

CAMBORNE, ROSKEAR AND TUCKINGMILL TOWNSCAPE HERITAGE INITIATIVE

Townscape Heritage Initiatives (THI's) are multi funded grant schemes funding traditional repairs to targeted historic buildings in Conservation Areas. They last for 4 years and funded works include:

- *Traditional repairs using local materials and traditional building techniques.*
- *Reinstatement of missing architectural detailing.*
- *Bringing vacant and underused buildings back in to use.*

Following a successful funding bid a Townscape Heritage Initiative scheme ran in Camborne, Roskear and Tuckingmill from January 2008 to December 2012. The success of this scheme led to a successful bid for a second phase which commenced in January 2012 and is due to complete in June 2016. Together the two schemes will have provided around £13,675,792 investment and funded quality traditional repair and restoration work to 54 key historic buildings. This figure includes works to 12 local business in Camborne Town Centre:

- *8 Trelowarren St*
- *Cross St News, Cross St*
- *38 Trelowarren St*
- *The Clink, Parish Vestry*
- *Top Ten Bingo, 22-24 Chapel St*
- *RSPCA, 3 Basset Road*
- *Camborne Community Centre*
- *Donald Thomas Centre*
- *Berrymans Bakery, 43 Trelowarren St*
- *Q Print 45 Trelowarren St*
- *Vyvyan Arms, 114 Trelowarren St*
- *Kernow Model Rail Centre*

Work to business premises has included repairing existing traditional shopfronts, re-instating new traditional shopfronts, installing hand painted signs and upgrading walls, windows, doors and roofs of street frontages. This has in many cases dramatically improved the image of businesses in the town and the character and appearance of the streetscape within the Conservation Area. The renovation of Berryman's and Q Print in Trelowarren Street, Camborne provides a good example of how improvements to street frontages can be dramatically improved with relatively modest expenditure.

Camborne, Roskear and Tuckingmill THI's have an emphasis on traditional skills training and energy saving initiatives. Strong links have been created with Cornwall College with college students being given the opportunity to partake in an ongoing series of live skill training opportunities on building projects funded through the THI. Feedback from all training events has been positive and helped raise awareness of the need to retain traditional skills. Students from Cornwall College's Renewable Energy and Carbon Management course have also been monitoring the thermal performance of good practice energy saving measures funded through the THI. The results of this monitoring has been fed back in to an 'Improving Energy Efficiency in Cornish Historic Buildings' guide which was produced in house to highlight ways historical buildings can be upgraded without damaging their character. The guide is used early in the planning process and before Building Control applications to give options for upgrading historic buildings. It includes good local examples of good practice, costs and lifespan details of suitable products and collated web links to enable further research.

Further details of Camborne, Roskear, Tuckingmill THI including slide shows of completed works, a summary of traditional skills training initiatives carried out so far and the 'Improving Energy Efficiency in Cornish Historic Buildings' guide can be accessed from the THI webpage: <http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/conservation/heritage-led-regeneration/camborne-roskear-tuckingmill-townscape-heritage-initiatives/?altTemplate= Standard>