

The Viaduct



In 1852, the assets of the Hayle Railway Company were sold to the West Cornwall Railway Company, and to avoid the notorious gradient at Steamer's Hill in Angarrack, they promptly re-routed the line from Paddington to Penzance.

They commissioned Isambard Kingdom Brunel to design the project, and to avoid any further problems with the gradient he carried the line above the Penpol Valley on the magnificent viaduct which now dominates Foundry Square.

In 1886, Brunel's original structure was upgraded in granite by the Great Western Railway Company

A unique feature of the Foundry Viaduct is that as you enter and leave Foundry Square the road passes under it twice.

