

Improving access to Manx archaeology for autistic visitors

Factors – Prevent & encourage



Heritage Agencies UK, Ireland, IOM

Online Questionnaire



30 respondents
Free, outdoor, unstaffed
Cashtal-yn-Ard



1 in 100 - UK (National Autistic Society)

Family, friends & carers

Spectrum

Misunderstood / stereotyped

Widely varying experience

Generalisation

Social interaction

Anxiety

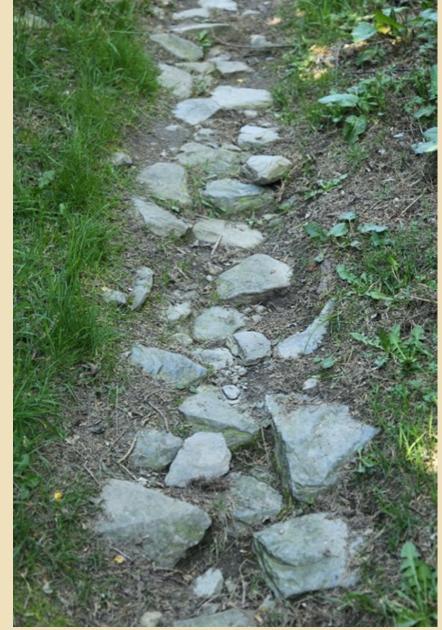
Additional time to process information

Children and adults









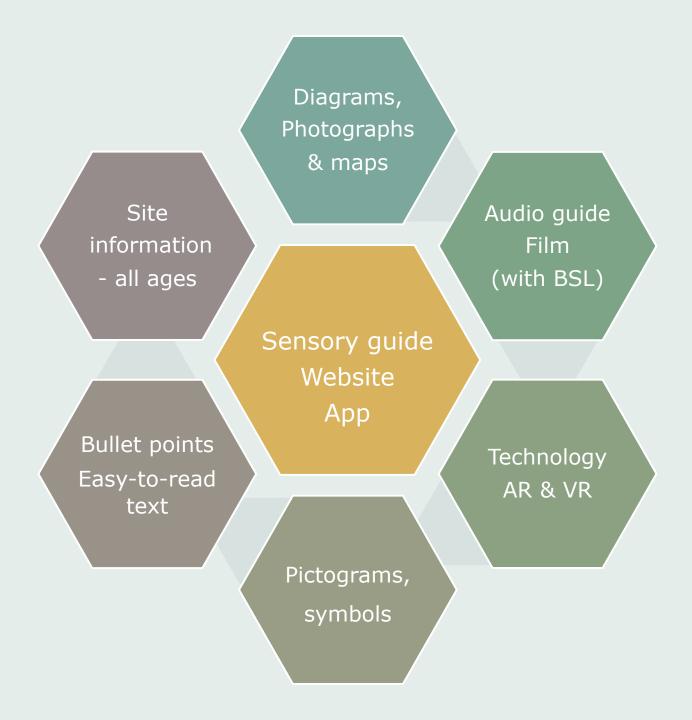


1. Information & Welcome

2. Journey

3. On-site

4. Unexpected factors







English Heritage Stonehenge





Benefits of improving access

Health

- Stress management
- Exercise, co-ordination
- Positivity, mood, concentration

Special Interests

- Archaeology, flora, fauna
- Stress management
- Knowledge and skills

Engagement

- Archaeology group
- Onsite activities,
- Overcome barriers travel
- Site maintenance / guides

More time in nature

Increase inclusion

Decrease isolation

Contribution to Heritage



Conclusion Starting point

