

The Dalby Forest Cycle Hub container is absolutely vital to our commitment of providing a high quality inclusive cycling offer to all visitors to the forest.

Adapted bikes come in all shapes and sizes but there are two things they have in common. Firstly, they are bulky, heavy and take up a lot of storage space and secondly, without them, anyone who cannot ride a regular two wheeler bike, is denied the opportunity of joining their family and friends on a ride.

The North York Moors National Park Authority and Forestry England have both recently signed up to the 'Access for All UK' programme. As members they pledge to, 'provide excellent information, facilities and customer services that are accessible for all'.

Dalby Forest Cycle Hub c.i.c. is also a member of 'Access for All UK' and we want to continue to grow and expand our range of adapted bikes so that we can offer our visitors the thrill and excitement of riding deeper into the forest, exploring a world that, to many, will have been less visible than the surface of the moon.

With this in mind we are developing a series of E-Explorer Cycle Trails that utilise the forest tracks and certain sections of rugged terrain rather than the inaccessible mountain biking routes which are too narrow for adapted bikes.

To help us achieve this ambition the North York Moors National Park Authority have awarded us a grant fund of £10k towards the cost of 3 semi-recumbent electric assist ICE Trikes. This is a fantastic boost to our project, not just financially but also ethically, a genuine commitment to inclusive cycling. All of which brings us back to the original point of this letter. If we are to introduce more highly specialised and extremely expensive bikes to our fleet, we need secure, accessible storage with mains lighting and a security alarm.

In other words, our container.

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Regular users of adapted bikes at Dalby Forest Cycle Hub c.i.c.

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Whitby Disability Action Group
Yorkshire Coast Sight Support
Stroke Unit, Hull and Humber Trust
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