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Dear Elly

Hele Valley Trail

Bude-Stratton Town Council wishes to extend its full support for Marhamchurch Parish Council's proposals to secure 16 acres of the Hele Valley Trail, comprising young broadleaf woodland, a dedicated parking area, and further land situated north of the parking area.

The Trail, which sits within the Bude-Stratton civil parish, contains well-established walking routes and forms a vital and much-used public amenity. It is a haven for wildlife, providing opportunities for people to engage with the natural heritage of the area. The Bude-Stratton Town Council operated Helebridge Barge Workshop sits at one end of the Trail. This important structure, connected with the historic Bude Canal, is open to visitors in the summer months and home to the last surviving Bude Canal tub boat – a nationally significant vessel.

Securing the Hele Valley Trail would enhance opportunities for a greater number, and a wider range, of people to engage with and enjoy both the natural and historic environment of this part of north Cornwall. The Town Council understands that Marhamchurch Parish Council will be seeking funding towards the project from the National Lottery Heritage Fund, and we wish you every success with your application.

Ian Saltern
Deputy Town Clerk
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