



## Horseytalk.net BRIDLEWAYS WATCH

### The illegal cattle grid

**Watch Croft.**

**Trust us, says Natural England..... Oh, yeah!!**

This is the story of Natural England and a cattle grid.

The cattle grid was installed by Natural England across the complete width of a bridlepath on a large, open stretch of common land called Watch Croft in Cornwall that is owned by The National Trust.



#### **NATURAL ENGLAND. MISTAKE NUMBER ONE**

Because it was installed across the complete width of the bridle path, it totally prevented riders from exercising their legal right to use the path

Part of About 90% of the cost of installing the cattle grid was paid by the Heritage Lottery Fund and European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) managed by Interreg IIIB North West Europe with offices in northern France.

Local riders complained about the illegal cattle grid. Cornwall County Council declared it to be an unlawful obstruction.

One month later, the cattle grid was removed and dumped by the side of the bridlepath close to where it had been installed. There it remained for six-months.

#### **NATURAL ENGLAND. MISTAKE NUMBER TWO**

The European Development Fund Interreg however, told local riders that Natural England had told them that they had "followed all legal procedures foreseen by English law." Which was completely untrue.

**February 19.** The illegal cattle grid is dumped by the side of the bridlepath  
**September 15** The illegal cattle grid is still dumped by the side of the bridlepath >>



### **NATURAL ENGLAND. MISTAKE NUMBER THREE**

The European Development Fund Interreg also told local riders that Natural England had told them that "the cattle grid was re-located to another site". Which was completely untrue.

The cattle grid had remained dumped by the side of the bridlepath for over six-months during which time Natural England were telling the European Development Fund Interreg that it had been "re-located to another site". The cattle grid was only moved after Save Penwith Moors complained once again to Natural England, The National Trust and Interreg. the European Development Fund had told local riders what they had been told by Natural England.

Says Ian Cooke, who runs the Save Penwith Moors campaign, "I would ask: Is this not a case of financial fraud involving taxpayers' money in that Natural England appear to claim that money has not been squandered when quite clearly it has.? "

"I would ask that the fullest investigation is made into this affair, and from which individual the original deceptive information originated."

Now answer this question. How can anyone trust an organisation that - Illegally installs a cattle grid across the complete width of a bridleway totally preventing riders from exercising their legal right to use the path - blatantly lies to the European Development Fund Interreg who contributed some 50% towards the cost.

**The cattle grid has gone >>**



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