

## GSWW 333 – PENDOWER BEACH & CARNE IMPROVEMENTS



During a bi-annual survey of the South West Coast Path, a number of improvements and repairs were identified around the Carne Beach area of the coast path.

### New Kissing Gate



The landowner had been making an attempt to keep this gate usable over the years by tying it together with chains and string. The enclosure area was also overgrown and not very big. We have replaced this with a new kissing gate with room for walkers with big rucksacks and have cleared the vegetation from around here.

### Re-building historical stile



The previous tenant of this land had sheep, the sheep had been allowed to roam the land here and in turn had been slowly pulling down the wall alongside this old stone stile. As a result, walkers had been using the wall area rather

than the stile as a means of passage for the coast path. The wall has been re-built incorporating the original stile, and therefore retaining an original feature.

### Scrub clearance



There were a number of places along this stretch of coast path where the vegetation had started to push walkers into the inland side of this path. Clearance has been undertaken to make sure there is no more encroachment and walkers can enjoy using this path unimpeded.

### Access Improvements



In order to make the South West Coast Path more accessible for all, it was decided to take out an old wooden stile in a boundary hedge and replace this with a new kissing gate. The previous tenant kept sheep and the old stile, although had a dog gate which allowed access for dogs, was covered with sheep fencing. The landowner has taken back the land and is using it for grazing cattle and so the kissing gate will control cattle and also allow better access for walkers.

## Surface Improvements



While undertaking a survey of the path, it was noted that there was a particularly rough section of terrain with what appeared to be a large open ditch to the seaward side. A new path was cut approximately 1.5 metres inland to keep walkers away from the ditch. The ground was levelled out and a number of steps were installed at the start of this section to counterbalance the change in levels.

The project was started in July 2013, at which time the contractors did the kissing gates, the re-building of the stile and the new path. However, in keeping with Wildlife and Countryside Act 1980 guidance, the clearance was undertaken in September 2013.