

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.

Access Land Mapping

The current deadline for Natural England's mapping review is 2024/25, although consideration is being given to extending it to 31 December 2030.

The Authority has developed an app to allow for improved monitoring and recording of access to open access land. Access points will be monitored biennially by the Rangers and Volunteer Rangers.

Changing Place

A planning application for a Changing Place and Trumper storage at Millers Dale Station has been submitted by the Authority. This has been enabled by funding from DLUHC, Peak Innovation Community Infrastructure grant, and the Peak District Foundation with a donation from Accessible Derbyshire.

Access Fund

The Peak District Foundation supports conservation and access initiatives, including via the Authority's Access Fund. In 2023, the partnership moved to a more sustainable self-financing model. In early 2024, Miles without Stiles projects fundraised by the 70kfor70 campaign will be taking place.

Access Improvements

A number of access improvements have taken place in 2023 with funding from the Access Fund, and Defra's Access for All and Farming in Protected Landscapes programmes. A media update and summary are circulated for information.

Recommendation

That the report be noted.