



Cornwall National Landscape

Minutes of Cornwall National Landscape Partnership Meeting
Tuesday 10th September 2024, 9.30am – 11am, The Barn, Trelissick, Feock, Nr Truro

In attendance:

Partnership Members:

Peter Lefort	Chairperson, Cornwall National Landscape Partnership
Martyn Alvey	Cornwall Councillor
Lucia Grimm	Westcountry Rivers Trust
Lisa Goodall	Environment Agency
Julian Gray	South West Coast Path Association
Bev Wilson	Inclusion Cornwall
Andrea Gilbert	Inclusion Cornwall
Cathy Woolcock	Cornwall Heritage Trust
Ian Marsh	National Trust, Assistant Director Operations, South West
Justin Whitehouse	National Trust, General Manager, Lizard & Penrose
Matthew Odgers-Brown	Forestry Commission
Greg Borne	Falmouth University
Nigel Gooding	Falmouth University

Supporting Officers:

Ann Reynolds	Cornwall Council Strategic Historic Environment
Natasha Howard	Cornwall Council, Public Health
Hugh St Aubyn	Cornwall National Landscape (AONB) Trust (observer)
Emma Browning	Cornwall National Landscape Partnership Manager
Melodie Manners	Cornwall National Landscape Business Development Officer
Lizzy Masterton	Cornwall National Landscape Project Support Coordinator
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
Linus Firth	Cornwall National Landscape Monumental Improvements Archaeology Assistant
James Richards	Cornwall National Landscape, Monumental Improvements Admin Officer (Comms)
Sean O'Hea	Cornwall National Landscape 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 Project Support Coordinator
Emma Jeffery	Farming in Protected Landscapes Admin Officer

Apologies:

Katherine Nissen	Cornwall Rural Community Charity
Gemma Finnegan	Cornwall Rural Community Charity
Aletha Mays	South West Coast Path Association
Lorna Sherriff	South West Coast Path Association
Richard Davies	Cornwall Association of Local Councils (CALC)
James Mason	Forestry Commission
Duncan Anderson Margetts	Country Land & Business Assn (CLA)
Zoe Smith	Westcountry Rivers Trust
Malcolm Bell	Visit Cornwall
Cheryl Marriott	Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Emma Rosenfeld	ERCCIS
Nick Russell	Historic England
Rosie Byford	Historic England
Laura Holmes	Historic England
Sally Weston	Cornish Mining World Heritage Site
Lesley Strong	Cornish Mining World Heritage Site
David Baker	University of Exeter/ESI
Ben Gallant	NFU
Jennifer Cruse	Cornwall Councillor
Jonathon Jones	Cornwall Agri-food Council
Richard Hollis	Farming & Wildlife Advisory Group (FWAG SW)
David Marshall	Natural England
Gwyn Williams	Cornwall Council, Public Health
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
Tamsin Daniel	Cornwall Council, Protected & Historic Landscapes Manager
Mark Holmes	Cornwall Council, Head of Environmental Partnerships & Climate Change
Hannah Harris	Cornwall Council, Principal Transport Officer, Environment & Connectivity

		Action(s)
1	Hello and Welcome – The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Introductions and Apologies – everyone introduced themselves. Please see list of Apologies above.	
3	Minutes of last meeting (20 May 2024) – agreed as a true and accurate record. All actions had been undertaken.	
4	<p>Welcome and Update from National Trust as hosts – Ian Marsh, Assistant Director Operations and Justin Whitehouse, General Manager Lizard and Penrose, gave a presentation which outlined the work of National Trust in Cornwall. 10,000ha of National Trust land in Cornwall. Over 90% of NT land in Cornwall is in the Cornwall National Landscape.</p> <p>2015 10 year National Trust strategy which set 4 ambitious objectives for Land and Nature to be delivered before 2025.</p>	

	Several infrastructure projects at Trelissick are being looked at, which includes car parking, walled garden, stable block and access improvements. There are projects to address climate change such as at Boscastle for example. Habitat creation and tree planting taking place throughout Cornwall.	
5	Round Table update Partners were asked to briefly update on their work within the Cornwall National Landscape including any related to Management Plan actions.	
	Greg Borne, Falmouth University – recently signed the Partnership Agreement with Cornwall National Landscape and work is now commencing on establishing ways of partnership working with Cornwall National Landscape.	
	Nigel Gooding, Falmouth University – is starting his PhD Research in relation to Cornwall National Landscape later in September, so it was a good opportunity to attend the Partnership meeting.	
	Lisa Goodall, Environment Agency – current focus is on regulation of water companies and waiting to see what comes out of the new Government for funding streams.	
	Martyn Alvey, Cornwall Council – Local Nature Recovery Strategy is going out for consultation towards end of the year, partners encouraged to make comments both on behalf of their organisations and personally.	
	<p>Matthew Odgers-Brown, Forestry Commission - Woodland Condition Assessment is being rolled out in an App which will be used for Landscape Recovery Schemes and Biodiversity Net Gain. Training is also being delivered on the new Assessment.</p> <p>Land App – English Woodland Creation layers are now embedded in that.</p> <p>A new Deer Officer in post in the SW. 2 Agro-forestry Officers also in post.</p> <p>Supporting Woodland Creation within the Cornwall National Landscape and also been supporting the work of the SW Peatland Partnership.</p> <p>Woodland Officers and Cornwall National Landscape Planning Officers are due to meet in October to discuss trees and woodland creation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ ACTION 01: Justin Whitehouse, National Trust is keen to collaborate with Forestry Commission and Cornwall National Landscape team. Matthew and Justin will discuss further ➤ ACTION 02: Landscape Recovery schemes – Matthew Odgers-Brown is interested in knowing of prospective schemes that partners are working up/know of – please email matthew.odgers-brown@forestrycommission.gov.uk 	<p>M Odgers-Brown/J Whitehouse</p> <p>All Partners</p>
	<p>Andrea Gilbert, Inclusion Cornwall – Andrea has been recently elected on the new Climate Commission which has been newly established.</p> <p>Bev Wilson, Inclusion Cornwall – several sensory walks have been organised. Now working with iSightCornwall to organise and deliver a walk.</p>	

	<p>Cathy Woolcock, Cornwall Heritage Trust – successful Awenek Cornish Heritage Festival was held at Heligan last weekend, well attended by around 1500 people. The Cornwall National Landscape team had a stand at the Festival, engaging with many visitors during the day.</p> <p>Other activities that Cornwall Heritage Trust have been undertaking include bracken clearance, social media posting, 'Spend a Penny' project funded through Cornwall National Landscape Access For All funding for a mobile toilet which can be taken to various Cornwall Heritage Trust sites and events. 40th anniversary next year so will be planning for that.</p> <p>➤ ACTION 03: Cornwall Heritage Trust received Shared Prosperity Funding for a minibus - available for partners to use – contact cathy@cornwallheritagetrust.org.uk if interested.</p>	All Partners
	<p>Julian Gray, South West Coast Path Association – whole of SWCP in partnership with National Trails UK, a scoping project using the England Coast Path, making it better for nature. Looking at barriers to farmers and landowners to make the SWCP broader and wilder. 2 years into the Coast Path Connectors project which is going really well – getting people out walking in nature. 300 volunteer days including training for volunteers.</p> <p>England Coast Path – £1m coming into Cornwall – route will be finished in March 2025.</p>	
	<p>Hugh St Aubyn, Cornwall AONB Trust – relaunch of the Trust continues, helped by new Trustees. Relaunch of business supporters scheme is being looked into. Working with photography students who will help with the rebrand. New legacy offer will be launched on the website on how people can leave a gift in their will to the Trust. ELF Grants will be re-started, awarding £500 towards projects which align with the purposes of the Trust and Cornwall National Landscape.</p>	
	<p>Natasha Howard, Cornwall Council Public Health – Public Health are now a consultee on planning applications over 150 dwellings which will include responding on modifications for improved health and wellbeing based on spatial planning for health evidence review – this includes on the natural environment, access to green space. Also comment on all Neighbourhood Development Plans. Working with Rob Lacey in Cornwall Council planning on a response to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation which is currently out.</p> <p>Public Health (PH) has signed a MOU between Planning & Housing, Regulatory Services and PH on how they will work together on the essential building blocks of health like housing, natural environment (green infrastructure, AT etc)</p> <p>➤ ACTION 04: Offer to partners, any initiatives engaging people in green space / wellbeing please contact natasha.howard@cornwall.gov.uk for advice, support etc.</p>	All Partners
	<p>Ann Reynolds, Cornwall Council Historic Environment – refresh of Heritage Strategy continues. HARIT (Heritage Asset Risk Inspection Tool) is being launched soon. Working with FiPL and MI teams. Working on the Mount Edgecombe Country Park Management Plan at Rame Head.</p> <p>Trevone/Padstow area – several events in early Oct coming up to talk about storm wash remains in Cornwall. This follows the human remains that were found in November 2022 on the coast path near Trevone, which are thought to be that of an 18th century shipwrecked sailor. Storytelling of 'Cliff', sea shanties, and a memorial are all being</p>	

	planned in collaboration with Cornwall National Landscape team, the RNLI and others to raise awareness of storm wash remains. This will be a ticketed event, further details to follow.	
	Lucia Grimm, Westcountry Rivers Trust – working in Bodmin Moor and Camel Estuary sections for Upstream Thinking. Working in Mevagissey looking at flooding and working with farmers to do a baseline assessment to look at possible interventions.	
	Working with Farm Carbon Toolkit on farms. Open Day in Exeter coming up. 30 th Anniversary WRT this year. ➤ ACTION 05: 25th Sept 2024 Science Evening – contact Lucia, Westcountry Rivers Trust for more info luciagrimm@wrt.org.uk	All Partners
	Cornwall Climate Adaptation - Peter Lefort asked if partners have been involved in the Risk Assessment workshops that have been taking place – landscape is one of the sectors being looked at. ➤ ACTION 06: Peter Lefort will find out more on the Cornwall Climate Adaptation and workshops taking place and report back to the Partnership. Emma updated that the next Management Plan Review will need to include a Climate Adaptation plan, important for us to be engaging in the workshops	Peter Lefort
6	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. 6.1 Emma – Partnership Manager & Business update – there is now a ‘dashboard’ on first page of briefing paper with hyperlinks to help navigate and read the lengthy briefing paper. ➤ ACTION 07: Feedback from partners is welcomed on whether the first page ‘dashboard’ with hyperlinks is useful to help partners read all the information in the briefing paper – email karen.johns@cornwall.gov.uk with any comments/suggestions The additional Defra Revenue Uplift funding this year has enabled the team to bring in new job roles which includes the appointment of 2 Project Support Coordinators and a Planning officer until March 25. ➤ ACTION 08: more 1-1 meetings with partners would be useful, contact Emma.Browning@cornwal.gov.uk if you’re interested.	All Partners All Partners
	6.2 Melodie - Comms and Projects – Cision is a journalist database resource which the team has paid for this year. Partners are welcome to use this platform. Very useful for monitoring media stats – contact the team if interested. 12 Oct – ‘Cliff’ at Trevone – an event in the evening. A story has been created focussed on the storm wash human remains found in Nov 2022 (see Ann Reynolds update above). The event will include sea shanties. Partners welcome to attend and the link to book tickets will be circulated soon.	
	6.3 Coralie – Projects – Heritage Lottery Landscape Connections – Coralie updated on this funding opportunity and the team have a meeting in October with NLHF and will be in	

	<p>touch with all Partners soon. Julian, SWCP highlighted this fund and would be keen to discuss.</p> <p>Coralie reminded partners of the Access For All project funding opportunity that is available from Defra, being administered by the Cornwall National Landscape team. Round 2 application window is now open – all project spend to be made and claimed by 28 Feb 2025.</p> <p>➤ ACTION 09: Partners to submit EOIs for potential project ideas for the Access for All funding to Coralie.Barrow@cornwall.gov.uk by 1st Oct 2024.</p>	All Partners
	<p>6.4 Amy - Monumental Improvements Project – Kynance Gate conservation repairs and installing new signage this week (11 – 13 Sept) with volunteering opportunities.</p>	
	<p>6.5 Sean - Farming in Protected Landscapes (FiPL) – still approving grants although new EOI applications have closed as grant programme fully subscribed. Total 101 projects have been approved. Bodmin Moor Hill farming project which mirrors similar Dartmoor National Park project - the FiPL team are spending time working up the Bodmin Moor project, contacting all stakeholders working on Bodmin Moor.</p> <p>➤ ACTION 10: Partners to let Sean know if they know of any quick turnaround projects, purchase of equipment etc, that could be ready if FiPL funding becomes available at short notice due to any underspend on existing approved FiPL projects: email sean.ohea@cornwall.gov.uk</p>	All Partners
	<p>6.6 Jim and Louise – Planning – mentioned the Seascape Assessment work that is due to take place following the recent seaweed farm applications and marine license proposals.</p>	
7	<p>Short Workshop – ‘Engaging the Partnership’ Peter Lefort ran a short workshop, focussing on networking and social capital. Partners were asked to complete a quick survey as an evaluation exercise of the Partnership, it’s characteristics and the connections within them. Looking at the shared understanding of the Partnership, the level of trust amongst partners in regards to info-sharing, joint working and reciprocity – to give and receive value from the Partnership.</p> <p>➤ ACTION 11: ‘Engaging the Partnership’ - if you were not able to attend the meeting, please take 5 minutes to complete this survey from Peter Lefort, the Partnership Chair. It is to create a baseline understanding of the social capital within the Partnership, to help us understand how it is working.</p> <p>Survey: https://forms.gle/q4qQTPwLu2QhwKow6 - deadline 20 September 2024. (Word and PDF versions of the survey form emailed with these minutes in case anyone is not able to access the above survey link).</p> <p>For more on social capital, see Peter's slides from the meeting, circulated with these minutes.</p>	All Partners
8	<p>Any Other Business - none</p>	
9	<p>Date of next meeting – Wednesday 29 January 2025 – venue/further details to be confirmed.</p>	

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Art in the Landscape, Access for All – Unveiling of the Bench - in Year 2 (23-24) of the Defra Access for All funds, the Cornwall National Landscape team commissioned the Cornwall based, Thrussells metalwork artists, to produce an interpretative art piece to engage people with the landscape. The commission, a beautiful ‘travelling bench’ was unveiled to partners at the meeting. This is a new asset for the Cornwall National Landscape team and all partners to use. Made from copper and galvanised steel, it can be flat-packed to transport to events and travel around the 12 sections of the landscape. It incorporates myths and legends, iconic landmarks and wildlife, surrounding an interactive 3D-map of Cornwall and a detailed textured representation of the Cornish hedge.

Photo: showing back of the bench (photo doesn't really do it justice, it's even more stunning in real life!)

