

Residents create "Pothole Land" to highlight road issues

Vocabulary Match

- attraction ● condition ● acknowledges ● prompted ● maintained ● challenges ●
- recognizes ● cared for ● state ● caused ● problems ● sight

Article

Residents in Pontfadog, North Wales, have created a unique tourist attraction called "Pothole Land" to draw attention to their road's poor condition. Signs in the village advertise the road as having the "deepest, longest, widest potholes in Wales."

Local farmer Donald Roberts, 76, explained that the potholes make it difficult for him to work, as he fears damaging his tractor. "It has come to this signage down the road to get some result," he said.

Tim Raddock, 57, says the road is "extremely bad" and the potholes keep growing because they are not maintained. Although the council has started repairs, he believes they are only half-finished.

Raddock acknowledges the council's financial challenges but appreciates that the signs have prompted action.

Quiz

1. Why did residents create a sign for "Pothole Land"?
2. Why does Donald Roberts find it difficult to work?
3. What does Tim Raddock say about the condition of the road?
4. What effect did the signs have on the council?

Conversation

- A: Have you seen the new "Pothole Land" signs?
B: Yeah, they're a real tourist attraction now!
A: I just hope they fix the road soon.
B: Apparently, it's a problem all over the country.
A: Yeah, they say there are over 11 million potholes in the UK!

Discussion

1. Have you ever seen a funny road sign?
2. What would you do if your road had giant potholes?
3. How do you think the council should prioritize road repairs?
4. Would you visit "Pothole Land" if you were in Wales?