

## **Pant Da- Nancy Kirk Memorial viewpoint**

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After consultation with Ceredigion County Council it became clear that the development was going to require planning permission. Despite its small size, the wall foundations and slate being laid on the ground made it eligible. Applying for consent cost £159, and permission was granted with one condition; that an archaeologist be present for the digging of the foundations, as the site lies within a hill fort. In addition, the presence of badgers on the site required us to apply for a licence to disturb the badgers during the digging process and use of machinery. This was awarded on 28 September 2007.

Martin Bates very kindly agreed to act as qualified archaeologist, and supervised the digging of the foundations, very generously donating his time, so that no further cost was incurred. The foundations were dug on the morning of Thursday 25 October by contractor Steve Foy (Lightfoot Environmental Ltd). We are very grateful to Martin for his time.



*Foundations for wall and bench*

Work has since progressed well, with the wall being built by Steve over a number of days on site. At present we are waiting for the bench to be installed and the slate to be laid.

All stone and slate have been locally sourced.



*Wall part way through building*

A new bit of path and steps have been created to allow access to the site from the existing path. Some work remains to be done on this.

Our final projects will include organising a plaque for the bench and a finger sign to the Nancy Kirk Viewpoint, to be installed at the reserve entrance on the road.

### **Costs**

The total cost of the main development (wall, bench etc) including planning permission will be in the region of £2700. £2000 of this comes from the money generously left in Nancy's memory. £700 will be provided by the Trust. In addition, volunteers have kindly donated time to the building project- Martin Bates as archaeologist, Dave Purdon (reserve voluntary warden) to assist with site meetings, and the Ceredigion reserves volunteer team in path work, tree work and step building.

Remaining costs (for the plaque and sign) will be contributed by the North Ceredigion local group.



New steps leading to viewpoint, newly built by Ceredigion reserves volunteer team