

Investigation to Record and Preserve Lime Kiln, Valley Road, Portishead

Have you ever noticed the old Lime Kiln in Valley Road? It's adjacent to Black Rock Quarry, in the top left hand corner of the lay-by. It is conspicuous because of its size; it's enormous compared to other Kilns in the area and still in comparatively good condition.

As the kiln is threatened by undergrowth, weathering and old age PaDAG intends to investigate, record and get the structure protected by English Heritage.

First we went to see the Kiln in July 2009, which is not visible from the road. We photographed it from various angles, checked the overall structural integrity and then looked at it in the context of the landscape to try and visualise how it may have been used and by whom.

The research process has started and we are now waiting to do a more detailed visual check to get a better view of the structure from above. We will then have to do some detailed re-recording of the structure and submit a report and application for a preservation order to English Heritage.



Lime Kiln (and quite a lot of undergrowth!)

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