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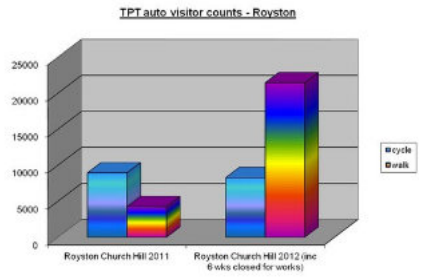
Trans Pennine Trail Pathway

The Trans Pennine Trail (TPT), which was officially opened in 2001, is operated by a partnership of 26 local authorities across the North of England, with its national office hosted by Barnsley MBC. Sections of the TPT running through the Borough of Barnsley were installed over a period of several months using Flexipave.

Walkers, horse riders, cyclists and runners all use the TPT, but were regularly hindered on certain sections, where traditional, worn pathways became sodden and unusable following rainfall due to standing water.



BMBC have been closely monitoring the re-laid sections of the trail and have recently published the graph to the right to highlight the increased usage experienced on Royston stretch





Improving Trail Drainage Standards

Mandy Loach, Trans Pennine Trail Officer and Sarah Ford, Public Rights of Way Officer for Barnsley Council, jointly offered their thoughts on the project: "The resurfacing work we've done is part of a longer-term strategy to raise the standard of the TPT. We've found that the Flexipave material fits the criteria perfectly in terms of how we wanted the TPT to look and behave. Parts of the trail here in South Yorkshire have always suffered from drainage problems. Whenever we experienced heavy rainfall, parts of the trail would become virtually unusable. Standing water was an issue, and recent wet summers have caused sections of pathway to erode".



Sustainable Project Specifications Overview

Recycled Tyre Content - approximately 20,000 tyres have been recycled and repurposed into the surfacing material, contributing to sustainability and significantly reducing landfill waste.

Colour Scheme (black and gold) - the surface finish combined black recycled rubber with grey aggregate stone, creating a natural, visually consistent appearance that blends seamlessly with the surrounding environment.

Project Duration - numerous sections of the TPT have been installed between 2012 and present day and many more sections are planned in the near future.







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