

Camborne Pool Illogan Redruth

This area is targeted for massive urban expansion but differs from other growth points and identified Green Infrastructure areas in that there is very little BAP habitat or even semi-natural habitat currently mapped within the urban framework. There are extensive areas of the new BAP Open Mosaic Habitat on Previously Developed Land but this is yet to be mapped and the extent calculated. There are also some high value habitats nearby such as Carn Brea County Wildlife Site, Red River Local Nature Reserve and the West Cornwall Bryophytes SSSI.

Two documents have been submitted to Cornwall Council for formal approval as Council policy; The Tuckingmill Framework and the Dudnace Lane and South Crofty Framework. The frameworks set out details regarding the future development of two large brownfield sites in the Camborne, Pool, Illogan and Redruth area; including proposals for new road infrastructure, green infrastructure, and a new and extended residential community with local facilities. The Dudnace Lane and South Crofty Framework also presents proposals for a new working mine and commercial and leisure development. Any development planning will need to consider offsite compensation which is essential to follow the guidance of PPS9.

Cornwall Wildlife Trust is in the process of developing and seeking funding for a wildlife gardening and community engagement project in this area. The project seeks to work with local communities in the CPIR area to create a wildlife

network comprising green spaces and gardens that will provide gains for communities, including health benefits and enable wildlife to adapt to a changing climate. The project proposals have been written up and funding is currently being sourced.

The lead organisations are Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Cornwall Council and Natural England, with the Environment Agency and FWAG identified as partners.

Key BAP habitats:

- Open Mosaic Habitats on Previously Developed Land
- Hedgerows
- Lowland Heathland

Key BAP species:

Species of conservation concern within the area include western and purple rumping fumitory; these have specialist requirements which could technically be supported by development. There are also other under recorded species such as:

- Reptiles
- Amphibians
- Bats
- Otter
- Song thrush
- House sparrow
- Hedgehog



Hedgehog. Photo by Richard Burkmar