

The generous donation of a “Tramper” from the Patrick Trust is facilitating full access to Packwood’s park and garden for many visitors whose experience was previously limited.

The Patrick Trust is a family-run charitable trust which assists organisations to make experiences accessible for people with disabilities, particularly in the West Midlands. The Trustees hold a deep fondness for Packwood and neighbouring National Trust properties which their families have visited for generations.

Some of our visitors have recently expressed concerns over restricted mobility at Packwood. The Patrick Trust’s kind donation, used to purchase a Tramper all-terrain-scooter, has already made a great impact in addressing some of the access issues and is extremely popular, with visitors taking it out every day to reach the mansion from the visitor centre and café and to roam the garden and surrounding parkland.

We were delighted to host Mr and Mrs Patrick and their fellow Trustees at Packwood so that they could see the Tramper in action and try it out for themselves. Mr Patrick found that the Tramper was nimble enough to explore the grounds alongside the other guests, as herbaceous borders were admired, memories recollected and various animated conversations held amongst the yew trees. Despite its light and compact design the Tramper was sturdy enough to venture through the uneven woodland terrain allowing everyone to see the follies and discuss the art installations which lie within the woods.

Mr Patrick stated, “The Trustees and I were delighted to present a Tramper Mobility Scooter to the National Trust. Having a problem with walking any distances myself, it was a huge help to be able to visit all corners of the extensive grounds of Packwood House on the Tramper. I very much hope that visitors will have an equally enjoyable experience, which would not otherwise have been available to them.”



We are enormously grateful to the Trustees of the Patrick Trust for their significant support in purchasing the Tramper and making such a positive impact for the people who visit; we have been extremely pleased with the feedback from visitors and the frequency of its use around the site.

L-R - Stephen Spinks (General Manager), Ann Ryan (Visitor and Commercial Operations Manager), Valerie Patrick (Trustee), Hannah Mitchell (Visitor Welcome and Volunteer Manager), Graham Wem (Trustee), Ann Wem, Heather Cole (Trustee). Seated on the Tramper Alexander Patrick (Chairman of Trustees).

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