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Access to Nature Sites Boost!

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The Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust is very pleased to announce that the majority of the remaining timber boardwalk at Higher & Lower Moors can now be replaced with new recycled plastic boardwalk, thanks to significant funding from the Peter O'Sullivan Charitable Trust.

The Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust Ranger Team have been replacing sections of the old wooden timber boardwalk, usually covered in "anti-slip chicken wire", with recycled plastic for some time now; when time and funding permits.



One of their most recent feats of engineering being the newly replaced bridge to the Stephen Sussex Hide at Higher Moors

In order to be able to carry out the larger scale replacements required the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust knew that funding would need to be sourced from outside of the Islands; following unsuccessful fundraising attempts within the local and visiting community.

Sarah Mason, Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust CEO, stated: *"This is a fantastic boost for the Islands, making the wonderful nature trails a safer and more environmentally-friendly place to visit. The Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust is incredibly grateful for the generous support given by the Peter O'Sullivan Charitable Trust to enable this project to go ahead and we hope that all who use the nature trails, both residents and visitors will appreciate them just a little bit more now!"*



The new recycled plastic boardwalk, destined to replace 400m of the current timber boardwalk, arrived on Scilly in early March, after quite a journey, and will be installed in stages over the next few years.

Nigel Payne from the Peter O'Sullivan Charitable Trust said: *"Peter was particularly fond of the Isles of Scilly and visited regularly with his wife Pat. Coupling that with his love of Wildlife, his Trustees felt this project was an ideal match....He died in 2015 but his Trust continues and is determined to protect his memory whenever and wherever it is able".*

More information regarding the funding received and the recycled plastic boardwalk can be found on our website along with further details of other Land Management work carried out by the Isles of Scilly Wildlife Trust Ranger Team for the benefit of nature and people across the Islands



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