
- ACCESS FOR ALL FUNDING 2024/25

Allocation

1. Defra's Access for All programme provides 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". In 2024/25, The Authority received £155,847.91.

Areas of Spend

2. In Year 3 of the programme, 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.
3. In Year 3 the full amount of the funding was again spent. The funding was also used to raise further funding of £26.2k via the Peak District Foundation towards the provision of a Changing Place at Parsley Hay. This has allowed for additional accessibility projects to be delivered.
4. Expenditure in Year 3 includes:
 - Surfacing and widening routes and gate installation
 - A changing place, campsite facilities, resting places, and tactile interpretation panels
 - Trikes and fast charging e-bikes

More Miles

5. The path surfacing works at the [Goyt Miles without Stiles](#) has near doubled the length of this accessible route. The existing route has been enhanced by funding from the Foundation for maintenance along the existing 1 km section. At Hurdlow a section of the High Peak Trail which forms part of the Pennine Bridleway National Trail has been widened. At Fernilee Reservoir, new gates are being installed for a new Miles without Stiles route and access by cyclists and horse riders.

More Places

6. The funding has provided a Changing Place at Parsley Hay Cycle Hire. Works have also been undertaken to improve accessibility at two shelters, provide a level surfaced access to a wood and picnic place, and for tactile interpretation panels, and seating. At North Lees, a hoist, washing-up area, and a ramp to the accessible camping pod has been provided.

More Mobility

7. New fast charging e-bikes have been provided at Parsley Hay and elsewhere to accompany the trampers and provide for short-term hires. Two trikes have also been purchased to complement the one provided in Year 1.

Summary

8. In Year 3 of the funding, approximately £31.5k has been spent on routes, £83k on facilities, £22k on equipment, and £18.5k on information. The funding has delivered access for all comprising:
- 3.23 km of accessible paths
 - 3 accessible gates and gaps
 - 3 accessible routes with new or improved wayfinding
 - 2 proposed Miles without Stiles routes
 - 1 Changing Place
 - 14 resting places
 - 2 trikes
 - 11 e-bikes
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Completed Projects – Year 3

More Miles

Item	Details	Comments
Millers Dale	Surfacing path on platform & seating	Link from Goods Shed and Changing Place avoiding car park. Also seating area. Supports Accessibility Hub development.
Goyt	Vegetation removal, resurfacing & gate	Extended MwS route. Also identified as proposed active travel network. Maintenance on existing route funded by the Peak District Foundation.
Hurdlow	Widening & resurfacing High Peak Trail	Improvements along a multi-use trail. Part funding. Also supports development of White Peak Loop and active travel.
Fernilee	Replacing kissing gates.	Gates with increased width for all users. Proposed Miles without Stiles route and permissive bridleway. Also identified as proposed active travel network.
Mapping of routes	For new Miles without Stiles routes	In-house mapping for extended Miles without Stiles route at the Goyt. Published in the Welcome Guide.

More Places

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Parsley Hay Changing Place	Design and construction of Changing Place	Bespoke design to complement the heritage of the former rail trails. Part funded by the Peak District Foundation.
Tissington and	Tactile interpretation	Signage which welcomes all users and shows

High Peak Trail panels	panels	location, facilities, and distances between car parks and cycle hire locations. Also supports active travel.
Hurdlow weighbridge	Surfaced access ramp from the Trail	Ramp installation to former weighbridge shelter near to Parsley Hay. Accessible by tramper.
Hartington shelter	Re-roofing, access ramp, rail, and seating	Upgraded resting place/shelter at mid-point between Parsley Hay and Hartington Station.
Trails benches	8 benches	Additional seating.
Ruby Wood	Surfacing to picnic area	Extends the MwS route into the picnic area. Accompanied by Peak District Foundation funding to level the access from the Trail.
North Lees Campsite	Hoist, washing-up facilities, automatic door opener, ramp to camping pod, benches.	Improvements and provision of facilities to complement a stay in the accessible camping pod.

More Mobility

Item	Details	Comments
Inclusive cycles	2 items	At Parsley Hay
E-bikes	11 fast-charging	To allow for repeat and short hires for accompanying the trampers and inclusive cycles.
Wheelchair bike battery	1 item	Second battery to allow for repeat hires.