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worth the wait...

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With hundreds of thousands of people flocking to the stunning surroundings of Whitehead's Blackhead Path each year, Mid & East Antrim Borough Council understands the place it holds in people's hearts. From childhood memories enjoying ice creams along the seafront, to rowing the waves looking to Scotland, this walk **is more than a memory, it's a way of life.**

We want the next generations to inhale the views and create their own experiences that echo those of times gone by.

We will make this happen - but it needs to be done properly to ensure the path lasts as long as the stories to be told about it.



why it's not just

# BLACK & WHITE

We fully appreciate why Blackhead Path is a cherished part of Whitehead's fabric. The work to get to this point and until completion in 2020 may seem like a long time, but we want you to know council is completely behind getting this breath-taking path open as soon as possible.

- Protecting the environment and marine wildlife means we must follow NIEA Marine Licence regulations **26 weeks**
- Planning application **24 weeks**
- As we're spending public money the contractor appointment process has to follow strict timescales **10 weeks**
- The works cover an area of **210,000m<sup>2</sup>** at heights of **40m** requiring specialised equipment for a project of this scale
- Repairs will take **6000m<sup>3</sup>** of fill material



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For more info you can go to [www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/BlackheadPath](http://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/BlackheadPath) or view the public noticeboards at Whitehead Car Park or the Community Centre.



## DID YOU KNOW?

This is the natural habitat for an array of wildlife including Guillemots, fish, seals, porpoise colonies and even lizards.

what we are doing

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**1. NOTICEBOARDS**  
The new noticeboard just before Whitehead car park will keep you updated with news on the works



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**2. PATH**  
Huge rock armour boulders will help prevent erosion from the sea. Reinforced concrete will replace and repair the path. Gabion baskets, new drainage and rock netting will help stop debris slipping onto the newly constructed walkways



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**3. TIMBER STEPS**  
New natural timber frames and resurfacing will restore the Golden Steps and replace damaged steps connecting the path from the lighthouse



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**4. RAILINGS**  
New handrails will provide a safe barrier for those enjoying the entire walk



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**5. CLIFF STABILISATION**  
The paths at the lighthouse end will be bolted and stabilised to prevent slippage. Rock netting will help stop rock fall.



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**6. BRIDGE**  
A new bridge will be installed along the upper path to open up the entire coastal walk

