



Illegal Use of Public Rights of Way

4-Point Plan

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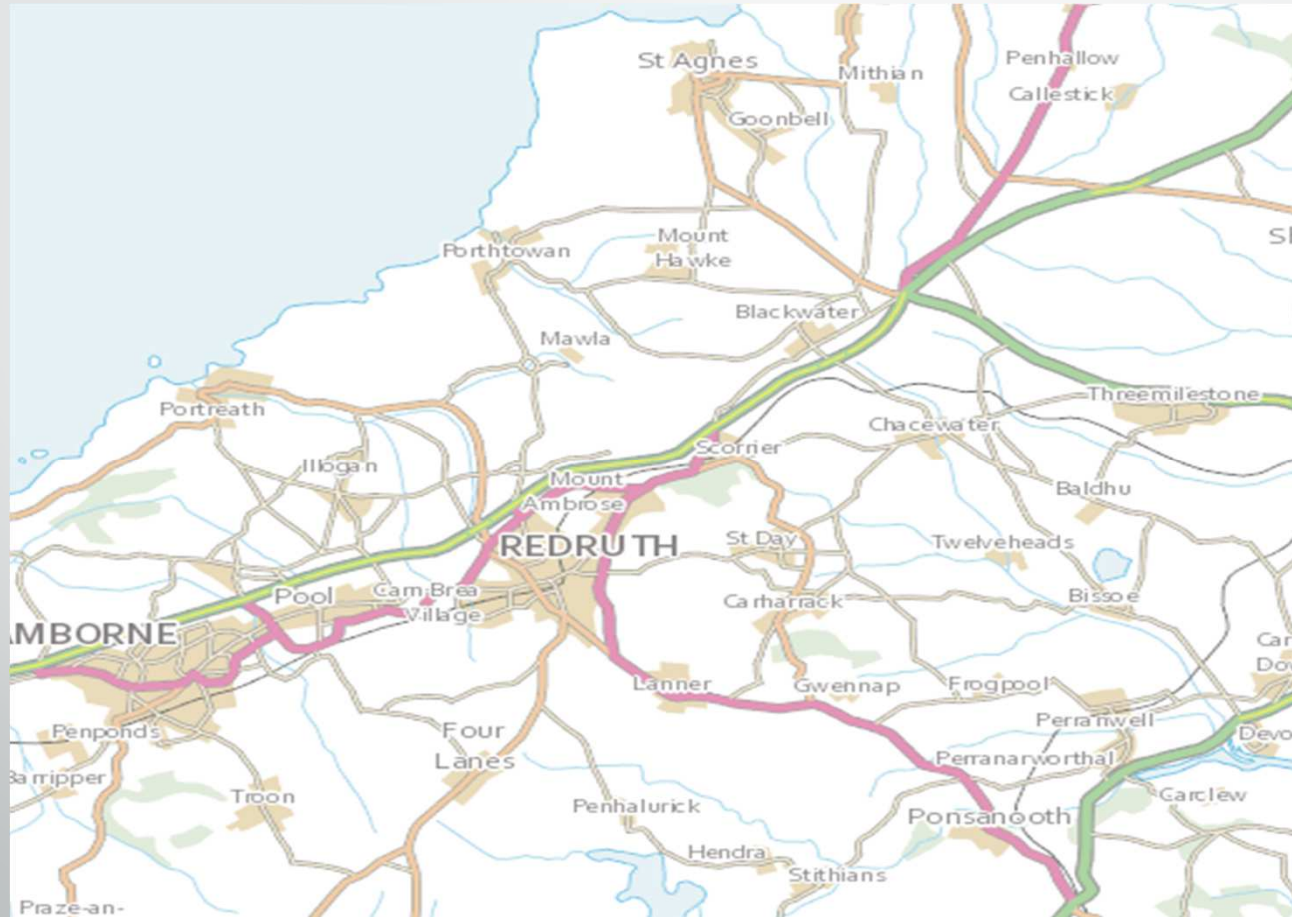
Situation

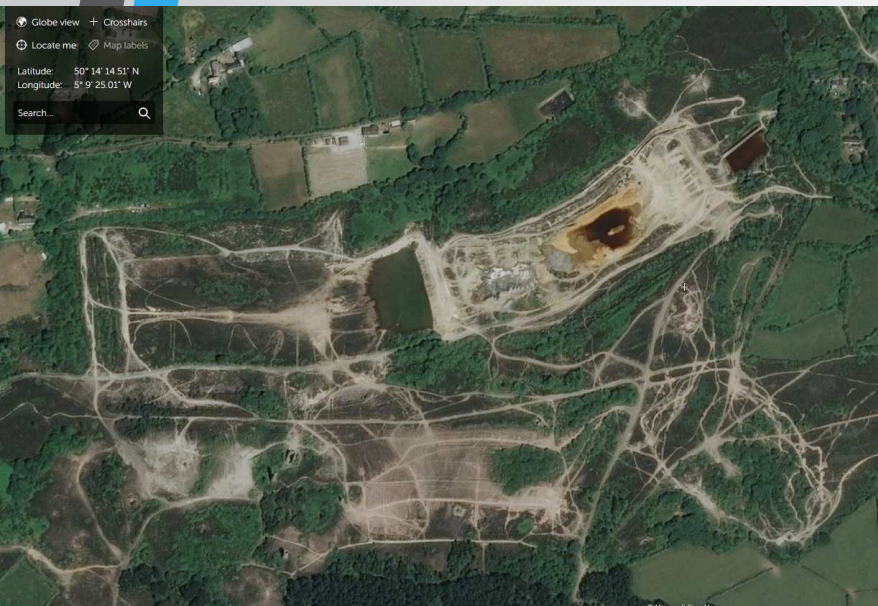
Illegal and anti-social use of off-road vehicles on PRow, particularly in the central spine of West Cornwall, has increased in recent years. It:

- Adversely affects the quality of life for many local residents
- Damages the environment
- Puts legal users of PRow at significant risk of harm

The situation cannot be allowed to continue !!

Area covered





motorbikes 2.wmv



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Stakeholders

Statutory Bodies

- Parish, Town and Cornwall Councils
- Cornwall Council Environmental Health
- Environment Agency
- Cornwall Council Environmental Protection Officers
- Community Safety Officers - Fire Service
- Devon & Cornwall Police
- Cornwall Council Anti-Social Behaviour Team
- Motorsport Governing Bodies

Non-Statutory Bodies

- Landowners - Private and local council
- Residents
- Off-Road Vehicle clubs (legitimate)
- Offenders
- Legitimate users of the land (e.g. dog walkers, walkers, cyclists, horse riders)

Impact

- Community **safety**, quality of life, well-being and cohesiveness
- **Heritage** asset damage – WHS, AONB, SSSI, etc
- Damage to **PRoW** and private land
- **Cost**
- **Reputational** – Perceived inaction by Stakeholders, Urban vs Rural divide.
- **Illegal** vehicles, esp. Insurance
- Aggressive **confrontations** and illegal action by the public
- PRoW **user safety**
- **Contamination** risk

Issues

- Difficulty of identifying riders/drivers
- High burden of proof on reporters
- Low priority for Police resources
- Multiple reporting routes – no single version of ‘truth’
- Rider/driver perception of legality
- Public perception of zero progress
- Cornwall Council priority maintaining PRow open vs preventing illegal use
- Aggressive stance, on both sides of argument
- Illegal motor vehicles (Tax, MOT, Insurance, Roadworthiness, Licensing)
- Cost

Successes

- Parish Council and Police commitment
- Signage
- Operation Blue Ranger
- Occasional Police presence

Recommendations (1)

- Prepare
 - Organise, Gather data, Media Strategy, Engage, Record, **Educate**, Prepare Enforcement, Agree Roles and Responsibilities, **Resource**, Train, Publicise, Legitimate sites, **Delegate** Police/CC powers, Volunteers to support Police/CC.
- Prevent
 - Police, Prevent access, Media Strategy, **Legitimise**, TROs, Funding and Resources, Educate, Manage confrontation
- Protect
 - Police/CC SPoC, Prevent access, **Patrols**, Signage, Educate and inform, Reporting, Delegate Police/CC powers
- Pursue
 - ASBO process, Educate, **Prosecute**, Report, Collaborate

Recommendations (2)

Other

- Metrics/numbers to be provided by Cornwall Council or the Police, augmented with detail from Towns and Parishes.
- Environment Agency (EA) to be consulted on contamination risk.
- Historical work by Linda Holloway at CC should be linked to this exercise – *the team is currently re-inventing the wheel*
- Closer engagement with Cornwall Council World Heritage Site team
- Increase Police and volunteer resources
- Equal prioritisation of CC, access vs. illegal use



Questions?