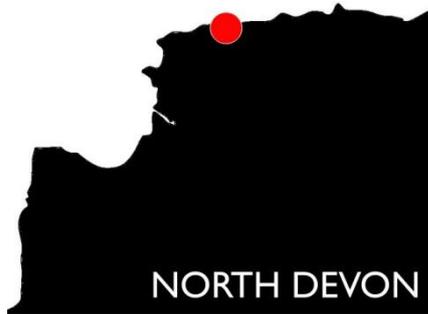


Unlocking our Coastal Heritage

Discovery Points

6 Ilfracombe Torrs



The base of the old toposcope existed at the view point for the Ilfracombe Torrs just off the route of the South West Coast Path, with the last toposcope being vandalised and stolen over 12 years ago. This is a popular resting point for walkers of both the coast path and locals, over 20,000 people came to this point in 2009.

(Data from counter on coast path). We proposed to renew the toposcope in partnership with Ilfracombe Arts College who have designed the toposcope for us from a design brief provided by us. The toposcope provides a range of information for walkers from landscape information to more local information and aims to celebrate the Victorian heritage of Ilfracombe.

The design and artwork was produced by students of the College, this was then merged in a pdf and sent to the manufacturers to turn into the end product. The manufacturers were able to faithfully reproduce the College's design very accurately and the end toposcope looks fantastic. The base for the toposcope was very dated so we took the decision to rebuild this and also incorporate a seat within this, constructed with local stone. Logistically installing the toposcope, which is very heavy, was challenging and also working with a large secondary school was challenging in terms of time scales and reaching a finished design, because of the need to go back to the college on a number of occasions to modify aspects of the design. This was all part of the design process but meant the project took along time to deliver.

As can be seen from the photographs before the project the existing toposcope base was out of keeping with the stunning landscape and the project has enabled the National Trust to install a fantastic piece of artwork which reflects the cultural history of Ilfracombe and the many interest along the North Devon Coast, from sport, wildlife, tourism and the Victorian and fishing connections to Ilfracombe, all interpreted through the students eyes.

Before photos:



During Construction:



New steps constructed.



Original design



After photos:



Unveiling event with Ilfracombe Town Mayor,
College Students and Town Councillors

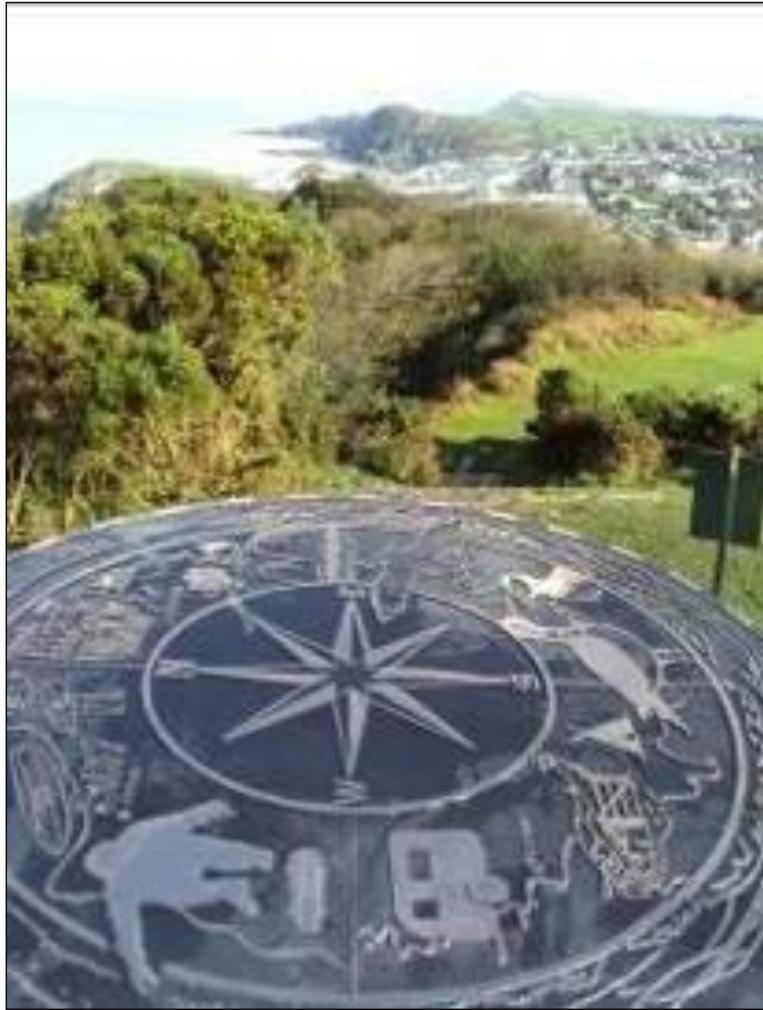




Photo by: www.joshuadayphotography.co.uk

This stunning photograph was taken by our Academy Ranger Josh Day who is also a keen amateur photographer



Photo of a very pleased me!



Design of plaque mounted onto toposcope base.