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Owth oberi gans tiogow rag skoodhya an tirwedh Pennwydh

Working with farmers to support the Penwith landscape

Welcome to another newsletter from the Penwith Landscape Partnership (PLP). In this newsletter we are focusing on our work with farmers.

Five of the thirteen projects that form the **First and Last- Our Living Working Landscape** programme of work involve working with and supporting farmers, and work on these has begun. The five projects are:

- **Dreheviansow y'n Tirwedh Buildings in the Landscape** (Project 3.1) seeks to support farmers who wish to convert redundant farm buildings in Penwith, ensuring these heritage features remain part of our landscape and provide beneficial economic impact to the farmer. The scope of the project is to assist farmers with the planning process and costs associated with this. If you have redundant buildings that you consider would align with the project please get in touch, as our contractor James will be undertaking initial assessments of potential schemes over the next few months, that the project will help to support and fund. If you are interested please contact james@evansplanning.co.uk
- **Bargednyow-Tir y'n Termyn a-dheu Farming Futures** (Project 3.2) aims to work with farmers to develop sustainable farming practices for both livestock farming and horticulture, through the creation of demonstration farms and providing advice, training and support. A contractor has begun work on the livestock aspect of this project, with the horticultural work expected to begin soon.



Events

We have the following free events coming up. If you would like to register or learn more please visit www.penwithlandscape.com/events or ring 01736 805300.

- 23rd (10am-4pm) and 30th August (4pm-8pm)- **Photography for Beginners** (Sancreed) This 2 part workshop will train attendees in how to capture photographs of the Penwith landscape and wildlife. Spaces are limited and priority will be given to volunteers who can attend both parts of the course.
- 26th September- **Interactive Training Day in Herbal Leys** (9.30am-4.30pm). A workshop for Penwith farmers on the principle and practice of herbal leys on farmland.
- Every Tues- **Archaeological Surveying** (various locations, 9.45am-3pm) Join our volunteers in surveying unique ancient sites in Penwith. Training, equipment and refreshments are supplied.
- Every Weds and Thurs – **Volunteer Days** (various locations 9.45am-3pm). Join our regular volunteer days undertaking a range of tasks from footpath improvement to Cornish hedging. Training, tools and refreshments supplied.

Working with farmers continued

- **Pennwydh Gwyls Wild Penwith** (Project 3.3) aims to work with farmers to encourage farming practices that support the biodiversity of Penwith. We have begun this by offering free soil and water testing to farmers, supporting applications for Countryside Stewardship, and offering small grants to farmers to allow them to carry out work that will support both their farm and the Penwith landscape.
- **Keow Pennwydh Penwith Hedges** (Project 3.4) aims to raise awareness of the Cornish hedges which are a key feature of the Penwith landscape, and to train farmers and volunteers to repair and restore these for generations to come. We have already held several volunteer days repairing Cornish hedges- supporting both local farmers and these historic boundaries. **We can supply free training on Cornish hedging- if you are interested please get in touch.**
- **An Gonyow Bys Vykken Up with the Downs** (Project 3.5) aims to support the farming community in the care of common land in Penwith, such as the downs and moors. There are many aspects to this work; in the first instance we are planning to remove invasive rhododendron from around Mulfra- if you need help or advice with managing downs or moors please get in touch.



Our work with farmers is being led by James, our Ecologist, and Phil, our Farm Environment Officer, with the support of the Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Farm Cornwall.

A new way of registering for events

The PLP have many exciting events coming up (please see the box on the front page for details). If you would like to register for an event you can now do so online by visiting www.penwithlandscape.com/events - you can then use our calendar or map to browse events. Clicking on the title of the event you are interested in will bring up more information and an online registration form.

Who is on the Partnership

Members of the Penwith Landscape Partnership board are:

Bolitho Estates
Cornwall Ancient Sites Protection Network (CASPN)
Cornwall Archaeological Society
Cornwall AONB
Cornwall Councillors representing four Penwith wards
Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Farm Cornwall
Farming representatives
National Trust
Penwith Access and Rights of Way (PAROW)
Penwith Community Development Trust

Save Penwith Moors
Spider Eye Animation
St Aubyn Estates
Towednack Parish Council
Zennor Parish Council

Chaired by Cllr Jim McKenna

Advisors to the board include:

Natural England, Cornwall Council Historic Environment Service and Cornwall Rural Community Charity

If you would like to keep in touch with our work please contact us to sign up to this newsletter.

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