

GSWW 401 Porthallow



A number of path improvements had been identified at the half way marker point of the South West Coast Path National Trail at Porthallow on the Lizard. These included moving the path from an enclosed 'tunnel' effect area to the field above. This means walkers are now able to overlook Porthallow on the approach. It will also mean that the path will stay drier as it is now able to get light to it, unlike before.

Field before and after re-grading and fencing:



As part of this movement, we have fenced off the path so that the tenant farmers cattle will not be able to poach the coast path and are separate from walkers on the coast path here.

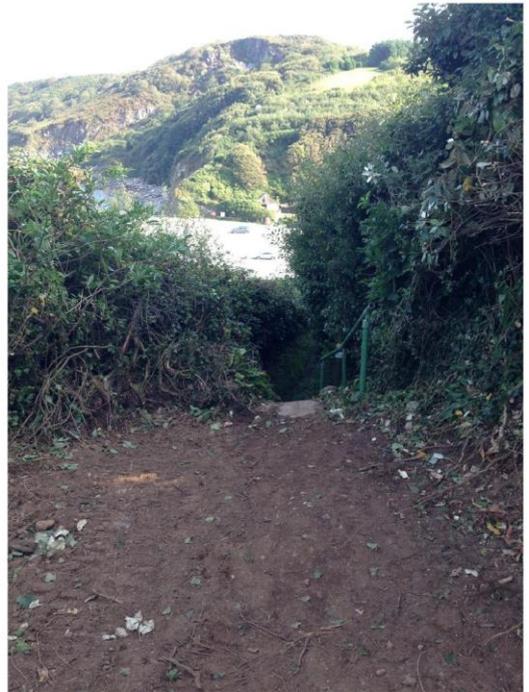
From the Coast Path there is an inland link which is part of a circular route back to Porthallow and so, in keeping with Highways Act 1980 law, a kissing gate was installed within the fence line to allow the inland route to be unobstructed.



The definitive line of the footpath was re-opened by cutting through scrub and levelling off the path. This was also a way of keeping walkers from a particularly steep and slippery section of path.



The old kissing gate enclosure was removed from the top of the steps as this is no longer needed and was an eye sore at this location.



Just below this is a flight of steps, the steps being made of a local stone, Serpentine. These become very slippery when it is wet, so we put in a new handrail to aid users up and down.



In order to improve users experience of the coast path, some new steps were put into the existing ones coming out of the village and the fronts of any which had eroded were tidied up. The wall below the steps was stabilised to make sure any further damage here is minimal.

