

GSWW389 Portledge steps and resurfacing



Babbacombe is a remote section of the South West Coast Path on the North Devon coast between Bucks Mills and Westward Ho! with its far reaching views to Clovelly and Lundy Island. To the west and to the east you can see far beyond the Taw and Torridge Estuary and Baggy Point, to Exmoor. This section of coast

was bought by the National Trust from The Pine- Coffin family to whom it had belonged since the time of Henry II. Erosion has caused the existing SWCP steps to become uneven, slippery and almost unsafe.

The project at Portledge replaced an old flight of steps with new ones, surfaced a section with 20 tonne of stone and cut back the vegetation. This section is now up to the standard it should be and will last some considerable time.

Before



After



Path resurfaced



