

Drigg Charity Community Fund Completed Beach Projects 2010/2015

The Parish Plan April 2008 said:-

The Parish Council will explore ways of getting the beach and its environs tidied up, and generally improve the beach access area.

This plan was developed from parishioners answers to questionnaires and requests. This gave a mandate for the expenditure of our Parish money. This project had the largest support for any expenditure which was given by 46 people who wanted the access area at the Beach improving.

At a public meeting the 1st Beach Project was set up to achieve these aims.

All work required the approval of Muncaster Castle and Natural England as the SSSI includes the road and verges and the dunes and beach hence the delay in work starting.

To improve the:-

- 1 Car Park
- 2 The Litter Bins
- 3 The Access Gate to the Beach
- 4 The Slippery State of the Track
- 5 And add some seating.

Eliminating the slippery state of the track with algae was achieved when drainage of the track took place in 2010-2011 when twin wall piping was laid the whole length of the track at a cost of **£2020**

- 1 Improving the car parking areas with log barriers and fresh stone
- 2 A new gate and a pedestrian gate
- 3 Two benches purchased and installed
- 4 A welcome sign plus bicycle tethering rings and two new litter bins. (Copeland Council supplied one and installed the two **£300**) at a total cost of **£3762.45**

Overall Total Beach Project 1 cost was £5782 The Drigg Charity Community Fund contribution £5482

The 2nd beach Project to:-

1. Repair the damage to the track drainage from winter storms by raising the track by about 2/3 feet with beach gravel and re-siting the outflow **£1200**
2. Installing two interpretation boards and an audio post. Cost **£4500** paid for by FLAG & Heritage lottery money award to Copeland Council.

This has been achieved by Mr A Bell working with Copeland Council in formulating the project and selecting the contractor and designer from Differentia and providing information for the board. The second board was designed by Differentia and paid for by Natural England estimate **£2100**

Overall Total Beach Project 2 cost was £8800 The Drigg Charity Community Fund contribution £1200

Work costing **£13462** has been completed over the 5 years on the Beach Projects.

This has cost The Drigg Charity Community Fund half that amount **£6662**

Alan Bell

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Car Park and Track Before ...



... and After



Welcome Sign Before ...



... and After



New Seating and Interpretation Board

