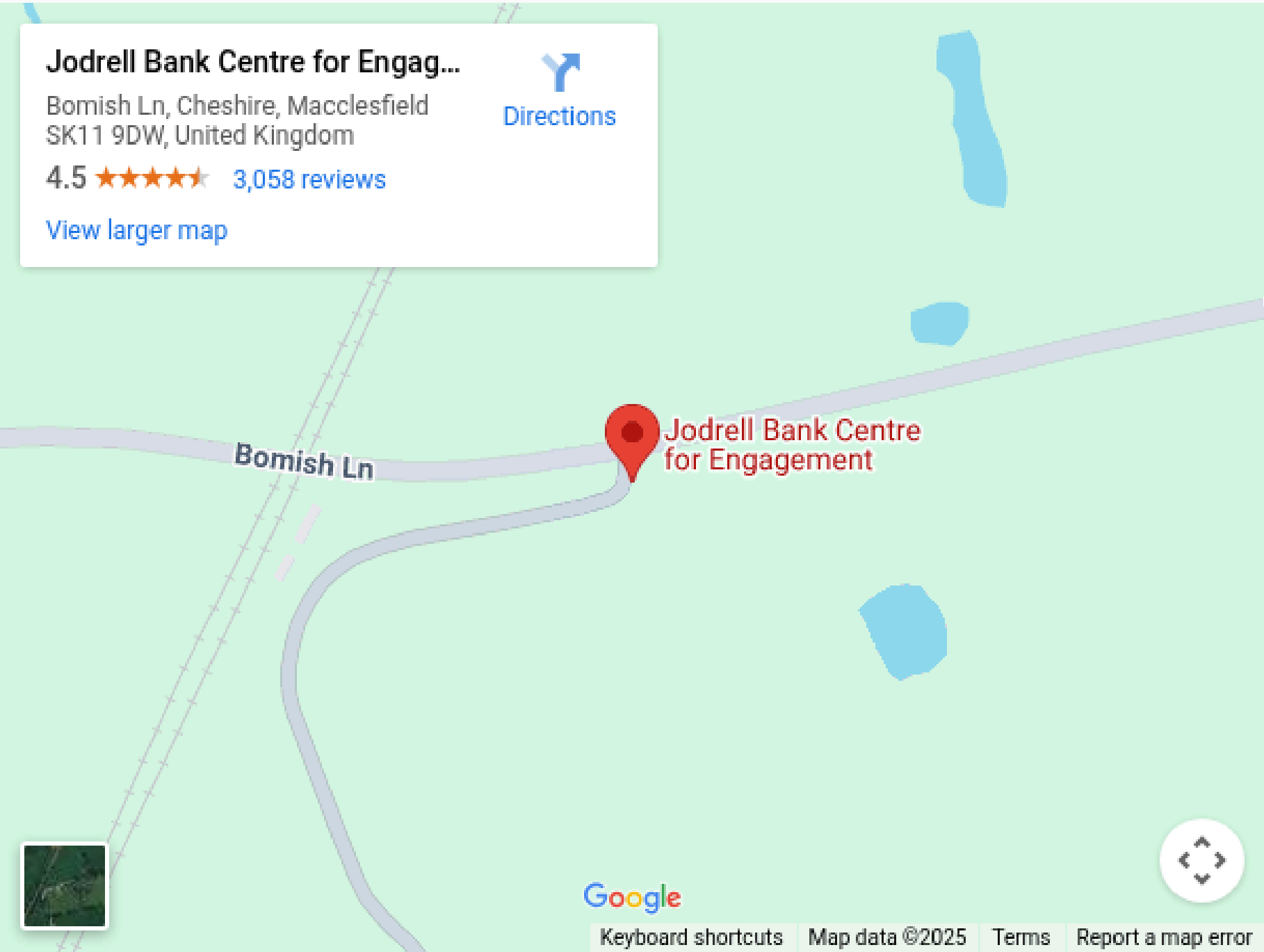
There is also a station in the nearby village of Goostrey on the line between Manchester and Crewe. It is a 2.5 mile walk with no public footpath, so we advise booking a taxi for this part of the journey.*
 *Note, you'll need to do this in advance as there is no taxi rank at the station.

CAR AND COACH

Jodrell Bank can be found just off the A535 between Chelford and Holmes Chapel. Take Junction 18 from the M6 and the follow the tourist signs for approx. 6 miles straight to the entrance. **Our satnav postcode: SK11 9DW**

The car park has spaces for around 320 cars and 4 coaches, and is free of charge. There are also 20 designated accessible parking spaces nearest to our Planet Pavilion.

Coaches should park on the left-hand side of the car park, by the green fence line sign posted as 'Coach parking'.



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