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Dear Trustees

Re: Grant Award Severn Gorge Countryside Trust

I am writing to update you on work we were able to undertake thanks to the Nineveh Trust's generous donation of £5,000 towards access improvements.

As a charity that is responsible for managing over 26kms of footpaths and trails, ensuring that we can continue to provide high quality access for informal recreation for the enjoyment of all and to encourage outdoor activity for the benefits of health and well-being is paramount.

During the pandemic, the increase in the use of our land for recreational purposes has been unprecedented. Our sites that were already well used have received even more footfall and so having the funds to be able to repair steps and boardwalks which were starting to deteriorate was vital.

Access photos showing the problems before Grant Funding





Access photos after grant work had been undertaken





We posted updates of the work being undertaken on our Facebook page and were delighted to receive lots of positive comments.

See below for a small sample of the comments received:

Paul Sanderson

Fantastic improvements, used the path and steps yesterday. Well done everyone.

Sheila Spate

Thank you. One of my favourite places to go and going there helped keep me sane during isolation. Good to have the sheep to say "hello" to now. X

Tynk Robertson

Looks fab thank you for making this walk much easier

Ian McFadzean

Great work. We were walking there at the weekend.

Daryl Downes

Fantastic work will definitely visit when allowed.

Jody-Lea Grant

Looks great, thank you 😊

What difference has the grant funding made?

Improving the access to our sites has ensured that they are fit for purpose for future generations and will enable them to have the same opportunities to explore the paths and trails. Encouraging people to engage with their natural environment for their health and well-being has never been more important and it is essential that this engagement is made as accessible as possible. It will allow us to plan future activities for families, school and nursery groups knowing that the sites are safe.

It also ensures that we are fulfilling our key aim to provide high quality access for informal recreation for the enjoyment of all and to encourage outdoor activity for the benefit of health and well-being.

Improved access will also enable current and future walking groups to continue to use the footpaths and plan activities for their users.

Our experience over lockdown has shown how valued and necessary our sites are and ensuring that everyone can access and enjoy them is a vital part of the work we do.

Thank you again for enabling us to undertake the necessary repairs to our access infrastructure and the sites which are so valued by locals and visitors to the Ironbridge Gorge World Heritage Site.

Yours faithfully

Kate Chetwood
Company Secretary
On behalf of Severn Gorge Countryside Trust