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# Seeing the Landscape – Get inspired by Penwith

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

The Penwith landscape has inspired artists for countless generations, and our Seeing the Landscape project aims to continue and celebrate this by encouraging everyone to see the landscape through new eyes, and allow it to inspire them. Since the project began in 2020 we have seen children from Mousehole School share photographs they have taken and say why the landscape is important to them; local artists walk through the historic landscape and exhibit the wonderful artworks created as a result; and families getting stuck in with paint, prints and weaving to create their own landscape inspired art. Our art contests also encouraged budding photographers, artists and authors to get inspired by Penwith; and last November photographs by residents and visitors alike formed a pop-up display over a weekend in St Just.



An important aim of Seeing the Landscape was to share the results of this work, and as such we're thrilled that this summer we are holding an exhibition in the Miner's Chapel in St Just. Against the backdrop of this historic building, the work of artists Amanda Richardson and Sara Bevan recording a year of a Cornish Hedge will form the heart of a display that will also share artworks created during all aspects of the project. The exhibition will be held 16<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August and have free entry. More details will be shared on our website at [www.penwithlandscape.com](http://www.penwithlandscape.com).

We hope the exhibition will encourage everyone to engage with and celebrate Penwith in their own way! And it's not the only activity we will be holding this summer – on 30<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> of July we will be attending the St Buryan Rally, with lots of fun activities for all the family and opportunities to learn more about our work and Penwith. And don't miss our Penwith Circle Family Walks through the ancient landscape around the Mên-an-Tol – attendees receive their own magical map and book of clues to guide them through the landscape, and each of the walks have a slightly different focus such as wildlife or folklore. These will be held in August and as such are a perfect summer holiday activity! We'll share the dates on our events page and social media as soon as they're confirmed. And remember, if you'd rather get more hands on helping the Penwith landscape our regular volunteer sessions are also continuing.

All in all, there's a lot in Penwith to explore and celebrate – we hope you'll join us!

## Events

We have the following free events coming up. To learn more, more details will be added to [www.penwithlandscape.com/events](http://www.penwithlandscape.com/events) soon.

- 16<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> August 2022: **Seeing the Landscape – Perspectives on Penwith** – Visit our exhibition sharing artistic responses to Penwith – see above for more details.
- August 2022: **Penwith Circle Family Walks** through the Mên-an-Tol landscape. More details soon!

# Penwith Wildlife Recording Group

As you might have heard, over the past few months a new volunteering day has started at the PLP, running on a Friday. This group, known as the Penwith Wildlife Recording Group, came about for a number of reasons. One was that we have been thinking about how volunteers might contribute to protecting wildlife without joining in with a group carrying out more strenuous activities. Another was that we were running some wildlife identification courses for the volunteers that were popular and successful, but didn't necessarily contribute to our understanding of our wildlife in a meaningful way. So, the concept was to create a group in which the volunteers could learn new wildlife identification skills from experts, and then put these skills into practice. So far this has been working really well, and is proving highly popular, with about fifteen volunteers present at every session.



Another key idea is to base the sessions at three main sites, allowing a picture of the wildlife to be built up over the year, and the records created to then be submitted to ERCCIS, making a real positive contribution to conservation in Penwith. The sites the group have been focusing on are the Bartinney and Carn Glaze Cornwall Wildlife Trust reserves, The Cliff to Carn Wilding project area, and Sancreed Beacon and Tony's Wood. So far group sessions have included wildflowers, birds, insects and invertebrates; with planned future sessions on grasses, mosses and butterflies among many other things! Habitats that have had their biodiversity recorded include heaths and moors, sand dunes and Cornish hedges.



These sessions are fully subscribed at the moment, but if you would like to be added on to a waiting list for places please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Chandelle at [chandelle.randall@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk](mailto:chandelle.randall@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk)

## Who is on the Partnership?

### Members of the Penwith Landscape Partnership board are:

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Cornwall Archaeological Society  
Cornwall AONB  
Cornwall Councillors representing four Penwith wards  
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National Trust  
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St Aubyn Estates  
St Just Town Council  
Towednack Parish Council  
West Penwith Bridleway Association  
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Chaired by Cllr Jim McKenna

### Advisors to the board include:

NFU Cornwall, Natural England, Historic England and Cornwall Council Historic Environment Service

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

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