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TV056 TV070 TV102

Vegetation Management, Survey and Path
maintenance / renewal

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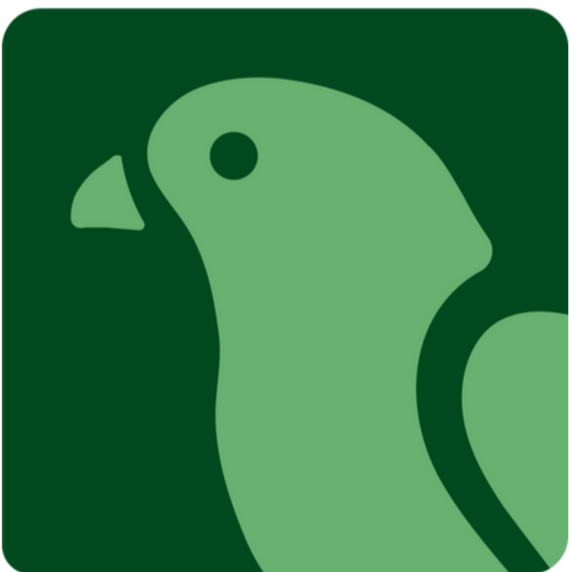


Project Overview:

- Tree Surgery
- Gorse and vegetation management
- Survey of historic chimney
- Replacement and upgrading of boardwalk on permissive pathway.

FiPL Funding £83,173

“The FiPL grants have enabled us to do things that otherwise wouldn’t have been possible” Owner



Key Benefits:

The removal of trees of concern before they fell and damaged heritage buildings or prevented public access.

Survey of heritage chimney identified critical issues which have now been rectified.

Now on top of vegetation management along paths, enabling routine management to keep clear.

The permissive pathway can remain open for at least 10 years - probably at least 25 according to owner.

Further details:

The current owners purchased the property in 2023 and are very keen to ensure permissive access to the approx 6.5Ha of Nature habitat and historic mine workings remain accessible to the public.

Nature

The projects benefit Nature by continuing to allow safe access as detailed below. Wood was left on site and stacked for Nature.

Place

The survey of the historic chimney identified critical issues which the owner was then able to rectify in order to conserve it.



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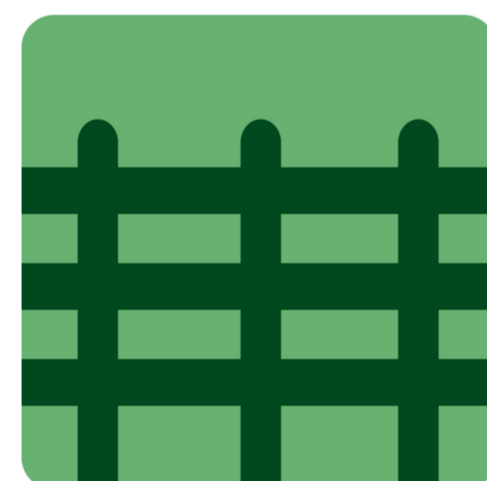
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Trees safely removed



Wood stacked on site





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People

In TV056 and TV102 tree surgery was able to remove trees which had been identified as creating a threat to safe use of the permissive pathways, and also the historic buildings. The removal keeps these paths open.

Gorse had overgrown the footpaths and created hazards. With the Gorse and vegetation cleared, the new owner can now remain on top of the maintenance required for safe access.

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Gorse now cleared from pathways



Double the expected lifespan

Continued:

The permissive pathway creates a looped walk through historic mine workings and includes riverfront access and past settling pools. This area is a haven for Nature.

A number of wooden structures were approaching end of life and threatened the sustainability of the permissive path. These have been replaced and upgraded to Oak. They will provide at least the 10 years of life required, with the owner expecting them to be used in 25 years time. Furthermore the structures have been modified to make future repairs more efficient.

Access to the site will also enable Duchy college students to visit the site for Nature based activities.

More information:

The owner found the FIPL application process incredibly efficient and was full of praise for the Tamar Valley National Landscape FiPL Staff.

The owner pointed out that there was no commercial benefit from the project, however without FiPL funding public access to a valued Nature and heritage landscape might have to be reviewed at some point.

During the visit a number of young adults were seen responsibly enjoying the pathways.

The work was all carried out as specified and the owner would recommend FiPL to others.



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