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Paths for Communities - Project summary sheet:

Buckland Monachorum

Location:	Devon	Supporting local businesses:	n/a
Right of way Created:	Bridleway	Volunteer hours contributed:	52
	Footpath 90m	Cost of project:	£8,676
Improved existing rights:	n/a	Grant rate:	91.6%

The Buckland Monachorum Community Path Improvement project has created a new 90 metre footpath and improved the surface of the existing footpath. The parish council used the grant to employ a local contractor to remove the top surface, add ecogrids and sign the new route. Space was made beside the existing stile to allow walkers to bypass the stone feature stile that has been

seen as one of the main reasons why people cannot access the path.

The project has reduced the need for short car journeys by providing a car free safe route to the local primary school, community hall, church, pub, bus stop and village centre. It has also helped locals to access public transport. The new route provides better access to and from Dartmoor and encourages



visitors to frequent the pub, stay in accommodation in Buckland and visit the Garden House visitor attraction. It allows members of the community to access the path at all times of the year for health and recreational purposes. Overall the project has created a feeling of greater cohesion within the village by linking the old part with the new.

This is a small but truly community project with involvement from local businesses, the school, the vicar, local residents and ramblers. The Parish Council was “over the moon” at how local residents came forward to help with the project from tidying up scrub along the new path to making homemade refreshments for the opening party.

Links

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