

# THE Riviera Edition

The Cornwall Rail Development Partnership on the right lines

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## Riviera Project - What is it?

The Riviera Project is an initiative for the upgrading and enhancement of railway station facilities in Cornwall and linking them to nearby tourist attractions. The programme for these upgrades stems from a major study commissioned in 1997.



The principal aims of the project are to make stations more attractive, accessible and safe, cut pollution and congestion, encourage more sustainable tourism and assist the local economy.

## Cornwall Rail Development Partnership

The Cornwall Rail Development Partnership, led by Cornwall County Council, was established in December 1996. The group works together to advise on strategic rail issues in the County. It comprises members from Railtrack, train operating companies, bus operators, local authorities, and other associated organisations. Contact details for the Partnership are shown on the bottom left hand side of this page.

## Centre of Excellence for Integrated Rural Transport



Cornwall was amongst only a handful of counties that were awarded the status of Centre of Excellence for Transport by the government in March 2001. The County's award for integrated rural transport was in recognition of its pioneering and innovative work in promoting integrated rural transport services. The award comes with a duty to

help others to learn from Cornwall's experiences in these areas of transport planning. The vision of the Centre of Excellence is a safe, effective, efficient and integrated transport system that contributes to providing all sections of the community with access to a wide range of services and facilities.

# What Has Been Achieved So Far?

The Riviera Project has been the catalyst for considerable investment on the County's rail station network. Enhancement work, amounting to well in excess of £2.7m, has already been achieved, with much more proposed in the future. Funding has been provided for this vital work from a wide range of committed partners. This investment is over and above that which is routinely invested by Railtrack and the train operating companies. The outcome has been far better facilities than would otherwise be provided.

Project	£'000s
Information and Publicity	40
Branch Line Traffic Signs	94
Falmouth Branch Line Stations	266
Newquay Branch Line Stations	221
Tamar Valley Line Stations	286
Looe Valley Line Stations	122
St Ives Branch Line Stations	233
Liskeard Station Phase 1	235
Newquay Station	75
Redruth Phase 1 - Platform 3	360
Redruth Phase 2 - Platform 1	276
Bodmin Parkway	435
Camborne Shelters	50
Station Lighting	85
<b>Total Invested to Date</b>	<b>£2,778</b>

## Roundup of Branch Line Riviera Work - Jobs Done!

As well as delivering some of the more major projects, a considerable amount of activity has taken place on some of the branch line stations.

### Looe

- New ramp for disabled
- Seating
- Refurbished waiting room
- Signing
- Tourist Information Office



### Par

- Ticket Office shelter
- Revised car park
- New fencing



### Gunnislake

- New bus shelter

### Falmouth Town

- New Shelter
- Lighting
- Paving
- Signing
- Seating
- Landscaping

### Camborne

- New Anti vandal shelters



### Newquay

- Paving
- Signing
- Landscaping
- Fencing
- Public Artwork



# Redruth Station Platform 1

Work has been completed on the final phase of improvements at Redruth Station. This much needed upgrade focused on the total refurbishment of Brunel's unique Platform 1 building.

The building has been brought back into use and now provides safe and comfortable waiting facilities. In addition, landscaping, cycle shelters, resurfaced parking and an upgraded access road have been provided. The whole station site, including both car parks is now protected by CCTV.



The improvements were officially opened by Jenny Agutter, a regular user of the station, and the Town Mayor, Cllr Mrs Sue Fowler. They were 'delighted' to see the station improvements finally completed.

This final phase completes the work carried out in 2000 on platforms 2 and 3 (for the T34 bus branchline to Helston).

## Liskeard to Looe and Luxulyan Lit at Last!

All intermediate stations on the Looe Valley Line and Luxulyan Station are currently unlit. This means that it has not been possible for trains to stop during hours of darkness. A project to provide new lighting has been approved by Railtrack, and after a very lengthy delay, station lighting will shortly be erected. The stops have now been included in the Wessex winter timetable.

# Bodmin Parkway Station Improvements

Work is substantially complete on the Bodmin Parkway station improvements.

These include:

- Improved traffic management and safety measures
- Upgraded and resurfaced access road
- New car park, lighting and drainage
- CCTV for improved protection and security
- Improved disabled access and facilities
- New toilets
- Information and signing improvements
- Landscaping
- New benches and seating
- Platform and fencing renewal
- Facilities for cyclists and motorcyclists
- New shelter and information for bus users
- Upgrade of the ticket office

This work has radically improved the station which previously had a muddy, potholed car park which regularly suffered from crime. The customer facilities were also below standard.

The project complements the bus service and infrastructure improvements that have been made along the Bodmin Parkway to Wadebridge/Padstow route. The 'Corlink' service has new branded buses, real-time information boards and links to demand-responsive services.

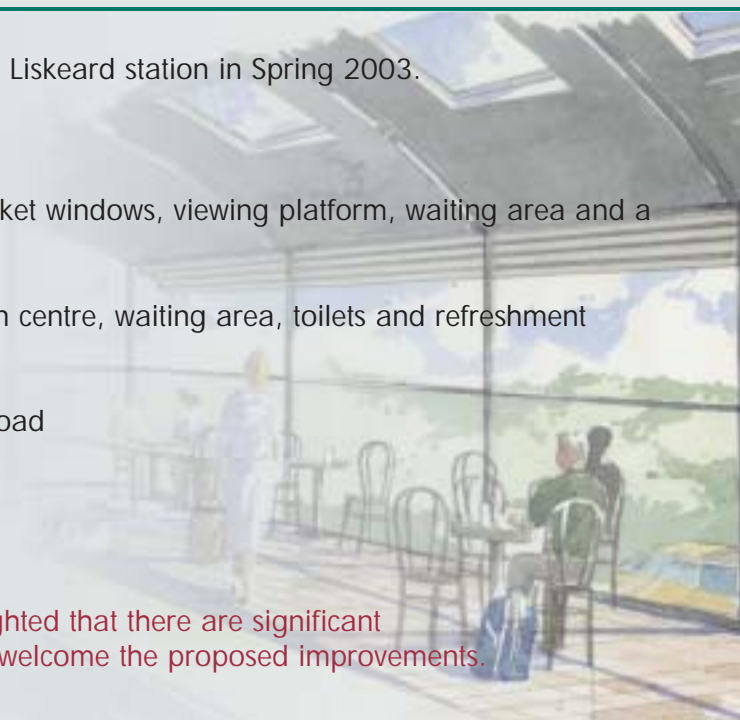
# Funding in place for Liskeard Station: Phase II

Funding has been secured for the phase II work to start at Liskeard station in Spring 2003.

## The work will include:

- A redesigned main building with new toilets, café area, ticket windows, viewing platform, waiting area and a new canopy.
- Refurbished Looe platform building with a new information centre, waiting area, toilets and refreshment facility.
- Bus shelter, bus boarder, and pedestrian links on Station road
- A new downside platform shelter
- CCTV coverage

A recent passenger survey carried out at the station highlighted that there are significant shortcomings with the current station and that passengers welcome the proposed improvements.



## Forthcoming Projects



### Works begin at Penzance Public Transport Interchange

Work has begun on site at Penzance to upgrade the interchange site. This area provides important links between bus, rail, taxis, cars, pedestrians, cyclists and air and sea connections. **The work includes:**

- Improved pedestrian areas, fencing and crossings
- Additional lighting
- Remodelling of the bus station
- Provision for cycles, motorcycles, disabled drivers
- General upgrade and balancing of space for all users
- Signage and information
- Redesign of car parking and entrances for improved safety
- Enhanced CCTV coverage for personal safety and security
- Enhanced planting schemes
- Elements of public art resulting in a high quality and pleasing layout
- Upgrading and refurbishment of the station toilets

The scheme is being managed by Penwith District Council and is one of the first transport schemes in the County to include a public art element.



## Coming Soon Imminent Riviera Project Investment

Project	£'000s
Penzance Public Transport Interchange	700
Liskeard Phase 2	500
Falmouth Town - for Maritime Museum	150
Saltash Heritage Centre	625
St Austell - for Eden Project	1,300
Newquay	500
Branch Lines	100
CCTV	100
<b>Total Investment Proposed</b>	<b>£3,975</b>

# What's Next?



## St Austell - Change for Eden

Proposals for a major upgrade for St Austell Station have been gathering momentum over a number of years. As the main public transport interchange for the Eden Project, a scheme concept has been agreed to take the project forward. Include in the work will be:

- New bus station layout, including a stop for 'Eden'
- Revised station car parking
- Improved pedestrian facilities
- New Ticket Offices for bus & rail
- New café & toilets
- CCTV
- New waiting rooms
- Better Information
- Improved facilities for the disabled



## Falmouth Town - For the National Maritime Museum for Cornwall

The Maritime Museum has now opened and is expected to attract a considerable number of visitors, many of them by rail. The proposal is to 'brand' the station to provide a welcome for rail travellers.



## Newquay -the Atlantic Coast & Surfing Stop

Newquay is unique amongst branchline stations. During the summer period, it receives direct intercity trains, packed with holiday makers. The project aims to modernise and upgrade the station frontage in conjunction with a wider regeneration scheme.



Proposals include:

- Themed fencing
- Lighting
- New seating
- Improved platform
- Information

## Around the Branchlines

### Perranwell Station

In conjunction with a local community initiative which has provided a footpath between the station and the village, one of the first solar powered bus shelters in the County will be provided at the station. This will provide a safe waiting facility for travellers and improve integration between bus and rail.



*A solar-powered bus shelter in Burnley, Lancashire*

### Par

The station lacks adequate waiting and toilet facilities on the down side. The station building will be revised to accommodate a range of new users.



### St Columb Station

Has lacked investment for some years and is in need of refurbishment.

Proposals include:

- New shelter
- New lighting
- Seating
- Signing
- Landscaping
- Fencing



- Resurfaced access road and footpaths

# Comments by Partners

## Wessex Trains

We are always striving to provide better facilities for our customers and through our partnership schemes we are able to achieve this. Many of our stations have benefited from significant refurbishment and upgrading and we look forward to working with the Riviera Project partners to continue the good work already started.

Charles Belcher, Managing Director,  
Wessex Trains

## Strategic Rail Authority

The Rail Passenger Partnership fund was set up to help local communities improve rail services and facilities in partnership with their train operating companies. I am particularly delighted that Cornwall has made such good use of this fund to address local transport needs and improve integration, social inclusion, safety and quality. I look forward to seeing how the Riviera Project develops in the future.

Gavin Bostock, Strategic Rail Authority



# Integration



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