



### STATION ROAD FOOTWAY PROJECT

Perranwell Station

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#### *the project*

The footway was created to allow pedestrian access for walkers, rail passengers and users of the Mineral Tramway's Coast to Coast Trail to businesses, the train station and the village of Perranwell.

The Programme has invested £20,861 from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) in the project which has a total cost of £58,561.

Train journeys to Perranwell Station have increased by 23% since the footpath was created.



#### *measures of environmental sustainability adopted*

##### **To promote the prudent use of natural resources**

Topsoil and stones taken from the hedge when its height was reduced were reused in the building of the footway and on the landowner's farm.

##### **To protect and improve the environment**

Pedestrian access to the train station in the village has been provided by the footway on what was otherwise a dangerous route for those on foot. Train timetables have been provided in the information centre in the village bus shelter. Advice was sought from the County Horticultural Advisor for Cornwall on how to retain the wildlife within the hedge habitat while reducing the height of the hedge. Project management and construction were supplied by small, local firms which had been sourced through recommendations by villagers.

##### **To increase awareness of residents, businesses and visitors of the value and importance of the environment**

The footway and reduction of the hedge has opened up views across the countryside which has increased awareness of the local environment.

#### *benefits of environmental sustainability*

The fact that there are fewer car journeys made within and through the village has had many benefits. The villagers can enjoy a healthier and safer environment due to reduced traffic and pollution. Equally a healthier and more convenient lifestyle is now available to the villagers who no longer need to get in their car to take the children to school, get back from the pub or simply go to the shops for fear of walking on a busy and dangerous road.

The path has created a link between public transport provision, houses and the village amenities which will help to increase tourist and local custom for Perranwell businesses and increase the use of the branchline by locals and visitors thus safeguarding this essential service.

Access to and appreciation of the countryside has been enhanced as the new path provides the missing link in an existing network of public footpaths covering the surrounding area and including a nature reserve.

The seeking of professional advice about the protection of the Cornish hedge feature and habitat meant that there was all round support for the project from local people and the Cornish hedge has been conserved for the village.



The advantages of using local firms for the work have been that existing good working relationships with the landowner were built upon, expertise is on hand to help with any problems which may crop up in the future and there is a general feeling of community ownership of the project.

Reusing materials has kept the distinctive character of the hedge and reduced the cost of materials.

In summary the economic benefits for the local economy in and around Perranwell created through the adoption of environmental sustainability measures will be long-term increased passing custom from local people and tourists for Perranwell businesses and the immediate provision of work for local contractors.



#### **lessons learnt**

Harry Nicholls of project partner Perranwell 2000 says, *“If necessary get proper advice about habitat protection as there are many bodies that are set up for this reason and can help. We achieved environmental sustainability and outcomes at very little cost to the project by considering and incorporating it in the first place.”*

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