



Thank you!

Our Beaver Project Crowdfunder came to a close last week. We managed to raise almost £20k and just under 40% of our overall target.

Unfortunately, we didn't qualify for £5k of match funding from Cornwall Council due to not reaching that overall target which is why our final figure is lower than it was in the last week of the campaign.

We're obviously disappointed that we did not hit our overall goal. Still, it won't stop us from launching the project in January as planned, and we're looking forward to embarking on a public and landowner engagement campaign next month.

Thank you to everyone who helped us with the campaign, either by donating or sharing among your networks, each contribution was a huge help towards launching this project.

We're still actively seeking sponsorship for the project, so if you're a business owner or work for a business that would be interested, please [get in touch](#).



The Osprey Project saw some real progress in November. We worked with Keystone Environmental to get four more nest platforms installed. The new platforms, which were all located on private land around the Fal area, bring our network up to five and counting.

Ospreys haven't nested in Cornwall for a long time, but we're hoping that some of the many that pass through Cornwall on their yearly migrations will decide to change that. By providing these platforms in carefully planned locations that are suitably far away from roads and footpaths and positioned in places that ospreys prefer to nest in, we hope to have them be used in years to come.

We plan to continue expanding our network of nest platforms in 2025 with more locations identified so watch this space for updates.

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

If you'd like to donate to our Osprey Project directly then you can do so via our website: [here](#)





Volunteer Season in Full Swing!

While winter isn't the season for water vole reintroductions, it's certainly been the season for volunteering at our landowner partner water vole reintroduction sites.

So far, we've held four volunteer days across two sites, two at Carnkie and two at the Trelusback Foundation for Wildlife Conservation. We have enjoyed meeting new friends and old ones as some really good groups have joined us.

Most of the work has involved habitat management, in particular, cutting back willow trees and brambles that are getting out of hand and shading water vole grazing areas, as well as areas important to butterfly species.

We've had a great mix of people, from students from the Penryn campus to people using their days off and even teams from Seasalt Cornwall, Rowe IT and

Aspects Holidays.

We've had around 20 people so far, which brings our number of volunteers across all of our projects to close to 50 for the year.

Thanks to everyone who has come along so far! It's been great to meet people and spread the word about water voles and all things conservation. We're looking forward to seeing you again and meeting new eager volunteers in 2025.

Next volunteer days at water vole sites (subject to change):

Wed 15 Jan

Thurs 30 Jan

Wed 12 Feb

Wed 26 Feb

All of these are pencilled in to be taking place at the Trelusback Foundation for Wildlife Conservation.

Please [join our volunteer mailing list for updates](#). Or get in touch to register for any of the advertised days.

If you'd like to donate to our water vole project directly then you can do so via our website: [here](#)



Have you seen any mink or water voles in your area?

The Cornwall & Devon Water Vole Recovery Project needs help from the public to gather data on American mink and water vole activity.

If you have seen or encountered any mink or water voles in the wild in the last five years, then please log your sightings by [filling in this online form](#).



Volunteer at the Wildlife Garden

We've made great progress at the Ponsanooth Community Wildlife Garden in 2024, slowly but surely turning a space neglected and overrun by brambles and hogweed into a long-term wildlife haven.

Since taking over the site, we've removed many invasive plants, introduced native, wildlife-friendly plants, shrubs and flowers, and sown a wildflower meadow. We have recently turned our attention to the pond, which we have drained and cleared in preparation to be dug out and newly lined in January. The plan is to make the pond a little larger, create a mini-marsh area on its border and install a whole new family of pond plants before the spring.

We also have plenty of tree planting to do in January, with sessile oak, sunset apples, rowan, alder buckthorn and more due to be delivered next month.

This project now has its own webpage. [Check it out](#) if you'd like to learn more about the garden and its story.

We are always looking for new volunteers to join the group and would value some helping hands to dig out more brambles over the next couple of months so please [get in touch](#) if you'd like to get involved.

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.



Volunteer at Ponsanooth Wildlife Garden!

Friday 17 Jan @ 11am
Friday 24 Jan @ 11am
Sat 8 Feb @ 11am
Thurs 20 Feb @ 11am
(all subject to weather!)

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

Throughout the winter we need help to:

- Plant trees
- Establish new pathways
- Restore the pond

Scan the QR code to join the mailing list or email 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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Wild News

Read about us on Caught by the River

Our director, Joe, recently wrote an article published on the wonderful website [Caught by the River](#).

Joe's article explores the phenomenon of shifting baseline syndrome and how our Water Vole Project is pushing against it.

[Read Joe's article here.](#)

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New Business Members!

A warm welcome to our latest Wild Kernow business members!

Equin is our latest Wild Kernow Platinum Member! Equin makes Insight - computer software that helps schools make sense of their data. Equin is also a 1% for the Planet member.

Dowling Dodd is a firm of chartered surveyors operating in Cornwall for over 40 years and our latest Wild Kernow Gold member!

Trewan Hall is our latest Silver Member while Losing the Wires, Warvena Construction, Carleys, NHU Ecology and Detection Dogs, Lewinnick Lodge, St Austell Printing Company, Sandow Studio, Groundsure, Assentech, and SDS Sustainability and Engineering Consultants are our latest Wild Kernow Bronze Members.

And a huge thank you to Richfords Fire and Flood, Rowe IT and Paradise Park for renewing for another year.

Thank you all for your ongoing support!

Find out about business memberships
here

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