

## Copy for Calstock News August/September 2021

Tamar Community Trust are pleased to be able to announce that we are a step closer to having the walkway for the River Tamar Walkway & Wetland Project completed in 2021.

The £2.2 million flood defence scheme in Calstock has recently enjoyed some good news, with significant milestones being reached. The Environment Agency has dug deep and managed to unlock sufficient funds to help Tamar Community Trust complete the construction of the walkway that will ensure the 1.2km stretch of the Tamar Valley Discovery Trail around the Calstock river path is maintained. A funding agreement is now in place between Tamar Community Trust and the Environment Agency, allowing the project to proceed and for work to progress.

In addition, a detailed design for the bridge has now been completed and has been rigorously checked by Cornwall Council allowing for the discharge of the planning condition which means we can now all look forward to seeing the next phase of this project.

The piling and foundation work for the bridge is expected to commence by mid- to late-August. However, Tamar Community Trust would like to make it clear that the site is very susceptible to adverse weather and rapidly changing ground conditions, but the desire and intention is for the project to now be completed within 2021.

It is very exciting to see the project gaining momentum and we now have a route to complete the construction of the walkway. I would like to thank all the volunteers involved who have and continue to work really hard on

the project. I would also like to thank the people of Calstock for being patient without much news forthcoming about what is happening but the rollercoaster has been rolling for some 3 or 4 years now and every time we were ready to announce the next phase something would crop up, but I believe we can now all dare to dream! It has been brilliant seeing how the Calstock Wetlands Bird Watchers Group has gained in popularity, with now over 300 members on facebook, and how people are enjoying seeing the wildlife that didn't take long to find a new home.

I am afraid it will be necessary to close the river path at times during the coming few months and obviously when the breach is made and the walkway being installed, but please keep an eye open for when planned work is due to commence, by checking out various websites, ie [www.tamarcommunitytrust.org.uk](http://www.tamarcommunitytrust.org.uk), [www.calstockparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.calstockparishcouncil.gov.uk), [tamarvalley.org.uk](http://tamarvalley.org.uk) (click on News), @TVAONB (Facebook and Twitter), Calstock Wetlands Bird Watchers f/b, or look out for updates on the public notice boards neighbouring the site. For any further information please contact either me, Jane Kiely on 01752 466287 or email [janekiely3@gmail.com](mailto:janekiely3@gmail.com) or Pete Thompson on 01822 832291 or email [pgrthompson@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:pgrthompson@yahoo.co.uk)

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