Cycle Cornwall: New cycle trails

Transformational investment from Highways England in partnership with Cornwall Council for four new off road, cycle trails including links between Newquay, Perranporth, St Agnes and Truro. Building on the success of well established cycle routes such as the Camel Trail, these new routes will be built to a high standard and will be off road; enabling safe, healthy and fun journeys for commuters, families, school children and visitors. Once completed this 30km network of trails will link housing and employment growth areas, connect coastal communities, provide sustainable access to key services and help address congestion and air quality issues.

The funding
- £17m from the Highways England Cycling Safety and Integration Designated Fund
- £2m from Cornwall Council Local Transport Plan

The offer
Building on the existing successful partnership working to deliver walking and cycling and public transport infrastructure and completing major investment in Cornwall’s strategic road network with an ambitious, high quality, area wide network of four walking and cycling schemes within 1.5 miles of the A30 Trunk Road.

The outcomes
- Addresses key gaps in walking and cycling provision and helps overcome severance
- Connects well established and popular Trail networks including the Mineral Tramways and National Cycle Network
- Supports the delivery of approx. 10,500 new homes in Central Cornwall area by 2030
- Improves connectivity and sustainable access to significant settlements within good cycling distance of the North Coast and AONB

Wider benefits
- A modal shift from car to cycle and walking for short trips and public transport
- Reduced congestion and improved air quality in the Truro AQMA (Air Quality Management Area)
- Improved health and well-being in children and adults as a result of more active lifestyles contributing towards a reduction healthcare costs

Key
- National Cycle Network 32
- Travel to work trips
- Population

New cycle trails
1. St Agnes - Truro (8km) includes a new cycle bridge over the A30
2. Trispen - Idless (4km)
3. St Newlyn East - Carland Cross (4km)
4. Perranporth - Newquay (14km)

Proven concept
In 2015 the economic outputs of the multi-use Camel Trail in north Cornwall were:
- 424,000 visits
- £6.7m user spend
- 150,000 bikes hired
- £12m of business turnover
- 260 jobs supported