

## **Appendix 1 – Access for All Funding 2024/25**

### **What is involved?**

Defra's Access for All Programme provides funding to the Peak District National Park to make it more accessible for people of all ages, abilities and needs, to help bring the benefits of spending time in nature to everyone.

In 2024/25, capital funding of £155k for infrastructure improvements was provided. The funding is for assets created or acquired, and not maintenance.

### **Why is it important?**

The funding provides the financial support to allow focus on the development of accessibility hubs and accessible routes. This provides the places, facilities, equipment, and information needed to build confidence in accessing the special qualities and amazing experiences of the Peak District National Park.

### **Who is involved in delivery?**

The project lead is the Access and Rights of Way Officer. The project team involves Properties, Trails, CMPT, Cycle-hire, and Communications. It includes inputs from Design, IT, and Rangers.

### **What's been delivered in 2024/25?**

- A Changing Place at Parsley Hay
- Accessible camping facilities at North Lees
- Shelters at Hurdlow and Hartington
- Path surfacing at the Goyt and Hurdlow
- Tactile orientation panels on the Trails
- More resting places across our properties
- Fast charging e-bikes and trikes

### **How has the funding been supported?**

The Peak District Foundation's funding of £26.2k for the Changing Place enabled the equivalent amount to be allocated to additional access improvements. The Foundation's funding of £7.7k for the maintenance of the pre-existing Goyt Miles without Stiles route complemented the capital works delivered under this programme. The Foundation's £3.5k to improve the access from the Parsley Hay Miles without Stiles route into Ruby Wood linked with the picnic site improvements provided by the Access for All funding.

### **What's next**

Defra have indicated the availability of further funding in 2025/26 of £255.9k. A separate report in relation to this is provided, along with the 2024/25 project breakdown.

The active travel work is developing a plan for a high-level network of routes for walking, wheeling, cycling, and horse-riding in the National Park linking with future improvements for accessibility and access to nature.

### More Miles

Extension of the Goyt Miles without Stiles route – Cost £20k.



### More Places

Changing Place at Parsley Hay – Cost £55.5k, plus £26.2k Peak District Foundation funding.



### More Mobility

Tactile orientation panels linked to new equipment – Cost £18.4k, excluding installation.

