

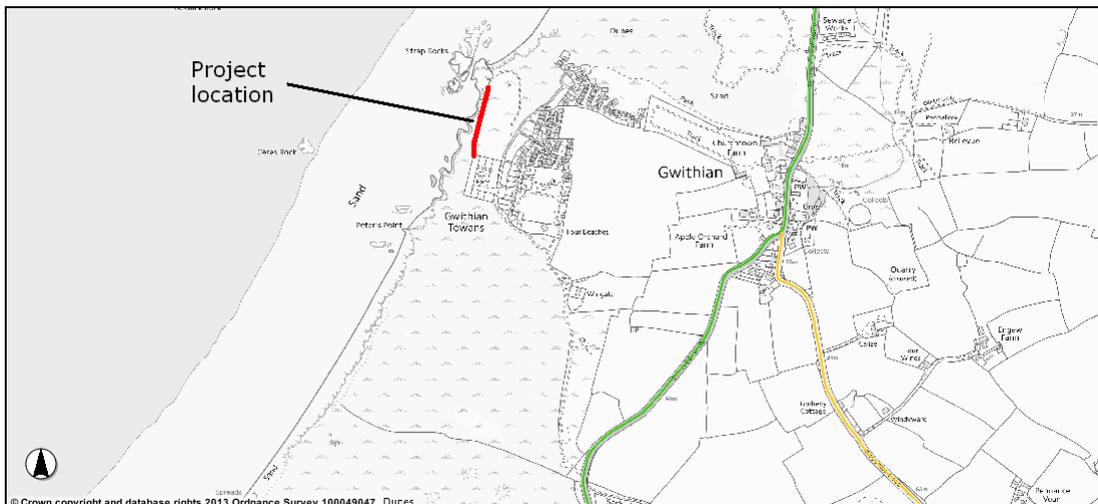
Gwithian Towans Path Improvement Project 2013



A short section of the South West Coast Path (SWCP) at Gwithian Towans is very heavily used, mainly because it also provides access to the beach from the main car park. Due to its location below the car park and area of chalets the path also receives a large amount of surface water during times of heavy rainfall.

The path was improved about 15 years ago by importing large stones to form a more solid base. Recently these had become exposed on the surface of the path, making it awkward to walk on and resulting in a number of reports of trips and falls.

Due to some changes in the vegetation and the proximity to the edge of slightly unstable cliffs, it had also been assessed that some of the fencing alongside the path which is there for public safety was no longer effective.



Project aim

The aims of the project were therefore:

- to reinstate the surface of the path, both to make it easier and safer for people to walk on and to improve the drainage to reduce future water erosion.
- to replace and re-align two sections of post and rail fence to restore their safety function.

Work details

The work was completed on 3 and 4 June 2013 by E Roberts Contractors. After some initial re-profiling of the surface, a layer of crushed stone was laid along the path with an appropriate crossfall to allow the drainage of surface water. This was compacted to form a hard surface and suitable drainage channels were cut into the

path verge. Two sections of the existing fence, each about 15 metres long, were removed and replaced with new fencing slightly further from the edge of the cliff and at a more suitable height to restrict pedestrian access to the cliff.

Before



After

