

# 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 seat should be close to and linked directly to an upgraded or new path.

## 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 450 – 520mm above a level and firm ground level
- 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.

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