



Development of the Rotherham Hill Walkway - 'Bluff Track'

Background

Paul & Mika Butler recently moved to Rotherham from England. They purchased the Doctors house to continue the restoration of the 1930s home.

As the new owners of a large hill section that had once been used by locals for recreation, they were keen to restore it. This required dealing with the out of control broom, building viewing seats and re-establishing the hill walking track.



Challenges

The path was overgrown and not easy to use, it had out of control broom and steep sections of track. To make a path accessible for all ages was a big challenge.



Solution

Mayors Taskforce for Jobs staff came to the rescue with a small team of work experience young people to reinforce and improve the track by adding approx 30 stairs in steep areas.



It was a valuable addition and the track was opened it to the public soon afterwards.

Positives

The track was developed and made more user friendly. The track has again become a favourite of locals and school children. During lockdown, and since, the walk is seen as a major asset for the town.



Outcome

'Bluff Track' offers locals free access to views of the surrounding hills and over the Rotherham village.