

# Compaid Trust

## Leeds Castle Case Study

Ethan is a man in his mid-40s who has been attending Compaid’s training centre for several years and uses Compaid’s accessible transport to reach the Paddock Wood centre every week. Due to his cerebral palsy, he cannot drive and requires a walker to move around steadily but gets tired quickly after walking for some time.

Ethan’s restricted mobility, and the additional support he needs, means he is not able to visit places he would like to when he would like. However, when the opportunity to visit Leeds Castle with other raining centre clients with the help of Compaid’s transport and staff was announced, he knew their support would make the day a success, so quickly agreed to attend.



On the morning of the trip, Ethan was picked up from his home by the familiar and friendly Compaid drivers, who arrived on time and helped him into the accessible bus before heading off to Leeds Castle with the other clients they had picked up also. With his walker, and a wheelchair provided by Leeds Castle for when he got tired, Ethan was able to fully enjoy everything

the historic grounds had to offer, taking in the vast stretch of the gardens and landscapes, and exploring the halls of the castle itself.

Ethan’s excitement for the trip was evident throughout the day, despite the weather being a bit cold. He took photos in as many places as he could to remember the trip and share the photos with his parents and friends. Although he was tired at the end of the day, a volunteer helped to push him in the wheelchair Leeds provided back to Compaid’s buses, which returned him home happy and full of memories from the enjoyable day.





Here are some words from Ethan:

*"I had a really great time at Leeds Castle with everyone from the centre, and Compaid's help made the day even better. It was fun walking through the castle and seeing all the paintings of the people who lived there, and the gardens were really nice. I'm excited to share the pictures I took with my friends and my parents. I'd love to go on a trip like this again."*

With affordable and flexible journeys that take passengers wherever they want to go, we can support the social inclusion and wellbeing of people like Ethan whose situation, disability, or impairment means travelling safely on their own would be a significant challenge or even impossible. We are honoured to have helped

Ethan and all the clients who visited Leeds Castle have an enjoyable day out on our transport, and we look forward to more opportunities like this in the future.

