# **Helping Individuals**

#### **Cycling for Wellbeing**

With generous support from several grants, we have bought a fleet of adapted and two-wheeled cycles.

These adapted cycles are engineered differently to provide a wide range of ways of working.

This allows us to offer the enjoyment of cycling to people who cannot ride regular two-wheeled bikes.



The regular bikes allow families to ride together as a group too.

We aim to provide events at a variety of locations around the Island as well as holding commissioned sessions.

Volunteers are essential to organise, assist and help everyone have fun. Please get in touch if you could help.

## **Helping Helpers**

#### **Local Access Groups**

We have set up several of these groups to provide a forum for discussion of accessibility issues within the local area for people who live, work, or visit.

Local town councils support the groups and, usually, a local Councillor attends. This is important to gain a two way feedback and works successfully. Please feel free to join one of our quarterly meetings - they rotate round Newport, Ryde and Cowes, and we have been invited to start a new one in the Bay area.

These Groups are open to the public and are free to attend.

#### **Accessibility Directory**

We advertise Isle of Wight businesses who provide an Accessibility Guide on their website.

This is helps families with a disabled member plan holidays here confidently. It also helps local people visit places they have not been to before.

We provide help for businesses to write these Statements, train staff, audit facilities and plan physical and other improvements.

# **Helping Organisations**

#### **Inclusive Tourism Strategy**

We want the Isle of Wight to become a holiday destination where potential visitors can be reassured that facilities are accessible.

This means local hotels, cafes and restaurants, high streets and shops, attractions and beaches, etc all displaying a useful Accessibility Guide online, at least.

Staff training, assistive equipment and building modifications can all follow, depending on budget and the sort of holiday-makers businesses want to attract.

Isle Access aims to encourage a focus on this and provide helpful information.

#### **Expert Consultancy**

Isle Access can provide expert assessments and advice to other local organisations across all types of disability and all ages.

Public organisations as large as the Council and as small as local charities have made use of our strong belief that getting design right first time is only fair, and also saves rebuild costs, delays and reputational damage.

#### **Our Aims**

Equality and Diversity: To promote the reduction of inequality of disability through accessibility and inclusion for disabled people, families and carers living in or visiting the Isle of Wight.

**Employment**: To provide employment, supported work experience and volunteering opportunities for those residents of the Isle of Wight who are excluded from or have difficulty accessing those opportunities by reason of their disability, age or infirmity.

Recreation: To promote and provide specialist recreational and exercise facilities for the benefit of the inhabitants of or those visiting the Isle of Wight who have need of such facilities by virtue of their age or physical or mental health issue in the interests of social welfare and wellbeing and with the object of improving their conditions of life and those of their families and carers.

Education: To educate and collaborate with other organisations with employment responsibilities, safety responsibilities and accessible amenities, etc to improve their accessibility for the benefit of those in the three clauses above.

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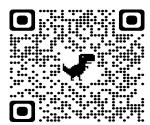
### Sustainability

Isle Access is a charity and receives no money from the Government.

We gather funds from:

- Grants from other organisations
- Sponsorships from local businesses
- Donations from local people
- Legacies from local people

Please get in touch if you can help us.



# Isle Access

An Isle of Wight charity



# "Equal Access For All"

Our vision is that residents and visitors alike can enjoy as much of the Isle of Wight as possible.

Our mission is to make the Island more accessible and inclusive for people of all ages.

Our aim is to support disabled people by removing barriers to access, enabling disabled people to enjoy a better quality of life and achieve new skills and experiences.

More at: https://isleaccess.co.uk/