



## Ospreys Get Platformed!

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After a considerable amount of investigation, planning and working with some very supportive landowners we have started installing the first osprey nesting platforms following our hugely successful crowdfunding campaign.

The first platform was installed at a site very close to the Tamar Estuary and compliments a growing network of these structures in an area of ideal osprey habitat.

The nest is equipped with a 4G motion-activated camera allowing us to monitor any interest shown by passing ospreys on migration to and from their southern wintering grounds.

It's early days and no images of ospreys have been captured so far, but some jackdaws and a kestrel have been observed investigating the new structure.

We've been working closely with the [Devon Osprey Partnership](#) who have lots of experience installing and managing an ever-growing number of platforms on the opposite side of the Tamar and our plans are now to install a few more platforms further west, around the Fal Estuary and Helford river, early this autumn.

This is a long-term project with many overheads so we are open to sponsorship opportunities with local and national businesses.

If you're a business that might be interested in sponsoring an osprey platform, please [get in touch](#) to discuss.

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported the project so far!



We've recently received funding from Natural England to survey and remove American mink from the Lizard Peninsula and Goss Moor.

We're looking to work with local landowners and communities for this project so if you live locally and would like to get involved please [join our volunteer mailing list for updates](#).

The project will use newly developed smart traps that allow remote monitoring technology, improving animal welfare and vastly increasing efficiency.

As an invasive species, mink has been recognised as one of the key factors for the demise of water voles in Cornwall. Mink also negatively affects other wildlife, such as wildfowl, as well as domestic livestock.

Anecdotal it is believed that mink have declined in Cornwall but ensuring that these areas are mink-free will pave the way for more water vole reintroductions boosting their recovery across the county.

If you'd like to donate to either of our projects directly then you can do so via our website: [here for ospreys](#). [Here for water voles](#).

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## Volunteer at the Wildlife Garden

Work at the Wildlife Garden in Ponsanooth is moving into the next stage as we enter Autumn. Over the summer, we've been maintaining pathways and preventing certain invasive plants from dominating. But as we move into the cold months, we will be making more wholesale changes, establishing new pathways and borders, and planting trees.

Next up is the wildflower meadow, a challenge but not one we're shy of! We have been busy clearing the ground by cutting back the scrub and digging out brambles. Meanwhile, we've also been hand-collecting wildflower seeds locally. We've had advice on the project from incredibly helpful folks at the Eden Project Wildflower Bank, as well as generous offers of flowers from a local nursery.

Establishing a wildflower meadow is tricky; it will take time and require ongoing management to get right, so if you'd like to be involved, get in touch now.

We will also be running volunteer days throughout November as well as offering a free first-aid course (limited spaces) for volunteers on Saturday, 23 November.

If you live in the area and want to participate in a long-term community conservation project, [join the wildlife garden volunteer mailing list](#) or email [hello@kernowconservation.org](mailto:hello@kernowconservation.org).

# Ponsanooth Wildlife Garden is Open!

**Thurs 3 October @ 1pm  
Sat 19 Oct @ 10am  
(subject to weather)**

**Volunteer at the garden or pop  
by to learn about the Wildlife  
Garden Project this autumn!**

**Throughout the autumn  
we need help to:**

- **Create dead hedges**
- **Establish new pathways**
- **Restore the pond**
- **Prepare and sow wildflower meadow**

**Scan the QR code to join the mailing list or  
email [hello@kernowconservation.org](mailto:hello@kernowconservation.org)  
to register your interest or find out more**

## Project Aims:

- **Boost biodiversity**
- **Raise awareness**
- **Community space**
- **Healthy activity**
- **Volunteer ownership**

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This project is part-funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Cornwall Council has been chosen by Government as a Lead Authority for the fund and is responsible for monitoring the progress of projects funded through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.



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# More Volunteer Opportunities Coming Soon

We plan to increase our volunteer opportunities over the autumn and winter with habitat management work across many of the water vole sites in the Kennall River area. We hope to advertise dates soon, so if you're interested please sign up for our [volunteer mailing list](#).

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## Wild News

### Rewilding the Riverbank Online Screening with Q&A

On Thursday, 3 October, at 7 pm there will be an online screening of Swimming Head Productions' brilliant short documentary Rewilding The Riverbank.

The screening will be followed by a live Q&A with our very own David Carrier joined by James Wallace of River Action and rewilding advocate Ben Goldsmith.

FREE tickets are [available on Eventbrite](#).



**We have received our first 1% for the Planet Donation!**



After recently joining the [1% for the Planet](#) platform as an official environmental partner, we are delighted to have received our first donation from the kind people at certified B-Corp [Scrumbles Dog & Cat Food](#)! This donation will go a long way to helping us with our ongoing Water Vole Project work. Thank you, Scrumbles!

We'd also like to give a big shout-out to the wonderful wildlife artist, Kathryn Wild, who has generously donated proceeds of her artwork sales to our projects. Thank you, Kathryn! You can see and buy Kathryn's work [here](#).

**New Business Members!**

A warm welcome to our latest Wild Kernow Gold Business Member RRL - a firm of chartered tax accountants and advisers in Cornwall. Penventon Park Hotel and Ground Consultants are our latest Wild Kernow Bronze Members!

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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## **With thanks to our Wild Kernow Members**

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