

First new footpath in living memory

MORE than 60 residents attended the opening, on Saturday, of the first new footpath in living memory at Craffhole, the ceremony being carried out by Sir Richard and Lady Mary Carew Pole.

Sir Richard praised Sheviocck Parish Council for pursuing the concept, along

with farmer Keith Andrew, for his support and work in providing the footpath through his land.

Jasmine Kennedy presented a painting by local artist Julie Bate of a view from the path to Sir Richard and Lady Mary before they joined in a walk along the footpath with a

large number of parishioners.

Sir Richard said the path was 'just right' as it enabled two people to walk side by side in quiet conversation while enjoying the views.

The new path creates a circular walk from Craffhole and links many other footpaths and the main

villages within the parish without the need for walkers to walk on main roads.

Chris Kennedy, chairman of Sheviocck Parish Council, said: 'The new footpath improves walker safety, provides access to the countryside and encourages everyone to walk and take exercise. It is part of our

vision to improve the quality of life and road safety by reducing speed and the size and number of heavy vehicles in the parish and particularly through Craffhole.'

The event was followed by tea and hot cross buns in Craffhole Memorial Hall and many people took the chance to sponsor

the posts used along the path to help provide a maintenance fund and ensure the path is sustainable.

Funding was provided by SITA, Cornwall Community Fund, Bake Saw Mill, Cornwall Councillor George Trubody from his Community Fund, and the parish council.



ABOVE, parishioners gather for the opening of Craffhole's new footpath.

RIGHT, Sir Richard Carew Pole at the opening of a new circular footpath at Craffhole.

