

# Press Release

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## Artists' carvings mark new Tuckingmill trail

Kerrier District Council's work to regenerate Tuckingmill Valley continued last week, as a series of Cornish slate carvings were erected in the Park.

Five carved monoliths and three plaques were created by local artists Peter Martin and Sarah Stuart-Smith, and depict the mining and cultural heritage of the area, as well as the wildlife and plants within the park. Other subjects include the hard rock mining process, the Cornish global emigration of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, and local birds and animals, named in Cornish.

Together, they create an educational trail, spread out and installed at key points across the valley to encourage people to use the entire park as they discover more about its origins. It will add an educational element to the valley which is now used by various schools and colleges as an important educational resource. Funding for the work is from the Neighbourhood Renewal Fund and Kerrier District Council.

**Sarah Stuart-Smith, of Four Lanes, explained: "Kerrier District Council commissioned Peter and I to produce some artwork that would be interesting and educational to locals and visitors alike. We hope we've produced something that will inspire others to find out more about the history and culture of the area; we've certainly learned a great deal along the way!"**

**The park is absolutely beautiful. We've been here frequently and it has been good to see it coming together. The best thing is that the locals obviously love it; it's easily accessible and people seem to come back regularly. Above all, the carvings are a tribute to the clever, industrious people who mined this land originally."**

**Councillor Malcolm Moyle, Portfolio Holder for Leisure, Arts & Culture agreed: "The artists have done a wonderful job in portraying an important part of our heritage. These carvings really emphasise the 'Cornish-ness' of the park."**

### NOTES TO EDITORS

There will be an opportunity for photos and interviews this week, as the artists put their marks on the carved stones. Please contact the Press Office in the first instance so that we can arrange a mutually convenient time.

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