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Meras orth yn rag dhe hav bysi Looking ahead to a busy summer

Welcome to another newsletter from the Penwith Landscape Partnership (PLP). Over the recent months we have undertaken a large amount of vegetation clearance at access trails and ancient sites. In this newsletter we are looking ahead to our summer activities.

The coming of the summer months brings with it bird-nesting season, and as such we will not be undertaking vegetation clearance over the spring and early summer. However, we will have a range of other exciting activities for our volunteers to get involved with, including:

- Cornish hedge repairs.
- Installation of gates, stiles and upgrading of footpaths.
- Local Landscape Character Assessments – recording of landscape features.
- Light trimming of Ancient Sites vegetation.
- Archaeological recording.
- Wildlife identification training and surveys including birds, wildflowers, butterflies and dragonflies.
- Activities surrounding the collection, storing and scattering of wildflower seeds to increase the biodiversity of Penwith.
- Invasive species management including rhododendron.



If you would like to be involved then please get in touch!

Events

We have the following free events coming up. If you would like to register or learn more ring 01736 805300.

- 30th April (7pm on) and 8th June (10am-3.30pm) **Local Landscape Character Assessment Workshops, Ludgvan**- These two workshops will introduce to volunteers how to undertake Local Landscape Character Assessments.
- 15th May and 9th June- **Small Pearl Bordered Fritillary butterfly identification and recording workshop** (9.30am- 4.30pm) This workshop will give volunteers the ability to identify new colonies of this increasingly rare species. It will be held in St Just on 15th May and again in Zennor on 9th June.
- 11th June (6.30pm on) and 22nd June (10am-3.30pm) **Local Landscape Character Assessment Workshops, Zennor**- These two workshops will introduce to volunteers how to undertake Local Landscape Character Assessments.
- 26th-27th July- **Bog Dragonfly identification and recording** (St Just 9.30am-4.30pm). This 2 day workshop will train volunteers to identify and record the presence of the small red damselfly, and a handful of other dragonfly and damselflies in Penwith.
- 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.

Make a difference to your local landscape with That's Our Parish

Yth yw agan Pluw That's Our Parish (Project 1.2) aims to encourage Penwith residents to become more aware of their local heritage through supporting Local Landscape Character Assessments within eleven parishes of Penwith. To support this we will be offering a variety of training to volunteers on recording their local culture and history, as well as recording species and biodiversity.

Our programme of Local Landscape Character Assessments begins with Ludgvan, where we are offering introductory workshops on 30th April and 8th June- the evening session on the 30th introduces the process, while the day long workshop on 8th June introduces the practical skills- and those attending will also get a free pasty! Two similar workshops for Zennor will be held at Zennor Village Hall on 11th and 22nd June.

Training dates will soon be announced for Morvah, with other parishes following from this. For the latest news on training check our website at www.penwithlandscape.com or follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram.



Laura's return from maternity leave

We are pleased to say that our Ancient Penwith Project Officer, Laura Ratcliffe-Warren returns from maternity leave in late April. Jeanette Ratcliffe, who has done a great job covering for Laura while she has been on leave, will continue working for the team one day a week for two months, leading our archaeological survey days.

A warm welcome back to Laura- and a very big thank you to Jeanette!

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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