



## PROJECT PROFILE: Pode Hole Quarry Restoration



Location	Pode Hole Quarry, Cambridgeshire. Site area 24 hectares
Client	Aggregate Industries UK Ltd
Value	£159,000
Duration	9 weeks
Quantities	59,000 cu m cut/fill regarding; 6,000 cu.m clay seal; 42,000 cu m upper sub-soil placement; 56,000 cu m topsoiling
Description	<p>Pode Hall Quarry was previously used for gravel extraction and is situated near the village of Thorney in Cambridgeshire. The contract was for the restoration of the area to pasture land.</p> <p>The works consisted of the provision of clay seals to prevent the ingress of water from the surrounding gravel layers. This involved the excavation and sorting of various soil stockpiles to provide a three layer system (lower, upper and top soil).</p> <p>Works were constantly interrupted due to the ingress of water from underlying gravel pockets. In addition, the stockpiled soil was not always at a suitable moisture content, due to the time of year and daily rainfall, for incorporation into the works.</p> <p>The works were completed to the full satisfaction of DEFRA who have subsequently used the site as a show-case for quarry restoration schemes.</p>

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