

DISABLED ACCESS FACILITIES

supported by Aiming High

About 5 years ago the Centre welcomed the first wheelchair user for a school residential visit. Since this time the Centre has improved in every respect of providing access to both the buildings, facilities and the activities. We now have a modern respite suite with specialist bed, bathroom and hoisting facilities. Instructors have been trained and are now experienced in using the specialist equipment to provide access to the activities. We are confident to work in partnership with teachers and support staff to provide realistic challenges in an outdoor residential setting. We are proud that the sessions such as sailing, canoeing, climbing, high ropes and biking are now accessible to all abilities and that the Centre hosts special schools for residential visits on a regular basis.

Accommodation

Main building

Ground floor - Reception/lounge area

- Ramp access to main building
- Disabled toilet with fold down hand rail and hand basin
- Motorised remote wheelchair lift from ground floor to accommodation area and lower dining room

Ground floor – Accommodation area

Dormitory (for disabled use with en-suite access to disabled toilet/bathroom)

- Dormitory with disabled access door
- 1 BaKare prestige bed with remote motorised control for raising head and foot and raising/lowering of bed
- Fully padded sides and ends
- Drop down sides
- Medipro Plus memory foam mattress with waterproof covering
- Overhead tracking system with raising/lowering hoist for access to disabled toilet/bathroom (Sky frame system)
- 2 standard bunk beds

“Very impressed with how our young man who has a physical disability was included in all activities and enjoyed it so much!!”
Community Support Service



Disabled bathroom

- Motorised remote controlled raising bath with integrated pull down changing bench and shower facilities
- Low level toilet
- Fold down hand rails for toilet and shower
- Motorised remote controlled raising hand basin with sensor on/off taps (manual as well)

Sports hall

- Disabled toilet and access shower with fold down hand rails
- Fold down changing/shower bench with roll bars
- Overhead raising/lowering hoist



Outdoor Activity equipment provided by “Equal Adventure for everyone”

Watersports

Seating

We have seating solutions which make it possible to accommodate water sports users who have symmetrical and non-symmetrical postures, providing support for both active and passive participants. This includes those with reduction or loss of function in their postural muscles and those whose posture is compromised by the loss of one or more limbs.



Neck Support

Additionally our neck supports provide a range of passive support solutions for performers with requirements for head and neck support. This includes the Caterpillar II, which is a highly adjustable, soft, modular system for those who have some muscle function in the neck, and the rigid Butterfly neck support for those who have little or no neck muscle function. These systems can be used independently or combined to create a highly adaptable, supportive solution for participants with a high level of support needs on a range of watersports activities.



Safety

Our safety equipment works with standard Personal Floating Devices to create a safe solution for access to the water. Our equipment is designed to be comfortable and to be fitted without embarrassment to the participant or staff member fitting it.

Moving and Handling

Our moving and handling equipment enables participants who are unable to undertake a floor to chair transfer, or are unsteady on uneven ground to get into a craft on uneven surfaces. Our equipment provides support for people with higher levels of mobility needs. Moving and Handling equipment provided includes: ManGo Slings and assist handles, which facilitate noncontact transfer assistance without compromising posture; Moving Mats, available in a range of textures to help people slide in and out of the water or understand the waterside more independently; and Stacking Steps that will help participants to undertake a floor to ground, or chair to boat, transfer more independently.



Canoeing and Kayaking

Our equipment provides solutions for participants to develop, by assisting the grip or aiding the development of single arm paddling.



Coaching Aids

The selection of coaching aids will help participants with learning disabilities and sensory impairment to work more effectively. Wrap on coaching aids make it possible to give demonstrations more clearly and simplify communication.

Climbing

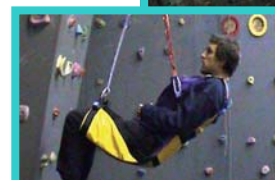
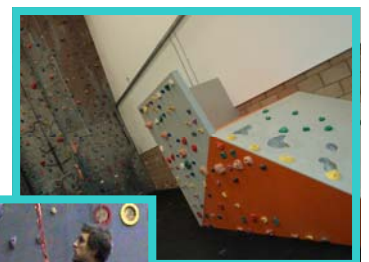
Climbing Wall

A new low level climbing wall designed with a ramp to enable easy access.

Harnesses

We have harnesses to accommodate non-ambulant and ambulant users.

We have equipment to provide additional protection for climbers with skin/joint sensitivity or who require protection against abrasion or impact, especially over the joints. We have a hoisting system which enables all participants the opportunity to reach the top of our ten metre high climbing wall.



Additional Activity Equipment (available on request)

Bikes

We have various tandems to enable participants with the help of an instructor to ride around the reservoir.



Wheely Boat

We have access to a Wheely boat which provides disabled people with hassle-free and independent access to a variety of waterborne activities. They are designed to accommodate disabled people and wheelchair users in particular, easily and safely enabling them to actively participate on the water on equal terms with their able-bodied counterparts.

All Terrain Wheelchair

We have an all terrain wheelchair which can transport individuals across all types of surface surrounding the Centre.