

## CP61 Trevaunance Cove



The South West Coast Path heading north east from Trevaunance Cove in Cornwall is a very popular stretch of coast path, used all year round by local residents and visitors alike. The view from the top of the hill is spectacular and easy access for as many people as possible is essential for maximum enjoyment of the area.

The short but steep section of coast path here has been difficult to negotiate for a long time.

The St Agnes Local Improvements Committee has long been trying to improve it. When the external funding became available to carry out this improvement project Cornwall Council was very keen to get it done as soon as possible.

The project brief consisted of removing the old steps, replacing them with new granites and improving the drainage.

- Granite steps were chosen as the preferred material for the new steps. This material is very strong, sustainable and will be almost maintenance free. The granite was purchased from a local quarry.
- The contractor removed all the old wooden steps from the site first and then levelled the ground so it would be easier to carry the granites up to the top of the path.
- Using a power barrow granites were carried up to the top of the site and the steps were put in starting from the top of the hill.
- Stone lined drainage channels were put in at strategic locations along the path (4 in total), with the main one at the top of the steps.

The South West Coast Path was closed for the duration of the works, but that did not stop people from using the path. This unfortunately did mean that the contractor had to stop using the power tools whenever people walked past, but the job was still completed well within the three week estimated timescale.

I met with the contractor on site at the beginning of the job and explained the requirements of the work. It was all carried out smoothly without any problems and all the people who I met on site were very pleased to see this work being carried out.

## Before and After Photos for Trevaunance Cove, St Agnes



Photos showing the old wooden steps and protruding granite along the footpath.



This photo was taken during the works after the wooden steps had been removed. The ground was levelled out and the path widened.





These photos have been taken after the new granite steps had been put in and with the new drainage channels in place.