

Peak District Local Access Forum

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Title: Access for All

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Purpose of the Report

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Access for All programme.

Background

In November 2022, the Peak District National Park received £131k of capital funding for infrastructure improvements 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.'

A report on the Year 1 outcomes was provided to the Forum in June 2023. No funding was received in Year 2 of the programme. In April 2024, ongoing work was reported to the [Programmes and Resources committee](#). Funding for Year 3, amounting to £155.8k, is proposed to be provided shortly.

Defra Access Funding

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, and improved surfacing. It encompasses accessible places and routes, mobility equipment, and signage and information.

Some of the items identified for Year 3 include:

More Miles

- Extending the Miles without Stiles route at the Goyt
- Improved surfacing and handrails at the Monsal Trail/Coombs Road link
- Resurfacing and widening the High Peak Trail at Hurdlow
- Miles without Stiles route videos

More Places

- A Changing Place at Parsley Hay
- Seating at Millers Dale
- Resting places and signage along the High Peak/Tissington Trails

More Mobility

- New trikes for cycle hire.

Recommendation

- 1. That the report is noted.**

