

Introducing Bodmin Way

The social enterprise for the Bodmin Team Ministry



BODMIN TEAM MINISTRY

The churches of the Bodmin Team Ministry exist to serve the people of their parishes. The historic church buildings host key events in people's lives and various community celebrations. Members of the churches visit and serve those in need.

Bodmin Way company was formed in July 2018 by the 4 parishes of the Bodmin Team Ministry. The key driver for the development of the company is to meet the challenge of sustaining these churches through community-focused entrepreneurial activity. Its name is derived from its key project: A tourist-cum-pilgrimage route between each of its 5 churches. This 22 mile walking, cycling and driving trail takes visitors around the key attractions of the Bodmin area and links to the Saints Way and Camel Trail. It connects the 4 Grade 1 listed churches of Lanivet, Lanhydrock, Cardinham and Bodmin, and the church of St. Stephen, Nanstallon.

The 4 parishes appointed directors for the company, bringing together skills in business management, marketing, human resources and fund raising. As well as overseeing the development of The Bodmin Way project, they also manage the contractual and funding arrangements for the 4 employees of the team. These include the Pioneer Minister, the Events Manager, the Administrator and the Bodmin Way Planner.

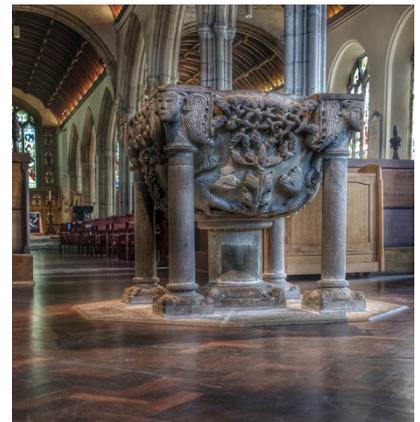
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Bodmin Way aims to support the development of a range of additional projects, including the creation of a low-cost weddings package and an offer for conference and meeting facilities. It supports St. Petroc's Church in the development of its concerts and community events programme. Team Rector, Revd Paul Holley, says, "The advent of social enterprise through the churches meets the challenge of a changing culture. We can no longer rely on traditional patterns of attendance and support. The company brings a business discipline to what we do and enables us to think more creatively about how we engage with our communities".

The company takes seriously its contribution to the economic life of the area and is committed to developing training and employment opportunities. Its first employee, the Events Manager, was recruited from unemployment in recognition of his flair for the role. He has subsequently started part time degree level study in events management based at the Eden Project. The scope of the team's mission within the town and villages of Bodmin gives it access to many who will participate in the economic and cultural growth of the company's projects.



A walking, cycling and driving circuit of Bodmin

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