

Glasson Moss Boardwalk Case Study

Glasson Moss is a Site of Special Scientific Interest on the south Solway coast in Cumbria. Like many peat bogs it has been damaged over the years, so Natural England and the Solway Wetlands Partnership came together to restore and protect this important area.

Being an 'Open Access' area it was important to provide safe access to the public and it was decided to add 850m of boardwalk to the existing path network, which would provide an easy year-round facility to explore this unique environment.

When investigating the possibilities the objectives were: -

- The boardwalk should be durable, with minimal maintenance requirements.
- It should provide safe access to visitors.
- Damage to the bog ecology should be minimised.



After careful consideration of the options available it was decided to use Kacey recycled plastic for the surface and substructure, with the material fulfilling all of the desired criteria. The recycled plastic will never need any treatment, meaning that there will be no harmful leaching of chemicals into the environment. The boardwalk was installed in September 2017 by Open Space (Cumbria), who worked very closely with Kacey to ensure that the project was completed within the desired timeframe.

"Kacey have supplied boardwalk material at many locations throughout the UK, the oldest being Flanders Moss near Stirling. Their reputation for the best materials and close liaison with the customer and installer was a major consideration in selecting a supplier"

Alasdair Brock - Natural England

This beautiful and sensitive location now has access for the public all year round. The KC/Deck boardwalk provides a low-slip surface to enable the public to cross the bog in all weathers and as the recycled plastic will never rot it will be there for a lifetime and more.

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