

# 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

Section	Change
Eligibility	Updated /clarification for 2022 round.
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