

EUROPEAN PATHWAYS TO A CULTURAL LANDSCAPE

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The aim of this project is to involve local communities in the cultural landscape of their area, by means of:

- Working with community groups to establish a series of footpaths in the locality
- Producing a questionnaire to find out what communities think is important about the cultural landscapes of their areas (see website)
- Leaflets based on the group's research work
- Displays and roadshows during the summer months.

The project is not just about raising awareness of cultural landscape but about the importance of landscape in people's everyday lives. Such experience of it firsthand will lead to improved management and preservation where applicable.

A schools project is also being set up to raise awareness not only about local landscapes but also about landscapes and communities in other parts of Europe.

The project concentrates particularly on what makes different areas historically distinctive, such as farming, mining, house building, travelling and how the landscape reflects people's actions, beliefs and social institutions. This underpins current ideas about local identity and sense of place and community.

Future aim: That this will provide a model which might be applied in other areas

Tips for others: Plenty of interest and enthusiasm!

Desired help: Increased publicity for the project – feedback is always welcomed

Area: Western Arfon (area between Caernarfon and Abererch, and inland to include Dyffryn Nantlle and Rhyd Ddu)