



Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

1981 CHAPTER 69

PART II

NATURE CONSERVATION, COUNTRYSIDE AND NATIONAL PARKS

National Parks

44 Grants and loans for purposes of National Parks.

^{F1}(1)

[^{F2}(1A) ^{F3}...the National Park authority for such a Park may give financial assistance by way of grant or loan, or partly in one way and partly in the other, to any person in respect of expenditure incurred by him in doing anything which, in the opinion of the authority, is conducive to the attainment in the Park in question of any of the purposes mentioned in section 5(1) of the 1949 Act (purposes of conserving and enhancing the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of National Parks and of promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of those Parks by the public).]

(2) On making a grant or loan under this section [^{F4}the authority in question] may impose such conditions as they think fit, including (in the case of a grant) conditions for repayment in specified circumstances.

(3) [^{F4}The authority in question] shall so exercise their powers under subsection (2) as to ensure that any person receiving a grant or loan under this section in respect of premises to which the public are to be admitted, whether on payment or otherwise, shall, in the means of access both to and within the premises, and in the parking facilities and sanitary conveniences to be available (if any), make provision, insofar as it is in the circumstances both practicable and reasonable, for the needs of members of the public visiting the premises who are disabled.

[^{F5}(4) For the purposes of this section the Broads Authority shall be treated as a [^{F6}National Park authority and the Broads as a National Park for which it is the local planning authority.]]

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Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 44(1) repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 25, s. 120(3), **Sch. 24** (with ss. 7(6), 115); S.I. 1996/2560, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F2** S. 44(1A) inserted (19.9.1995) by 1995 c. 25, **ss. 69(4)**, 125(2) (with ss. 7(6), 115, Sch. 8 para. 7)
- F3** Words in s. 44(1A) repealed (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 25, s. 120(3), **Sch. 24** (with ss. 7(6), 115); S.I. 1996/2560, art. 2, **Sch.**
- F4** Words in s. 44(2)(3) substituted (1.4.1996) by 1995 c. 25, s. 78, **Sch. 10 para. 22(4)(a)(b)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, Sch. 8 para. 7); S.I. 1995/2950, **art. 3(1)**
- F5** S. 44(4) added by Norfolk and Suffolk Broads Act 1988 (c. 4, SIF 81:1), ss. 2(5), 23(2), 27(2), **Sch. 3 Pt. I para. 31(4)**
- F6** Words in s. 44(4) substituted (1.4.1997) by 1995 c. 25, s. 78, **Sch. 10 para. 22(4)(c)** (with ss. 7(6), 115, Sch. 8 para. 7); S.I. 1996/2560, **art. 3**

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Act associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Act (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 53(3)(c)(ia) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 2\(b\)](#)
- s. 53B(4A)(4B) inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 4](#)
- s. 53ZA inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 3](#)
- s. 54B54C inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 5](#)
- Sch. 13A inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 6](#)
- Sch. 14A inserted by [2015 c. 20 Sch. 7 para. 7](#)