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## Tramper all-terrain electric wheelchairs arrive in Forest of Bowland

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Jon Beavan, a director of Bowland Experience, puts the tramper through its paces at Bowland Knotts in the Forest of Bowland AONB

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People who have difficulty walking in the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) through illness or disability can now enjoy being in the countryside again, thanks to the introduction of a new electric all-terrain wheelchair service.

The "Tramper", provided by Bowland Experience, can be used off-road and on rough ground, mud and grass on several specially planned routes in the AONB. Bowland Experience arranges for the Tramper to be available for the driver at a suitable place. After a brief induction by a member of the Bowland Experience team, anyone over 14 can use it while being accompanied. Users are invited to make a donation to Bowland Tourism Environment Fund, a charity which helps the running costs of the scheme.

Several people have tried out the Tramper and have been delighted with the freedom it brings.

"I never thought I'd get up Beacon Fell again," said Ron Pugh visiting from Hertfordshire.

"When I broke my ankle I could only look at the Bowland Fells from my home in Austwick near Settle," added fellow Trammer fan Jon Beavan, "...until a Tramper was available to help me join friends exploring the AONB."

Another user, Mary, was recovering from hip surgery but that didn't stop her getting into the countryside on a Tramper.

The Tramper has been funded by The Lottery and The Three Fishes Restaurant, in Great Mitton, and is available through members of Bowland Experience, a social enterprise company whose purpose is to promote the Forest of Bowland AONB and support visitor services.

"While many people can walk, cycle or run through the Forest of Bowland, sometimes they have to leave relatives or friends behind who can't manage to do so," explained Richard Gardner of Bowland Experience.

"Our new specially designed all-terrain electric wheelchair means families or groups of friends can go out together with less mobile friends or relatives".

More information about the scheme is available at [www.bowlandexperience.com](http://www.bowlandexperience.com) or tel 01524 791329. A short explanatory film is can be seen online at: [www.bowlandexperience.com/tramper-project](http://www.bowlandexperience.com/tramper-project)

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