



Cornwall National Landscape

Minutes of Cornwall National Landscape Partnership Meeting
Monday 20th May 2024, 10am – 11am, Trevithick Room, ESI, University of Exeter, Penryn Campus

In attendance:

Partnership Members:

Gill Pipkin	(outgoing) Chairperson, Cornwall National Landscape Partnership
Peter Lefort	(incoming) Chairperson, Cornwall National Landscape Partnership
Martyn Alvey	Cornwall Councillor
Jennifer Cruse	Cornwall Councillor
David Baker	University of Exeter/ESI
Justin Whitehouse	National Trust
Emma Philip	National Trust
Sally Weston	Cornish Mining World Heritage Site
Lesley Strong	Cornish Mining World Heritage Site
Katherine Nissen	Cornwall Rural Community Charity (CRCC)
Zoe Smith	Westcountry Rivers Trust
Lucia Grimm	Westcountry Rivers Trust
Lisa Goodall	Environment Agency
Aletha Mays	South West Coast Path Association
Ed Humber	NFU (joined online)
Emma Rosenfeld	ERCCIS (joined online)
Jonathon Jones	Cornwall Agri-food Council (joined online)
Bev Wilson	Inclusion Cornwall
Andrea Gilbert	Inclusion Cornwall
Greg Borne	Falmouth University
Duncan Anderson Margetts	CLA (joined online)
Cathy Woolcock	Cornwall Heritage Trust
Joshua Bennett	Forestry Commission
Richard Hollis	FWAG SW

Supporting Officers:


Dan Cooke	Cornwall Council, Protected and Historic Landscapes Manager
Philippa Hoskin	Cornwall Council, Environmental Growth & Nature Recovery Manager
Natasha Howard	Cornwall Council, Public Health (joined online)
Hugh St Aubyn	Cornwall AONB Trust (observer)
Ann Reynolds	Cornwall Council Historic Environment Service (joined online)
Emma Browning	Cornwall National Landscape Partnership Manager
Melodie Manners	Cornwall National Landscape Business Development Officer
Coralie Barrow	Cornwall National Landscape Project Development Officer
Jim Wood	Cornwall National Landscape Planning Officer
Louise Barattini	Cornwall National Landscape Planning Officer
Karen Johns	Cornwall National Landscape Office and Finance Manager
Amy McElhinney	Cornwall National Landscape Monumental Improvement Project Manager
Iain Rowe	Cornwall National Landscape Monumental Improvement Project Activities Officer
James Richards	Cornwall National Landscape, Monumental Improvements Admin Officer (Comms)

Linus Firth	Cornwall National Landscape Monumental Improvements Archaeology Assistant
Sean O'Hea	Farming in Protected Landscapes, Farm Engagement Officer
Richard Morris	Farming in Protected Landscapes Farm Advisor
Iwona Brooks	Farming in Protected Landscapes Admin Officer
Claire Brooks	Farming in Protected Landscapes Support Officer
Emma Jeffery	Farming in Protected Landscapes Admin Officer

Apologies:

Cheryl Marriott	Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Julian Gray	South West Coast Path Assn
Kate Ewert	Cornwall Councillor
Gemma Finnegan	Cornwall Rural Community Charity
Sarah Mason	Cornwall Assn of Local Councils (CALC)
Ann Preston-Jones	Historic England
Matthew Odgers-Brown	Forestry Commission
James Fry	Forestry Commission
Malcolm Bell	Visit Cornwall
Mark Holmes	Cornwall Council, Head of Environmental Partnerships & Climate Change
Gwyn Williams	Cornwall Council, Public Health
Hannah Harris	Cornwall Council, Principal Transport Officer, Environment & Connectivity
Louise Wood	Cornwall Council, Planning & Housing Service Director
Rob Lacey	Cornwall Council, Planning Policy
Ellie Inglis-Woolcock	Cornwall Council, Planning
Hayley Jewels	Cornwall Council, Planning
Davina Pritchard	Cornwall Council, Planning

		Action(s)
1	Welcome and check in – everyone was welcomed to the meeting including those joining via online TEAMS.	
2	<p>Introductions and Apologies and official handover of Chairperson – Gill welcomed Peter Lefort and formally handed over the Chairperson role to him. Gill thanked everyone for making the Chairperson role so enjoyable during the past 6 years. Everyone thanked Gill for all her help, support and commitment with the Partnership. Gill left the meeting and Peter chaired the meeting from this point.</p> <p>This was a short 1 hour Partnership meeting, with Partners then being joined by ESI/University of Exeter faculties staff from 11am until 4pm for a joint networking event. The programme of the day was a series of presentations from Cornwall National Landscape partner representatives and University of Exeter/ESI faculty specialists, as an opportunity to info share work, activities, initiatives they are involved in for potential future joint working and networking. The Programme of the Day will be circulated with these minutes, together with copies of all presentations which includes email contacts of all presenters so partners can follow up links and networking opportunities.</p>	
3	Minutes of last meeting (9 Oct 2023) – agreed as a true and accurate record. All actions had been undertaken.	

4	<p>Round Table update</p> <p>Partners were asked to briefly update on their work within the Cornwall National Landscape related to Management Plan actions. To save time, some partners did not give an update if it was already due to be covered in the presentations that followed this meeting as part of the joint Event Day.</p>	
	<p>Aletha Mays, SWCP – King Charles III England Coast Path National Trail is under development and after many years Government announced recently that this National Trail will be ‘walkable’ by the end of the year. The challenge in the SW is to ensure that in the rush to finalise the England Coast Path, the opportunities are not lost to improve coastal access and the coastal experience of the Trail. SWCP team are working with Cornwall Council and others to organise and run events.</p>	
	<p>Ann Reynolds, CC Strategic Historic Environment – mentioned Heritage at Risk tool – mapping coastal change and inland flooding. Filming planned with Kerdroya end May 2024.</p> <p>Been lobbying the National Rural Lead on FiPL Historic Buildings Restoration Grant – regarding farm buildings and the intervention rate – suggesting 100% funding would be very beneficial to encourage take up of the Grant.</p> <p>Events being organised with Cornwall Heritage Trust and Cornwall National Landscape Team.</p>	
	<p>Natasha Howard, CC Public Health – Tick Awareness – there is an infographic and information on tick awareness and Partners asked to onward share and promote through their contacts/networks, comms, social media etc: What is Lyme disease and why do we need to be tick-aware? – UK Health Security Agency (blog.gov.uk)</p>  <p>Video for a website: Don't let ticks & the potential risk of #LymeDisease stop you from enjoying the outdoors for more information visit: Tick Bite Awareness</p> <p>Poster to print and display – can be printed from here: Tick awareness poster (publishing.service.gov.uk)</p>	

	<p>Cornwall Active Travel Challenge in June – get people thinking about how they travel, sharing journeys, public transport and also info for home-workers. Partners can find out more and share this to their colleagues/networks/via comms: https://cornwall.getmeactive.org.uk/</p> <p>Green Social Prescribing toolkit: https://socialprescribingacademy.org.uk/media/3ozd3tv2/nhs-green-social-prescribing-toolkit.pdf</p> <p>➤ ACTION 01: Partners asked to onward share the Tick Awareness, Cornwall Active Travel Challenge and Green Social Prescribing toolkit info and links</p>	All Partners
	<p>Emma Rosenfeld, ERCCIS – biological records conference held recently, went really well and good attendance. Ancient Woodland inventory project with Natural England is developing.</p>	
	<p>Cllr Cruse – Dark Skies week – recently attended an event on Bodmin Moor, format was changed to be held indoors due to inclement weather but well attended and interesting informative event organised and delivered by the Cornwall National Landscape Monumental Improvement Project team.</p> <p>Greg Borne – Falmouth University – new Partner, just joined the Partnership looking forward to working with partners.</p> <p>Justin Whitehouse, National Trust – Cornwall Meadows Project seed collection and sowing and looking forward to seeing results of this in the summer. National Trust Tree Planting Project, is a national project to plant more trees by 2030 – target is 4million trees for the SW and right tree, right place and momentum is increasing to work to achieve this ambition.</p> <p>Dan Cooke, CC Environmental Partnerships and Climate Change – a business/service plan will be published soon, setting out priorities and how it all fits together. Mount Edgcombe Country Park, new management plan just out for consultation – looking at links and learning from Cornwall National Landscape and Tamar Valley National Landscape</p> <p>Zoe Smith, WRT – new project for farmers in Camel Catchment, modelled on upstream thinking approach; natural flood management projects for flood resilience – 6 sites across Cornwall including Mousehole and Mevagissey to demonstrate flood management to show the possibilities.</p> <p>Jim Wood, Planning Officer, Cornwall National Landscape team – reiterated the information in Item 5 Projects and Planning update report: we welcome the change to the Section 85 (CRoW Act) duty on relevant authorities with regard to the designated landscape. Section 245 (Protected Landscapes) of the Levelling Up and Regeneration Act 2023 now places a duty on relevant authorities (which includes local authorities) in exercising or performing any functions in relation to, or so as to affect, land in a National Park, the Broads or an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in England, to seek to further the statutory purposes of the area. This duty also applies to proposals outside the designated area but impacting on its natural beauty. We await guidance from Natural England on the full implications of this change and have provided responses to them in this regard. We are optimistic this will have the effect of reinforcing the protection afforded to the designated landscape.</p>	

	<p>Hugh St Aubyn, Cornwall National Landscape Trust - has been updating its business plan. 3 new Trustees have joined. In response to the National Landscape rebrand, the Trust will now change its name to Cornwall National Landscape Trust after initially keeping it as AONB Trust for the interim.</p> <p>Cathy Woolcock, Cornwall Heritage Trust – higher level stewardship at Caer Bran in place and going ahead with school visits planned; Sancreed Beacon fencing works with challenge of ponies escaping! Youth Rangers Scheme has been launched. West Penwith Conservation Clearance group going well and a legacy of Penwith Landscape Partnership (PLP). Also working with CREST (Cornwall Rural Education & Skills Trust) to help deliver a programme of Cornish Hedge training and awareness raising of the importance of the Cornish hedges in the landscape.</p> <p>Bev Wilson and Andrea Gilbert, Inclusion Cornwall – Sensory Walks taking place including at Coverack and in St Just.</p> <p>Sally Weston, World Heritage Site – hosting the Annual Conference in Cornwall in Oct. Theme is around the benefits and opportunity of WHS status and the longer term of helping to maintain it. Attended CWT Strategy launch meeting, and will be presenting to their team on any overlaps and duplication and joint working opportunities where the areas overlap.</p>	
	<p>Joshua Bennett, Forestry Commission – there is a Woodland Carbon Code but there is also a new Woodland Water Code trialling at the moment until Sept and will then be rolled out.</p> <p>➤ ACTION 02: Partners to let Joshua Bennett, Forestry Commission joshua.bennett@forestrycommission.gov.uk know of any areas/projects relevant to the new Woodland Water Code currently being trialled</p>	All Partners
	<p>Richard Hollis, FWAG – Farmland Bird Project was really successful and has now finished. Working with Forest for Cornwall on agro-forestry and working with farmers on Future Farm Resilience.</p> <p>Lisa Goodall, Environment Agency – mentioned natural flood management in Mevagissey and Mousehole. Red River catchment, looking at feasibility to do something there. Also on the Lizard doing some feasibility work.</p> <p>Jonathon Jones, Cornwall Agri-food Council – working on the Tree Map initiative. Tregothnan is very active with work around the River Fal and Partners are welcome to come along and visit if not familiar with the work taking place there.</p>	
5	<p>Cornwall National Landscape Team Projects and Planning Update A briefing paper had been circulated with the agenda papers for partners to read in advance, with an opportunity to ask any questions/further info at the meeting.</p> <p>5.1 Emma – Partnership Manager & Business update – Emma reported that she had some very good news to share from Defra received last week (w/c 13th May) that Defra will provide FiPL funding for a further 6 months to 30 Sept 2025 which means maintaining the current FiPL team to enable wrap up of FiPL claims, KPI evaluation etc. There is also hope that FiPL will be part of ELMs and discussions ongoing but nothing firmed up on this yet.</p>	

	<p>Royal Cornwall Show – the team will be there in the Forestry tent in the Woodlands Area and CWT will be joining the team this year on their stand. 12 Stories for 12 Sections book which was launched back in March, will be available to buy at the stand. Monumental Improvement team will be raising awareness of their project work and have hands-on activities for visitors to the stand.</p> <p>The FiPL team will be exhibiting in the new Regenerative Farming Hub with the Local Nature Partnership and Nature Recovery team. It will be an opportunity to talk to farmers and landowners including farmer beneficiaries to thank them for taking up the FiPL grant.</p>	
	<p>5.2 Melodie - Comms and Projects – the old Cornwall AONB website is no longer available, and partners were reminded to please use the new website and arrange to refresh any existing web links to https://cornwall-landscape.org/</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ACTION 03: Partners to please share new Cornwall National Landscape website address with their colleagues, contacts and networks: https://cornwall-landscape.org/ and arrange with colleagues to update any existing links on their websites 	All Partners
	<p>5.3 Coralie – Projects – Coralie reminded partners of the Access For All project funding opportunity that is available from Defra, being administered by the Cornwall National Landscape team. 8 July 2024 is deadline for EOIs and all spend to be made and claimed by 28 Feb 2025.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ACTION 04: Partners to submit EOIs for potential project ideas for the Access for All funding to Coralie.Barrow@cornwall.gov.uk by 8 July 2024 	All Partners
	<p>5.4 Amy - Monumental Improvements Project – in partnership with National Trust, there are excavation works taking place at Chapel Porth Chapel in the next two weeks.</p>	
	<p>5.5 Sean - Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) – no further update</p>	
	<p>5.6 Jim and Louise – Planning – no further update</p>	
6	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>6.1 Climate Commission – Peter Lefort provided information on the Climate Commission. A small development group from across Cornwall and Isles of Scilly has been working on this. Climate Commissioners are being appointed, it will be a body that can bring a collective vision across Cornwall and Isles of Scilly. Martyn Alvey is involved in its development. A Chair is being appointed and this will be announced soon.</p>	
7	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <p>UPDATE: now being held on Tuesday 10th Sept 2024 (re-arranged from 2nd July) at The Barn, National Trust, Trelissick, Feock, near Truro, TR3 6QL. All day in-person event in the Cornwall National Landscape (Section 09).</p> <p>0930 - 11.30 Cornwall National Landscape Partnership Meeting 11.30 - 15:00 Protected & Historic Landscapes joint networking meeting in collaboration with the Cornwall Council Historic Environment Team and Heritage Board.</p> <p>Agenda and further details to follow.</p>	All