

# Footpath Improvements - Pendle Hill Route from Barley

To improve the drainage infrastructure of the popular walking route which sees 300,000 people a year use to reach the summit of Pendle Hill



## PROJECT OVERVIEW

To improve the footpath which crosses the land owned by Pendle Valley Farm, focusing on 3 sections which totals 330 metres. The path is a very popular walking route for those climbing to the summit of the iconic Pendle Hill. To improve the drainage infrastructure by reducing surface run off into water courses and increase infiltration rates. To improve access to make the route safer, prevent slips, trips and falls and to enable more people access to use the popular route.

## PEOPLE OUTCOMES

- There are more opportunities for people to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape - improving access in this way will enable more people to use the route up to Pendle throughout the year, making the route safer and help prevent slips, trips and falls.
- There are more opportunities for more diverse groups to explore, enjoy and understand the landscape - Improving the surface and terrain of the footpath will enable access for more abilities of walkers to use and enjoy the footpath.
- There is greater public engagement in land management - Farmers and land managers feel increasingly comfortable with providing public goods, understanding the engagement and importance of public access and the provision of safe and accessible paths.

## CLIMATE OUTCOMES

- Flood risk has been reduced - improving the drainage infrastructure will allow water to shed into areas where it will be able to infiltrate the ground rather than running off into the streams during high rainfall events. This will be done through installing water bar features and top side ditches in the footpath.



Completed section of the footpath improvement project.

## AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED

- 3.1 - Countryside Access - Maintain and improve access to the countryside in a sustainable way for a diverse range of people that promotes responsible, safe and quiet enjoyment.
- 3.4 - Health and Well-being - Provide opportunities for people to improve their health and well-being by connecting with nature, culture and the landscape.



## LOCAL ASSESSMENT PANEL REVIEW

- The project scored well on all four criterion; Project outcomes, Value for money, Sustainability / Legacy of project and Ability to deliver.
- The project has encompassed all two outcomes of the Farming in Protected Landscapes Programme together with two Forest of Bowland AONB Management Objectives, making this a successful application.
- Grant award total = £45,400.00