

## CPI25 Tye Rock



Tye Rock Lies between the Town of Porthleven and Loe bar. It is part of the South West Coast Path and is a popular route for walkers, joggers and cyclists. The route has a heavy amount of traffic and is a key link to allow access from Helston to Porthleven. The route along the coast has become increasingly vulnerable due to erosion which has meant that more and more sections require mitigation.

The aim of this project was broken down into two parts, firstly to fence off an area of the southwest coast path that had become under threat due to erosion. After completion of this the task was to design and install a new diverted route around the cordoned off sections. This involved consultation with the local authority and tenant farmer to negotiate taking the path through an adjacent field. Heavy machinery was used to scrape a track around the eroded section and grade a sloped field continuing the ability for the path to be used as a multi-use trail. This was then surfaced with local stone and topped with a grade of stone to match the colouring of the surrounding path. Running adjacently to the path stock fencing was erected to replace the original sections that had to be removed to allow for the new path. For safety purposes post and rail fencing was installed around the edges of the existing steps with new interpretation to help navigation.

The new path has allowed the existing links to continue. The project has created a safer, wider and better surfaced track for users adding only a slight distance variation on the previous route. As part of this project the idea was to use it as a training tool for volunteers, a chance to learn the practical skills of the task but also the operational side. As part of this we used local and residential volunteers to complete all but the scraping of the track. This work was used as part of the NVQ qualification for the full time volunteers. Along with this a ranger taster day was organised by the full time volunteers for the local University, we were joined by 15 students who completed a day of practical skills.

We have received some very positive feedback from the new track and it continues to be a valuable link between the areas around Penrose.



