

Seats

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Aim

A well-placed bench seat allows people of all abilities to stop, rest and enjoy the view particularly on longer paths or those with steep gradients. A bench seat provides a large but still simple resting point.

Eligibility

Any land is eligible, and the bench seat can only be selected if used in conjunction with the IPA “new path” or “upgraded path” capital items.

Requirements

- Bench seat with or without backrest, of treated timber or recycled plastic, placed close to the path.
- Seat planks should be smooth with rounded off-edges, free draining, and fixed with counter-sunk galvanised/stainless steel or brass screws or bolts.
- Legs should be sturdy, min 75mm x75mm section if timber, and fixed firmly to the ground either in holes backfilled with well-rammed earth and stones and/or concrete; or with timber or metal pins.
- Height of the seat should be between 450mm – 520mm above ground level.
- Must be set on a firm level surface and surrounding, with clear and easy access to and from the path.
- You must keep **photographic evidence** of the installation phase showing works below ground level.

Payment

You can claim £350 each

Inspections

The inspectors will check:

- The location and extent of the work as is detailed in the contract schedule of works and contract map.
- That the capital item requirements have been met as detailed above.
- That photographic evidence has been provided as detailed above.

Recent changes

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Eligibility	Updated /clarification for 2022 round.
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