

Dear Sir/Madam,

Access for All : Removing barriers in Protected Landscapes

We are offering Parishes in the Malvern Hills National Landscape the opportunity to help make our protected landscapes more accessible to people of all ages and abilities. Defra is offering **100%- of-cost** grant support to make access improvements in our National Landscapes, to help bring the benefits of spending time in nature to everyone, and the Malvern Hills National Landscape team can help you to apply. Your project has to be completed by March 2025.

Projects in other National Landscapes have included:

- Disabled/improved toilet facilities at churches/community centres and visitor centres close to footpaths
- Replacement of stiles with gates
- Sustainable car parks
- Additional seating areas close to footpaths
- Widening and resurfacing of paths for multi-user use
- Purchase of trampers, mobility scooters, electric bikes, and storage/charging facilities
- Accessible signage and visitor information, both physical and digital
- Tools for footpath wardens and volunteers

If you, or any of the groups or landowners in your parish, have a capital project which you think would improve access to the Malvern Hills and which needs financial support, please get in touch by emailing darmitage@worcestershire.gov.uk Please spread the word; all ideas are welcome! You can also visit our website to see accessibility projects that we did in 2022-23.

We hope to hear from you soon,

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