

## **Horsepool Junction Project**

Below is a report from Cllr Tyrone Homes, Gwinear-Gwithian Parish Council on the first phase of the project, clearing the site:-

Officer Report – Horsepool Project Volunteering, Saturday 10th March

I woke up to a lovely mild, clear but most importantly dry morning and got to the site at 9:00am to find that Martin and Ben of Do-It-For-You had already got stuck in and had already cleared about half the surface vegetation from the bank at the rear of the site (photos 1 to 4). It was rather disappointing to discover that the Cornish hedge was no longer in existence and all that remained was a mud bank. Pretty soon others were turning up and the work of digging out bramble roots and chopping up and loading of vegetation onto the van began in earnest. All in all about 12 volunteers turned up and there were jobs for those of all ages and abilities (photos 5 to 11).

Volunteering wasn't all about getting dirty because some kind soul arrived with tea and biscuits about half way through the morning. We even had a short break for a photo shoot as a journalist from the Cornishman turned up to find out what was going on.

As the morning progressed, we had discovered an assortment of rubbish such as a very old car tyre, assorted bottles, paint cans and an old metal bucket. As well as these items we also found three metal posts cemented into the ground that looked to be an old signpost although nobody could remember such a sign being there. The work was helped along by a lively discussion about what should be planted and we were all looking forward to being able to sit on the bench and view the final results of our labour. I for one am excited to see how this turns out. By the end of the morning, the rear of the site was cleared and many of the brambles and scrub trees, which had had free reign in recent times, were cut down and dug out (photos 12).

Work made possible by grants from the Parish Council and others, the kind donation of labour and tools by Martin and Ben (Do It For You) and the Connor Downs Residents Association and hard work of the Connor Downs residents.

Cllr Tyrone Homes, Gwithian Ward.