



Help us enable physical accessibility onto Heal Somerset land

We want everyone to access the joys of Heal Somerset. An all-terrain wheelchair with accessible gates, signage, parking and toilet will enable independent exploration on site. An all-terrain tour vehicle will provide magical experiences for people in nature.

“Accessibility has always been a big focus for the team at Heal, even long before Heal Somerset became a reality, and is an issue very close to my heart as a wheelchair user. Being able to throw on a pair of wellies and go for a walk is a simple pleasure that can become a real challenge for people with limited mobility and is something that I sorely miss. Connecting to nature by being surrounded by nature is not something that is easily achieved with photos and videos, and I am really looking forward to being able to experience the full benefit of traversing Heal Somerset with my family and colleagues. I may even challenge them to an all-terrain wheelchair race (with the loser having to clean the wheels!).” – Alice, Heal team member

The Heal Somerset site has eight kilometres of mown paths, giving the public the opportunity to immerse themselves in the recovering landscape. However, accessibility for individuals with mobility challenges falls short and we can't provide an inclusive experience without additional provision.

Ensuring physical accessibility is critical for us. There are members in the local village who use a wheelchair, and one of our colleagues has multiple sclerosis and now uses a wheelchair most of the time. At the moment, this colleague can visit our buildings but is unable to derive any enjoyment from nature as none of our land is accessible.

To get the basics right, we want to fund wheelchair-friendly gates, an accessible toilet and parking bays. For independent nature exploration, we want to provide an all-terrain Trampler for people to access our paths. And for a guided experience, we are also seeking funding for an offroad electric tour vehicle, which will ensure that visitors with mobility issues can be taken across the site to experience wilder nature.

We are committed to offering an inclusive and enriching experience for every visitor, and we believe that by breaking down barriers everyone, regardless of physical abilities, can enjoy what Heal Somerset has to offer.



Impact

Wheelchair users and individuals with reduced mobility gain independent and meaningful access to nature.

Legacy

Infrastructure is in place to provide an accessible nature haven for all.