
APPENDIX 1 - ACCESS FOR ALL FUNDING 2025/26

1. Allocation

1.1 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 2025/26, the Authority received £255,899.

2. Areas of Spend

2.1 The funding is 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.

2.2 In Year 4, the full amount of the funding was again spent. The Foundation contributed £4k of funding for maintenance work at Surprise View and Conksbury Miles without Stiles routes to complement the capital works delivered under this programme. Peak Park Conservation Volunteers and Ranger volunteers have supported this work.

2.3 Expenditure in Year 4 includes:

- Surfacing, gates, viewing areas, and route information
- A changing place, outdoor classroom, resting places, and information/guides
- Fast charging e-bikes, inclusive cycles, and volunteering equipment

3. More Miles

3.1 The development of new Miles without Stiles routes at key visitor locations has included a focus on access to nature for all. At Macclesfield Forest, Derwent Dam, and Brunts Barn, route improvements are complemented by viewing platforms, tree identification signage, and access for pond dipping. New gates have opened up access at Derbyshire Bridge, and to the dale at Tideswell Dale, where the Miles without Stiles route has been extended northwards.

3.2 Miles without Stiles interactive mapping has been developed, allowing people to find suitable routes close to where they live, work, or visit and for aerial mapping and directions to complement the route information. Details www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/mws.

4. More Places

4.1 At Trentabank, a new Changing Place and disabled parking improvements have enhanced accessibility. Accessible places to enjoy nature have been provided at Minninglow and Torside. At Brunts Barn, an outdoor classroom and accessible woodland is being designed by volunteers for volunteers.

4.2 The template developed for Accessible Castleton has been applied to Bakewell to link in with the work being taken forward for active travel on the Monsal Trail, and includes a map showing facilities, distances, and points of interest. Site access improvements have taken place at Parsley Hay and Derwent cycle hire.

5. More Mobility

5.1 Fast charging e-bikes have been provided to accompany the trampers and for short-term hires. Inclusive cycles for use across the Authority's cycle hire sites, including at Millers Dale later this year, include trikes, e-trikes, wheelchair bikes, a tandem trike, and a mountain e-trike.

5.2 Equipment for supporting volunteering by all has included a cargo-bike, e-bikes, and a portable ramp and toilet.

6. Summary

In Year 4 of the funding, approximately £59.8k has been spent on routes, £75.8k on facilities, £107.5k on equipment, and £12.7k on information. The funding has delivered access for all comprising:

- 1.85 km of accessible paths
- 22 accessible gates and gaps
- 20 accessible routes with new or improved wayfinding
- 6 proposed Miles without Stiles routes
- 1 Changing Place
- 23 resting places
- 8 inclusive cycles
- 3 wheelchairs
- 25 e-bikes

Completed Projects – Year 4

More Miles

Item	Details	Comments
Brunts Barn, Grindleford	Vegetation clearance, step removal, surfacing, pond dipping platform, bridge.	Proposed Miles without Stiles route in the wildlife area. Links to ambassador training and volunteer hub. Volunteer involvement for design & delivery. Potential for Phase 2 for a disabled toilet, to extend the route, and provide for interpretation.
Conksbury	Widening and surfacing access.	New disabled access to Miles without Stiles route .
Derbyshire Bridge	2 in 1 gate.	Cattle grid bypass on road adjacent to the car park.
Derwent	Surfacing, gates, regrading of ramp, handrail, seating, viewing area, interpretation.	Proposed Miles without Stiles & tramper route. Links to Miles without Stiles route and cycle hire and to complement the new inclusive cycle equipment Potential for Phase 2 to provide a circular route.
Lady Cannings, Ringinglow	Gate access	Removal of obstruction on a proposed active travel route.
Macclesfield Forest	Gates, barrier removal, surfacing, seating, viewing area.	Proposed Miles without Stiles route to complement a new Changing Place. Potential for Phase 2 to extend the proposed route and provide interpretation.
Minninglow	Widening and separation of trail through the car park, path and seating in picnic area, removal of kerb and relocation of gates.	Improvements at car park for access and to a proposed Miles without Stiles route.
Standing Stone	Gates & surfacing	Access improvements in car park and for

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		access to proposed Miles without Stiles route.
Tideswell Dale	Surfacing, gates & seating	Extends the Miles without Stiles route northwards. Wider step-free gates provide an alternative to the roadside pavement.
Torside to Woodhead	Access point and seating	Links to Miles without Stiles route from parking area and extending in the other direction to viewpoint and trail.
Trail map	Monsal Trail	Map and information which shows location, facilities, and distances between car parks and cycle hire locations on the Monsal Trail
Interactive mapping	For Miles without Stiles routes	Map and information to show route location and access and link to route details.

More Places

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Accessible Bakewell	Template for accessibility	Accessibility audit and collation of information. Links with study on active travel to/from the town.
Brunts Barn	Pond dipping platform, bird boxes, interpretation, seating	Nature place & ambassador training & volunteering hub. Volunteer involvement for design & delivery.
Derwent Cycle Hire	Crossing and surfacing.	Crossing and link for trampers from cycle hire. Potential for Phase 2 to create an access ramp.
Monsal Trail	Seating	Resting places along the trail.
Parsley Hay	Access points and seating.	Improvements at cycle hire/ accessibility hub.
Surprise View Car Park	Bus-stop surfacing	Improvements to complement the proposed Miles without Stiles route.
Trentabank	Changing Place and widening of disabled parking.	Improvements linking to proposed Miles without Stiles route.
Torside Car Park	Vegetation clearance, surfacing, seating	Nature place linking to Miles without Stiles route and Trans Pennine Trail and active travel network. Associated Landscape Enhancement Initiative funding.

More Mobility

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Inclusive cycles	Trikes, E-trikes, wheelchair bike, tandem e-trike, mountain e-trike	Parsley Hay, Millers Dale, & Derwent
E-bikes	Fast charging	Derwent & Millers Dale; Ranger volunteers
Cargo bike		Trails volunteers
Wheelchairs	All terrain	Brunts Barn, Trentabank, & Millers Dale
Bike stands &	x4	All centres for working on accessible

Item	Details	Comments
batteries		equipment.
Volunteer equipment	Portable ramp & toilet	PPCV and events.