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## Hwath owth oberi rag Tirwedh Pennwydh ha ni yn-dann alhwedh

# Still working for the Penwith landscape during lockdown

### Welcome to another newsletter from the Penwith Landscape Partnership (PLP)

Since our previous newsletter, the CV-19 pandemic and lockdown has had a massive impact on everyone, including the PLP team. In line with government guidelines, all our events and volunteer days have been cancelled until at least the end of May (and quite possibly beyond). The team office in St Just is also closed, with the PLP team now all working from home. However, the PLP team are still working hard to care for and support the Penwith landscape, and managing the aspect of their project which can continue. This includes:



- Extra content on social media, including tastes of Kernewek (Cornish), snippets of folklore, and tips on identifying Penwith flowers and lichens - search for us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to join in.
- We've launched a YouTube channel, with lots of videos with ideas of things to do while we're under lockdown. Head to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for Penwith Landscape Partnership to find our channel
- We're updating and adding new content to our website, including regular blog posts - visit [www.penwithlandscape.com](http://www.penwithlandscape.com) regularly to see what's being added.
- We're planning a virtual Bioblitz for Penwith - see p2 for details!
- Our team are processing and supporting applications to the PLP grant pot, and are still available to give advice to farmers and landowners (whilst following all Government Guidance). We are particularly keen to hear from anyone interested in having our help with making a Mid-Tier Stewardship application by the 31<sup>st</sup> July deadline.
- Our Buildings in the Landscape project, helping landowners restore buildings of historic interest to the Penwith landscape is still running. Those that are interested are urged to get in contact with James Evans by emailing [james@evansplanning.co.uk](mailto:james@evansplanning.co.uk) or ringing 07763 007794.
- We're still engaging with our volunteers through regular contact and suggested activities. They will be the first to know when our volunteer sessions resume. To find out more about volunteering visit [www.penwithlandscape.com/volunteer](http://www.penwithlandscape.com/volunteer)

To stay up to date with our news read our blog at [www.penwithlandscape.com/blog](http://www.penwithlandscape.com/blog), or follow us on social media.

## Events

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

- 15<sup>th</sup> May – **Virtual Garden Bioblitz**. We're inviting Penwith residents to identify the wildlife in their gardens, to help improve our knowledge of Penwith's biodiversity. See p2 for details.
- 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 – **Butterfly Identification Workshop**. A workshop for those who wish to be able to identify and record the butterfly species of Penwith. (NB this workshop is still scheduled to take place but may be cancelled due to CV-19 restrictions.)

# Join us for our first Virtual Bioblitz on 15<sup>th</sup> May

On Friday 15th May the Penwith Landscape Partnership will be holding its first Annual Bioblitz. A Bioblitz is a 24 hour wildlife survey, normally carried out on a single site, with the aim of identifying and recording as many species as possible. As we are under lockdown conditions we are invoking the 'Bioblitz Spirit' and making it a Virtual Garden Bioblitz that everyone in Penwith is invited to take part in!



We encourage everyone to go out into their gardens and to make a list of every species they can identify. The PLP team and local experts will be on hand via our social media channels to help identify any species you are finding tricky - it could be flowers, birds, insects, lichens, or anything else! You can share posts directly to our social media, or create posts using the hashtag #Penwithbioblitz.

The idea of a Bioblitz is to create as many wildlife records as possible, which can then be used by conservation organisations to help them in their work. We will make sure all the records go to the Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (ERCCIS). Before we start we will point you towards useful identification sources and explain how wildlife recording works.

So, we'd like as many people as possible to take part! It doesn't matter if you have the tiniest garden, or even a window box, there's sure to be something through the day that can be added. And please get your family and friends joining in too!

To join in the fun make sure you follow us on at least one of our social media channels - you can find us at:

- Facebook - [www.facebook.com/PenwithLandscapePartnership](https://www.facebook.com/PenwithLandscapePartnership)
- Twitter - <https://twitter.com/PenwithLP>
- Instagram - [www.instagram.com/penwithlandscapepartnership](https://www.instagram.com/penwithlandscapepartnership)
- YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCa8fjSSFbmcGcosnRY4R68w>

## 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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