

If you see wildlife disturbance or damage

On land

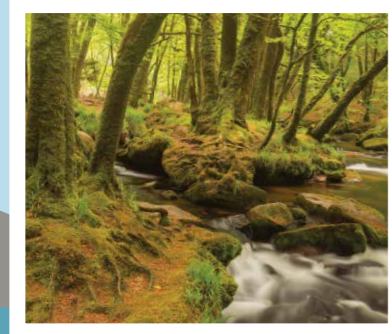
Freshwater pollution

A river or stream is running brown with soil, is discoloured in some other way, is foamy, contains sanitary products, smells of sewage or contains dead fish/fish gasping for air.

what to do:

Be a wildlife hero, call the Environment Agency: **0800 80 70 60**.

Waste water issue: you can also contact South West Water southwestwater.co.uk/water-advice-and-services/waste-water-services/report-a-suspected-pollution or call **0344 346 2020**.



Habitat change and damage

Removal of Cornish hedges (not garden/ornamental) over 20 metres long, or less than 20m but joined to other wild hedges at each end.

Site clearance/building work/major engineering work without planning permission
Trimming, cutting or felling trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order or within a Conservation Area

what to do:

Be a wildlife hero, check for planning permission at: planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications or **0300 1234 151**.

Report to Cornwall Council planning enforcement: cornwall.gov.uk/environment-and-planning/planning/enforcement/report-a-breach-of-planning-control or **0300 1234 151**.



Waste

Illegal dumping of large amounts of waste (lorryloads)

what to do:

Be a wildlife hero, report anonymously to Crimestoppers: **0800 555 111** or online

crimestoppers-uk.org/give-information



Fly-tipping or unusual amounts of litter on the streets

what to do:

Be a wildlife hero, report to Cornwall Council: cornwall.gov.uk/flytipping or **0300 1234 141**.

you can become a *wildlife* hero

Tree damage

A felling licence is required to fell trees in certain situations in the wider countryside.

Exceptions include:

gardens, churchyards or open spaces where the public have a legal right of access for recreation

trees with a diameter less than the width of a baked bean can (8cm) at a height of 1.3 metres on the main stem up to 5 cubic metres of timber (around 5 metric tonnes) may be felled per calendar quarter.

what to do:

Be a wildlife hero, you can find out more here forestry.gov.uk/forestry/infd-6dfkw6
To check if a site is covered by a felling licence or to report alleged illegal felling: **0300 067 4960** or southwest.fce@forestry.gsi.gov.uk



Tree felling, hedge trimming and scrub clearance **when birds are nesting** is an offence under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended).

what to do:

Be a wildlife hero, call the non-emergency number **101**; you can ask to speak to a Wildlife Liaison Officer, or email WildlifeCrime@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk



Wildlife crime

Several species have legal protection under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended), notably; all species of bats, dormice, all species of reptiles, nesting birds and badgers. Poisoning of birds of prey is also illegal.

what to do:

Be a wildlife hero, if you witness a suspected wildlife crime in action, call the Police on **999** immediately. Supply photos/videos if possible.

Non-immediate incidents: call the non-emergency number **101**; you can ask to speak to a Wildlife Liaison Officer or email WildlifeCrime@devonandcornwall.pnn.police.uk



At sea

If we take action:

- 1 Perpetrators will know that they are being watched and will begin to change their behaviour.
- 2 Statutory organisations will record the number of reports, use the statistics to make a case for additional resourcing and highlight the issues to politicians and decision-makers.
- 3 Cornwall Wildlife Trust will be able to focus its energies on enhancing and increasing wildlife habitats throughout Cornwall.

Harrassment and disturbance

See the Cornwall Marine and Coastal Code Guidelines at www.cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk/living-seas/cornwall-marine-and-coastal-code

what to do:

Be a wildlife hero, if wildlife or habitats are being disturbed, call Cornwall Wildlife Trust's 24-hour strandings hotline: **0345 201 2626**

Serious harassment: report to the Police: see Wildlife crime opposite.

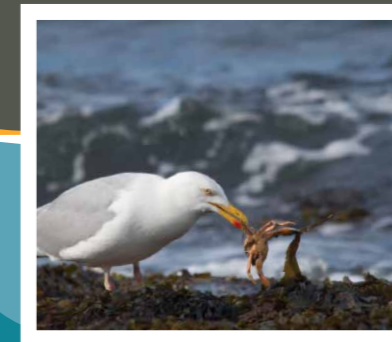


Live-stranded marine animals

what to do:

Be a wildlife hero, for whales, dolphins and seals call the British Divers Marine Life Rescue's 24-hour hotline: **01825 765 546**

or see www.bdmlr.org.uk/index.php



Live birds/other marine life in need of rescue and treatment

what to do:

Be a wildlife hero, call the RSPCA's 24-hour hotline: **0300 123 4999**



Dead-stranded marine animals

what to do:

Be a wildlife hero, for all dead marine animals, including birds, please call Cornwall Wildlife Trusts' 24-hour Marine Strandings Network hotline: **0345 201 2626**



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