

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Title: Access Update

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on issues related to access in the Peak District.

Accessible Peak District

The Authority's work on access infrastructure helps to underpin inclusivity and engagement so that everyone can experience its special qualities, including those with limited mobility. This is achieved through the removal of barriers such as stiles, narrow gates, and steps. It includes widening, regrading, improved surfacing, and new and promoted routes. It's supported by mobility equipment, inclusive/adaptive cycles, disabled toilets and Changing Places, designated disabled car parking, links with public transport, information, signage, resting places, and by visitor centres and Ranger-led activities and events.

The accompanying presentation provides an update on our work on access and accessibility.

Access Fund

Donations to the [Access Fund](#) help provide for access improvements in the National Park. This includes:

- new and upgraded access points on access land
- restoring paths on access land
- implementing new areas of access land
- new permissive paths to improve links to existing access
- enhancing the accessibility of paths
- signage, mapping, and leaflets.

In 2022, donations have been received via the Peak District Foundation. This includes repeat donations from Sheffield CHA walking group, Peak Sky Race, and John Thompson – 8 years in a row. Income was also received from handbook sales, with the first run of 1500 handbooks nearly sold out.

Works during 2022 included more Anniversary Gates linking to the wilder side of the National Park, a section of boardwalk on a new route at Chrome Hill, surfacing improvements, more accessible gates, and fingerposts with directions and distances.

CRoW Mapping

Work on the 2024/25 review of the mapping of mountain, moor, heath, and down is underway with a stakeholder meeting held in November 2022 to discuss the approach being considered. The mapping review is being dealt with separately to

any extension of access rights, as set out in [Defra's response to the Landscape Review](#).

Recommendation

- 1. That the report is noted.**