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## **ACCESS FOR ALL FUNDING (SAS)**

### **Allocation**

1. In November 2022, Defra provided capital funding for the removal of barriers to access 'to make Protected Landscapes more accessible for people of all ages and abilities and from all socio-economic backgrounds, to make them what Glover called, "places for everyone"'. The Authority's allocation was £131,164.81 for 2022/23. A further amount is anticipated for 2024/25.
2. The funding covers purchase or investment in physical items or assets to improve accessibility for all users. Capital expenditure, includes access infrastructure, buildings, machinery and equipment, and accessible signage and visitor information, both physical and digital. It also allows for research and development where this knowledge can be used to discover or develop new products, including improved versions or qualities of existing products, or discovering new or more efficient processes of production:

### **Areas of Spend**

3. The funding has been used to build, inform, and support through:
  - Creating and enhancing Miles without Stiles routes
  - Developing facilities at key locations and improving online information
  - Increasing the number of people participating.
4. The full amount of the funding (£131k) has been spent in this initial four-month period. This includes:
  - Surfacing and widening routes and gate installation
  - Resting places, signage, videos, and guides
  - New trampers, inclusive cycles, and wheelchairs.

### **More Miles**

5. Path surfacing projects have extended an existing Miles without Stiles on the moorland fringe above Sheffield, follow the start of a historic packhorse route, allow for a Surprise View over the Hope Valley, widened and ramped sections along the Tissington Trail, and improved the camber on a section of the Thornhill Trail. Gates have been removed, replaced, or installed, with new fittings to make them easier to open. Videos promote Miles without Stiles routes for everyone and help build confidence in visiting and for enjoying the beauty of these places.
6. The improvements provided through this funding have helped to increase the number of Miles without Stiles routes in the National Park. Providing three routes in proximity to Sheffield will help to widen participation and encourage further exploration of the potential and the places that these routes can offer. More details at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/mws](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/mws).

### **More Places**

7. The funding has provided a template for developing Castleton as the National Park's first accessible village, which it is hoped will be the first of many. This includes working with businesses supported by Visit Peak District and Derbyshire, and for an access guide and a sensory story.
8. New symbols, signage, seating, and shelters will make our places more welcoming. Sensory Trails which encourage connection with nature have been launched along a number of Miles without Stiles routes. More details at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/sensory](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/sensory).

## More Mobility

9. The acquisition of six trampers has tripled the tramper fleet and expanded the number of sites at which they are offered for hire. The branding makes them easily recognisable, as well as illustrating some of the most iconic places in the Peak District. More details at [www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/trampers](http://www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/trampers)
10. New inclusive cycles at Parsley Hay provide for a range of abilities. The all-terrain wheelchairs at cycle hire and visitor centres are free to borrow and will further help encourage and increase participation.

## Summary

11. In Year 1 of the funding, approximately £56k has been spent on routes, £60k on equipment, and £12k on information. The funding has delivered access for all comprising:
  - 5.6 km of accessible paths
  - 7 accessible gates and gaps
  - 8 accessible routes with new or improved wayfinding
  - 6 proposed Miles without Stiles routes
  - 9 resting places
  - 6 trampers
  - 5 wheelchairs
12. **Report Author, Job Title and Publication Date**  
Sue Smith, Access & Rights of Way Officer, 20 April 2023

## Completed Projects – Year 1

### More Miles

Item	Details	Comments
Tissington	Ramp surfacing & bypass to steps Gate widening & step removal.	Accessibility improvements on a link to the Tissington Trail and to create a circular proposed Miles without Stiles route.
Rowter UCR, Bradwell Moor	New pedestrian gate adjacent to field gate	Proposed new Miles without Stiles route on a Green Lane. Links to Derbyshire County Council's works on adjacent public rights of way and adjacent FIPL scheme.
Redmires Conduit, Sheffield	Path surfacing including to facilitate access to benches. New gate & fixings.	Extension of <a href="#">Miles without Stiles route</a> along public right of way. Level route through moorland on edge of Sheffield.
Long Causeway, Outseats	Path surfacing & drainage.	Proposed new Miles without Stiles route along a Green Lane TRO route on the North Lees Estate.
Surprise View, Hathersage	Vegetation clearance & surfacing & gate	Proposed new Miles without Stiles route from a Dark Sky Discovery Site along a former accessible route to the viewpoint over the Hope Valley. Accessible by public transport.
Thornhill	Surfacing, gates & bench.	Removal of gates & improvements to camber for potential new Miles without Stiles route. Bench relocated to an accessible location.

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Item	Details	Comments
Alsop Moor/Tissington Trail	Surfacing and widening.	Improvements along a multi-use trail including improved disabled access from Alsop Station car park and bus stops.
MwS Film	Video for website	Update of previous introductory video of Miles without Stiles and the Peak District landscape.
Route filming	Route videos for webpages	Development of in-house system for filming on routes and production of 6 Miles without Stiles route videos. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parsley Hay</li> <li>• Redmires Conduit</li> <li>• Tideswell Dale</li> <li>• Manifold Way</li> <li>• Castleton Peak</li> <li>• Mam Tor Landslip</li> </ul>
Mapping of routes	For new Miles without Stiles routes	In-house mapping for new Miles without Stiles routes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long Causeway</li> <li>• Redmires extension</li> <li>• Surprise View</li> </ul>

### More Places

Item	Details	Comments
Accessibility symbols	Symbols and text	For an overview and better understanding of the access offer at accessibility hubs and on routes. For web, signage, guide & event use.
Accessibility map	Route location map for website	Sensory Trails logo developed and included on Miles without Stiles location map.
Access Guides	For accessibility hubs	Updated for Visit England website for Visitor Centres/Cycle Hire.
Sensory Trails signage	Route markers	Design and route signage for Sensory Trails on Miles without Stiles routes.
Tissington Trail signage	Threshold and orientation signage	Design and signage which welcomes all users and shows location, facilities, and distances between car parks and cycle hire locations on the Tissington Trail.
Alsop Station resting place.	Ramp & viewpoint	Ramp installation to the former weighbridge shelter.
Sensory Trails	Route information	Creation of Sensory Trails at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manifold Way</li> </ul>
Accessible Castleton	Accessibility guide	Guide and template for accessible routes, facilities, activities, & accommodation.

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**More Mobility**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Trampers	6 all-terrain mobility scooters	At visitor centres & cycle hire: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2 at Parsley Hay</li><li>• 2 at Ashbourne</li><li>• 1 at Derwent</li><li>• 1 at Castleton</li></ul>
Inclusive cycles	2 cycles	At Parsley Hay
Wheelchairs	5 all-terrain wheelchairs	Visitor centres and other PDNPA sites. Free to borrow.
Tramper branding	PDNPA covers.	To welcome and to show trampers are available for hire. To allow differentiation between the trampers and their locations and showcase iconic landscapes of the Peak