

**“Take then, smooth Path, this tribute of my love,  
Thou emblem pure of legal liberty!” William Mason, Sonnet XII, to a Gravel Walk**

A comparison of the terrain around Haytor Rocks and the access specification recommended for the Rural and Working setting clearly shows the need for major improvements to the area.

Issue	Specification	Available at Haytor ?	
<b>Path Surface</b>	Surface must be hard but may have some loose stones but not covering the whole surface (stones no bigger than 10mm).	No	
<b>Path Width</b>	1000mm minimum width.	Yes	
<b>Width Restrictions</b>	815mm minimum width for no more than 300mm along the length of path – 915mm width for no more than 1600mm along the length of the path.	Yes	
<b>Barriers</b>	No stiles, steps, fences, hedges etc.	No	
<b>Ramp Gradient</b>	1:10 maximum.	No	
<b>Rise of ramps</b>	Where the place is steeper than 1:20 (i.e. a ramp), a level, resting place should be provided. The maximum height rise between landings is 950mm.	No	
<b>Maximum distance between landings for 950mm vertical climb at the following gradients</b>	<b>01:18</b>	<b>17.1</b>	No
	<b>01:16</b>	<b>15.2</b>	No
	<b>01:14</b>	<b>13.3</b>	No
	<b>01:12</b>	<b>11.4</b>	No
	<b>01:10</b>	<b>9.5</b>	No
<b>Cross Slope</b>	1:35 maximum.	No	
<b>Steps</b>	15mm maximum.	No	
<b>Surface Break</b>	Breaks in path surface as in boardwalks, grates, grills etc., should be no more than 12mm measured in the direction of travel along the path.	No	
<b>Clear Walking Tunnel</b>	A tunnel clear of overhanging or encroaching vegetation, and other obstructions should be a minimum of 1000mm wide and 2100 high.	N/A	
<b>Passing Place</b>	There should be a passing place every 150 metres along the path. The minimum width of the path should be 1500mm for 2000mm along the length of the path.	No	
<b>Resting Places</b>	There should be a resting point every 300m along the path. Each resting point should have a seat or perch which is placed on surfaced, level ground. Resting points should be set back from the path and, in addition to the path width, be at least 1200mm wide and 1500mm long.	No	

**Options Appraisal**

On this basis the main options for an access solution to the site are as follows:

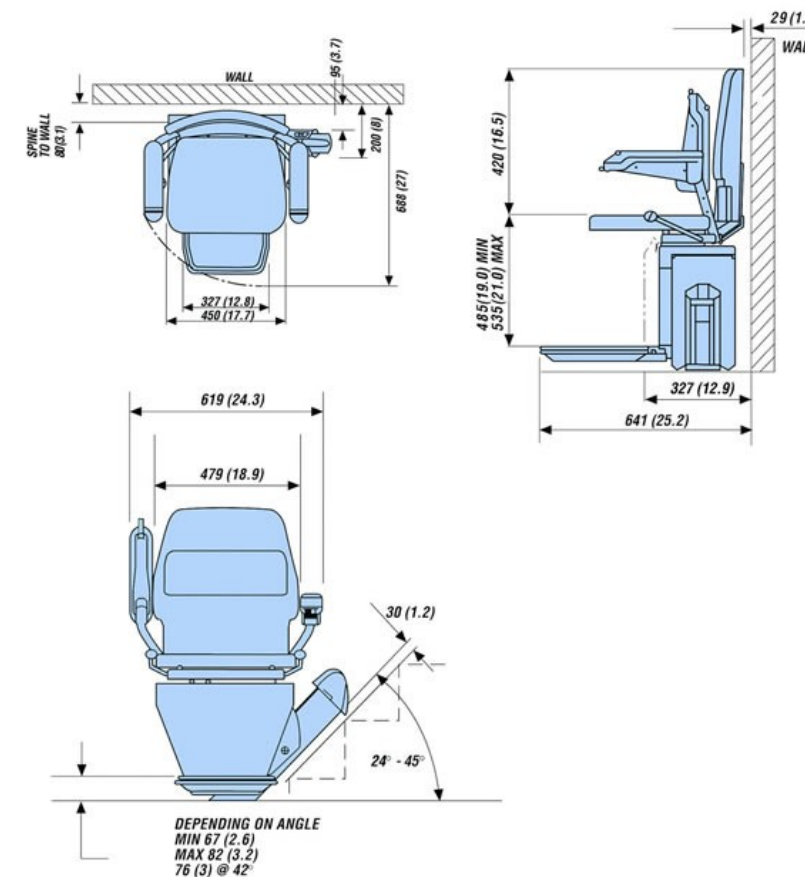
Options	Does solution address:		
	Accessibility	Tackling erosion	Sustainability
1 Do nothing	No	No	No
2 New path to summit from Higher Haytor carpark	Partial	Partial	Partial
3 New path to summit from Higher Haytor carpark and improved access to rocks	Yes	Yes	Yes

**It is proposed therefore to introduce a path from the nearest car park to the rocks and a stairlift to take the elderly and disabled to the top so that for the first time they can enjoy the same unparalleled experience of height, vision and uplift as every other visitor can.**

The path up Haytor from the upper car park should be built in sympathy with its environment to minimise its visual impact. The suggested material is therefore granite from Dartmoor itself which is still quarried at Blackenstone Granite Quarry, thus also providing local employment.

The stairlift recommended is an external version the 320 produced by Stannah, a manufacturer well recognized for their quality and longevity. In the interests of sustainability solar panels or a windmill could be used to provide the power for the lift. To blend in with any outdoor environment, the 320 comes in a light, neutral grey colour.

**Solution**



**Walk  
Don't  
Walk**