



Astor-Bannerman introduce accessible Changing Places to the great outdoors at a top class Leicestershire country park tourist attraction

With around 830 acres of stunning countryside, Bradgate Country Park takes accessibility very seriously. Although the views are wild and rugged with wildlife all around, a tarmac driveway runs through the middle for wheelchairs and pushchairs and with accessibility clearly playing an important part at the park, the provision of a Changing places toilet was a natural part of their ongoing development.

Bradgate Park has been named as one of the UK's Top 10 Parks in the prestigious TripAdvisor Travellers' Choice Awards. The impressive nature and history combined and with the new addition of a sympathetically designed Changing Places toilet, it is easy to see why. Once the construction of a new female WC and conversion of existing female WC had taken place Astor-Bannerman were called to install the all-important Changing Places equipment.



Client

Bradgate Park,
Leicester

Project

Changing
Places Facility

Services

Site Visit
Quotation
Installation

Equipment

Nivano
CTE180:
Changing
Table
Carlo Classic:
Mobile hoist
ABW6SP:
Wash Basin

Changing Places include a changing table, hoist and room for 2 carers. Standard wheelchair accessible toilets aren't suitable for many disabled people or their carers. This includes people with profound and multiple learning disabilities as well as other serious impairments such as spinal injuries, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis or an acquired brain injury.

Changing Places provide disabled people with the dignity that inaccessible toilets deny them...

It keeps dignity of our son and makes it easier to have days out at different places.



CASE STUDY

Changing Places Toilet

Bradgate Country Park, Leicester



Adult Changing Table

The [Nivano CTE180 Changing Table](#) is fully height adjustable folding away neatly against the wall when not in use and is simple and easy to operate at the touch of a button.

With a weight capacity of 200kg (approximately 31 Stone) the stretcher, which is made from a special high tension tear resistant material, is comfortable and easy to clean as well as maintain.

All of this makes the Nivano the ideal Changing Bench for this particular multi user environment.

Mobile Hoist

The Astor-Bannerman [Carlo Classic Mobile Hoist](#) with curved T bar for loop slings was chosen for this Changing Places project as it is extremely sturdy and designed for repetitive use.

The mobile hoist allows for full room coverage and has battery powered spreadable legs with a 360° swivel and lock dynamic balance positioning system suitable for loop slings.

This hoist enables the care giver to transfer the user from wheelchair to toilet or changing table comfortably with ease and dignity.



Adjustable Wash Basin

Although a height adjustable wash basin is not a defining feature of Changing Places facilities, it is a preferred item to ensure the maximum level of care is achieved.

There are many unique aspects of the hi/lo Astor-Bannerman [ABW6SP Wash Basin](#) which stand it out from competitors. For example, a high quality unique 'Corian' material is used for durability and is the material of choice for architects and designers specialising in healthcare. The basin includes a large mirror which adjusts in height with the basin at all times.

The top spec model was chosen for the Changing Places at Bradgate Park which has the addition of handset controlled taps and pop up waste and LED strip light, making it the perfect basin for wheelchair users with Muscular Dystrophy or those with limited movement who may need extra assistance.

Changing Places are life changing facilities for many thousands of people by providing sanitary accommodation for people with multiple and complex disabilities who have one or two assistants.

If you would like any more information on any of our equipment or free services available, or if you are considering installing a Changing Places toilet, contact us today to speak to one of the team.

