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Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet:

# Penrose - Loe Pool Links for Communities

Project Location:	Cornwall
Right of Way Created:	Bridleway 11.2 km Footpath 4 km
Improved existing rights:	n/a

Supporting local businesses:	6
Volunteer hours contributed:	Not recorded
Cost of project:	£147,185
Grant rate:	74%

Penrose is a place of breathtaking beauty, wildlife and history. At the heart lies tranquil Loe Pool, separated from the sea by the extraordinary shingle bank of Loe Bar. The National Trust at Penrose has

taken the bold step to turn all its permissive routes on their estate into fully adopted bridleways and footpaths that everyone can enjoy. The P4C project has created new



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routes, improved surfacing on some existing routes and formally designated over 15 km of new public rights of way as bridleways and footpaths - 8 km of which are entirely new routes – improving access for walkers, cyclists, horse riders and mobility scooters. Almost all the improvements undertaken came about through local people getting in contact with ideas on how to improve opportunities for more people to enjoy Penrose and help support local businesses.

The Cornwall LAF, British Horse Society and AONB have been very supportive, offering advice and volunteers have played a vital part in the project.

The Conservation Volunteers built a new boardwalk at

Carminowe Creek, local National Trust volunteers have supported the project throughout including installing new waymarkers and local volunteers working with Cornwall College have supported the creation of new access routes.

Two new publications to help people enjoy Penrose and support local



businesses are available to accompany the new routes. Firstly, a pocket size fold out map guide is available in local tourist centres, destinations and the

National Trust. Linked to this is a more in-depth “5Trails” booklet – 20 pages of guided routes, packed with local history, wildlife and practical access details to help people get the most from their visits to the area.

Penrose now offers a traffic – free,

exceptionally scenic route between Helston and Porthleven and links directly to the South West Coast Path. Last but not least, for the first time there is now access to Porthleven beach for the mobility impaired.

“Almost all of the improvements undertaken came about originally through local people getting in contact and asking if we could help improve opportunities to enjoy Penrose, whether on foot, bike, horse or for less able visitors.”

Mike Hardy,

National Trust’s head ranger, Penrose

#### Links

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