



Annual ● 2021-2022

# Review



**Cornwall**  
Wildlife Trust

Creating a Cornwall  
where **NATURE** thrives



# Taking action to restore Cornwall's wildlife and wild places, on land and in our seas, all year round.

## From the Chief Executive

Nature's recovery was a stated political goal at the start of this period, as society emerged from the last of the Covid lockdowns. Indeed, Cornwall Wildlife Trust was successful with an application to the Government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund, which helped to invest in our nature reserves, recognising the important role wildlife had played for people's mental and physical health during the pandemic.

Nature provides us all with multiple benefits, and investment in wild places is crucial if we are to make progress with tackling the climate and ecological emergencies faced. The work and impact of Cornwall Wildlife Trust's [Farm Advisors](#) is vital in supporting nature's recovery beyond protected sites, helping landowners to deliver wildlife rich areas that can reduce flooding, provide cleaner water and capture carbon.

Cornwall's beautiful coastline has always been recognised as an economic asset but, similar to on land, the marine environment provides so much more. The data collected by our volunteer [Seasearch divers](#) is helping to understand the extent and quality of seagrass beds in Cornwall, and research is showing that seagrass has incredible qualities for carbon storage. The [Marine Nature Recovery report](#) produced this year is a step in helping to understand

these vital habitats and Cornwall Wildlife Trust's work to push for [Highly Protected Marine Areas](#) is critical to help protect and restore what we know exists.

[Looe Island](#) nature reserve is within a Marine Conservation Zone and is a site where we welcome visitors from Easter to September. Major works to buildings and infrastructure have been completed and we can now offer holiday lets in Smuggler's Cottage, using the income to help manage the nature reserve. One of the appeals of a Looe Island holiday is that power is provided by wind and solar renewables, installed as part of the major building works project.

Cornwall Wildlife Trust is working hard to reduce its own carbon footprint, thinking carefully about how we manage the offices and accommodate hybrid working. Our staff and volunteers have been incredibly adaptable and versatile through what have, on occasions, been very difficult times.

I want to thank all our staff, Trustees, volunteers and supporters, your hard work and dedication means we are in good shape to inform and deliver [Nature's Recovery in Cornwall](#) on land and at sea.

**Callum Deveney**, Head of Reserves and Acting Chief Executive (to 31 August 2022), Cornwall Wildlife Trust



# Wilder Places

## By reversing the state of nature.

With the release of Cornwall Wildlife Trust's [State of Nature Cornwall 2020](#) report highlighting nature is largely in decline in Cornwall, work continued in managing more land, rivers and seas for wildlife.



Donations from our Save the Dolphins & Porpoises appeal allowed Cornwall Wildlife Trust to carry out a comprehensive package of activities to reduce marine disturbance, mitigate against noise pollution, and increase sustainable fishing practices.

[Seasearch divers](#) monitored the regrowth of seagrass off Flushing in the Fal estuary (following the removal of moorings), while the [Cornwall Good Seafood Guide](#) assessed the sustainability of all seafood landed to Cornish ports, helping consumers make more informed choices. Cornwall Wildlife Trust also worked in partnership with Cornwall Council and Natural England to look at how to progress marine nature recovery in Cornwall's Marine Protection Area (MPA) network and the wider seas, as well as releasing the [Marine Nature Recovery report](#) for Cornwall. Analysing data showed that the number of reported marine disturbance events in Cornwall has nearly tripled between 2014 and 2020.

Cornwall Wildlife Trust's work on land further excelled by providing additional [support and advice to farmers](#), generating over 1,700 acres of improved land management. [The Badger Vaccination Trials](#)



completed its third year and [The Cornwall Beaver Project](#) was proud to see the arrival of two new kits and over 450 visitors.



# Wilder People

One in four people taking action for nature in Cornwall.

The **Your Shore Beach Rangers** project reached **5th + final year** engaging with over **16,000** young people and **17,000** members of communities across Cornwall over the last five years



With life returning to a more familiar form since the pandemic, the focus of encouraging people to take action and connect with nature only grew stronger.

The **Your Shore Beach Rangers** project reached its fifth and final year, engaging over 16,000 young people and 17,000 members of communities across Cornwall. Cornwall Wildlife Trust worked with 70 volunteers to collect 1,290 records, of 240 different species around the Cornish coast through **Shoresearch** - which celebrated its 10 year anniversary.

**Looe Island** had its busiest summer during the year of 'staycation', with 2,687 visitors enjoying the self-guided trail, and the completion of the island's new energy system was celebrated; switching over to 100% renewables.

The **Dynamic Dunes Project**, worked with the military to restore precious habitat at Penhale



**37 events** attended by **1,584 people**

Dunes and participated in the first **World Sand Dune Day**. Throughout the year a total of 37 events were run to which 1,584 people in total attended, including two school visits of 46 pupils.



# Wilder Future

## Conserving 30% of Cornwall's land and seas by 2030.

The pandemic highlighted the importance of nature and wildlife and why more decisions to secure recovery and growth must be made.

The UK Government said yes to [Highly Protected Marine Areas \(HPMA\)](#) and Cornwall Wildlife Trust submitted sites for consideration through the HPMA consultation process.

**Donated over**  
**£30,000**  
to repair wildfire damage

and ensure the ongoing management of

**59** nature reserves

**5,500** acres of land

The Kernow Glassa Project - funded by the Government's Green Recovery Challenge Fund and delivered by the National Heritage Lottery Fund in partnership with Natural England and the Environment Agency - was launched in August 2021, focusing on major habitat improvement work and upgrading access infrastructure on Cornwall Wildlife Trust's nature reserves.

An additional 32 acres at Carn Moor nature reserve was purchased and funded by supporters who generously remembered Cornwall Wildlife Trust in their wills. Part of this new land had a County Wildlife Site designation and a further part would be improved with new habitat creation, including tree planting.

**20 years**

of owning **Windmill Farm**

There was an incredible response to Cornwall Wildlife Trust's appeal following a devastating fire at Rosenannon Downs nature reserve. Over £30,000 was donated to help rebuild infrastructure and ensure the ongoing management of 59 nature reserves across 5,500 acres of land. Furthermore, Cornwall Wildlife Trust celebrated 20 years of owning Windmill Farm.





# Trustees' statement

We confirm that the following is a summary of information extracted from Cornwall Wildlife Trust's annual unqualified consolidated statutory accounts. These accounts comprise the consolidated statements of Cornwall Wildlife Trust for Nature Conservation Limited and its subsidiary company Cornwall Environmental Consultants Ltd for the period ended 31st March 2022 (13 months).

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the period ended 31st March 2022 (13 Months)

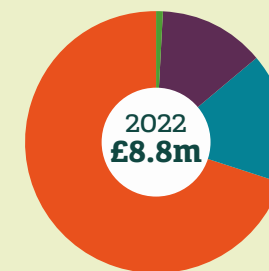
	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2022 (£)	Total 2021 (£)
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	439,970	33,609	473,579	649,274
Membership subscriptions	623,587	967	624,554	509,858
<i>Charitable activities:</i>				
Nature conservation	817,077	2,483,273	3,300,350	2,374,402
<i>Other Trading activities:</i>				
Consultancy income and sales	1,199,840	18,401	1,218,241	897,329
Other income	179,108	120,747	299,855	184,924
<b>Total income</b>	<b>3,259,582</b>	<b>2,656,997</b>	<b>5,916,579</b>	<b>4,615,787</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Consultancy expenses	806,816	–	806,816	590,601
Other	517,268	52,190	569,458	452,539
<i>Charitable activities:</i>				
Nature conservation	1,292,881	2,930,455	4,223,336	3,066,167
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>2,616,965</b>	<b>2,982,645</b>	<b>5,599,610</b>	<b>4,109,307</b>
Transfers between funds	(2,500)	2,500	–	–
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>640,117</b>	<b>(323,148)</b>	<b>316,969</b>	<b>506,480</b>
Funds at 1 March 2021	1,915,193	6,562,107	8,477,300	7,970,820
<b>Funds at 31st March 2022</b>	<b>2,555,310</b>	<b>6,238,959</b>	<b>8,794,269</b>	<b>8,477,300</b>

## BALANCE SHEET

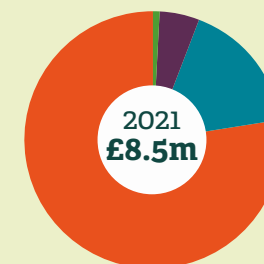
at 31st March 2022

	The Group	
	2022 (£)	2021 (£)
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>5,374,279</b>	<b>5,021,581</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>4,438,631</b>	<b>4,028,658</b>
<b>Creditors</b>		
due within one year	(892,996)	(420,541)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>3,545,635</b>	<b>3,608,117</b>
<b>Creditors</b>		
due after one year	(125,645)	(152,398)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>8,794,269</b>	<b>8,477,300</b>
<b>Funds</b>		
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>		
General Funds	1,176,744	494,346
Designated Funds	1,378,387	1,420,685
Revaluation Reserve	179	162
<i>Restricted funds:</i>		
	6,238,959	6,562,107
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>8,794,269</b>	<b>8,477,300</b>

The reserves policy of Cornwall Wildlife Trust establishes an unrestricted cash reserve based on a number of risk-based analysis calculations, such as loss of key income streams and working capital. Our current calculations produce a reserve requirement of £610,000 and our reserves currently stand at £956,000. The pie charts below demonstrate that our actual 'free' or general funds, excluding funds already designated for a specific purpose, were £1,176,744 at year-end (£494,346 in 20/21).



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**Caveat statement:** The financial summary shown above does not contain sufficient information to allow for a full understanding of the financial affairs of Cornwall Wildlife Trust and its subsidiary company Cornwall Environmental Consultants Ltd. For further information the full financial statements should be consulted. Copies of these can be obtained by contacting Cornwall Wildlife Trust or visiting our website.



# Doing good, by doing business.

## AN ANNUAL REVIEW OF OUR WORK WITH BUSINESSES:

After a turbulent previous year, business in Cornwall started to return to normal throughout 2021-2022. Reflecting that restored confidence, our new corporate schemes have all grown and we added a significant number of high value supporters through our [Reserve Guardian](#) and [Project Sponsorship](#) schemes. [The Wilder Business Network](#), our new membership scheme, has also proved to be a big success, growing to 78 members, including the addition of three new gold members.

Our [Reserves Guardian](#) programme, designed to encourage businesses to support their local nature reserve, added St. Austell Brewery and Falmouth Exeter Plus, generating vital funds for our work in the field. Our [project sponsors](#) continued to support our work, and we saw great engagement with our [Seaqwest](#) project sponsors, Marraum, getting staff involved and helping us to collect data off Pendennis Point. St. Eval also continued to support our [Open Gardens](#) programme.

With the help of our 12 calendar sponsors, we produced our popular Wild Cornwall Calendar, and this year our Christmas card offer was kindly sponsored by Tarquin's Gin.

Our partnership with South West Water continued, helping to support our work with farmers through the [Upstream Thinking](#) initiative as well as providing us with the resources to run many of our marine engagement programmes throughout the year. We started working with Vine House Farm promoting their wildlife gardening products and seeds via the website and in our Wild Cornwall magazines whilst receiving a percentage of their sales as income.

## OUR BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

### Corporate Partners:

South West Water  
Vine House Farm

### Reserve Guardians:

Rowe Farming  
*Pendarves Wood Nature Reserve*

Southern England Farms  
*St. Erth Pitts Nature Reserve*

Green and Blue  
*Nansmellyn Marsh Nature Reserve*

Cornish Lithium  
*Bissoe Valley Nature Reserve*

FXPlus  
*Devichoys Wood Nature Reserve*

St. Austell Brewery  
*Ropehaven Cliff Nature Reserve*

### Project Sponsors:

Marraum  
*Sponsors of Seaquest Southwest*

St. Eval Candle Company  
*Sponsors of Open Gardens*

### Wilder Business Network

#### GOLD:

Bosinver  
Cornish Horizons  
Kurt and Caroline Jackson Ltd  
John Fowler Holidays  
Tracey Dockeree Sewing and Design Studio  
St. Tinney Farm Holidays

#### SILVER:

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#### BRONZE:

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Tregoad Holiday Park  
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St Austell Printing Company  
Mother Ivey's Bay Holiday Park  
Westcare Ltd

Uneeka  
The Nare Hotel Company Ltd  
Tehidy Holiday Park  
The Greenbank Hotel

Paradise Park  
Cornwall CLT Ltd  
Pocketful of Stones Distillers  
Trebah Garden  
Jon Tremaine Ltd  
CPMR Ltd  
Trewan Hall  
Boscastle Farms Shop and Cafe

White Acres Holiday Park by Parkdean Resorts  
Crossley Hill Chartered Surveyors  
Rosehill Lodges

mYcard  
Stephens Scown  
Forest Holidays, Deerpark  
Edhen Vets  
Sailflags

Silverlake Design Ltd  
Atlantic Capital Markets  
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Atropos  
Carnglaze Caverns

### Calendar Sponsors:

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Essential Foods  
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Silverlake Design  
Southern England Farms  
St Eval Candle Company

### Christmas Card Sponsors

Tarquin's Gin





## Cornwall Environmental Consultants (CEC)



**CEC** had its most successful year ever in 2021-2022, turning over well in excess of £1 million, and generating a profit of over quarter of a million pounds of unrestricted funds for Cornwall Wildlife Trust. **Managing Director, Natasha Collings-Costello**, who started in August 2020, has continued to move CEC forwards, with new branding, a new website for the bat survey part of the business, and a restructured business shape around CEC's three main client types.

CEC are specialists in the fields of ecology, landscape, and habitat creation, and in 2021-2022 worked on more than 400 projects across Cornwall. The restructured team works across **householder** scale projects, e.g. extensions, barn conversions, loft conversions, **developer and land owner** projects, including habitat creation and management, and **large infrastructure** scale projects.

In 2021-2022 phosphate impact assessment and the area of nutrient neutrality became a new service offered by CEC, as did land contamination, as the effect our soils have on our environment moved increasingly up the local authority and national regulatory agenda. CEC also expects to see soil carbon as increasingly important part of its work, and is working closely with Cornwall Wildlife Trust to develop a local offering for the Wilder Carbon network, a not-for-profit, high integrity, scalable, natural climate solution developed by the Wildlife Trust movement.

To support the new restructured shape of CEC, and ensure the depth of environmental knowledge in the team continues to grow. In 2021 CEC recruited two new early-career ecologists, one with a bat licence and one through the Eden Learning apprenticeship scheme, for those with environmental degrees who are seeking a part time Master's degree alongside employment in the ecology sector.

Work won on large infrastructure schemes made the year the most profitable ever, especially the high level of ecological support provided by CEC on the A30 dualling scheme. The ecology team have also continued to survey and monitor wildlife activity across the proposed Langarth development area in Truro, and successfully delivered a full design award for the scheme, under the prestigious **Building with Nature** assessment scheme. Building with Nature (BwN) is an accreditation scheme originally developed by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, and CEC have the largest group of accredited assessors in the south west.

The landscape department continued to work on the **That's Our Parish project for the Penwith Landscape Partnership**, working with volunteers to assess the local landscape character, and the ecology and landscape teams have also been working closely together to deliver joined up advice for landowners who want to create beautiful and biodiverse schemes.

2021-2022 also saw the start of the exciting **Making Space for Sand** project, a multimillion-pound DEFRA funded project, which is seeking to make more space around our coasts for sand dune systems. This exciting project involved initial ecological assessment in winter 2021, and further work will be needed in the next financial year, until estimated project completion in 2025.

The CEC Board continued to improve governance, financial monitoring and reporting, positioning the company for a successful future. The company also retained its accreditation to the quality and management systems ISO45001 (Health and Safety), ISO9001 (Quality Management System), ISO14001 (Environmental Management System).



## ERCCIS

The Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isle of Scilly ([ERCCIS](#)) is Cornwall's [ALERC](#) accredited Local Environment Record Centre. ERCCIS is the central resource for wildlife and habitat information for the county. Using state of the art and nationally recognised data management and digital mapping techniques, ERCCIS can provide a wide range of services to aid better informed biological and geological recording, conservation management, research and sustainable development of the Cornish landscape and seascape. Much of the data we manage is provided by expert volunteers.



In the last year ERCCIS has been involved in delivering many key projects including:

- **Phase one of Land Hub for Cornwall Council, an on-line mapping and information portal for land managers and farmers**
- **A Biodiversity Net Gain assessment for phase two of the Green Ribs project for Highways England**
- **Working with the G7 Legacy Project Nature Recovery project to create a [marine data portal](#) for Cornwall**
- **Produced a Natural Evidence Report for the Isles of Scilly**
- **Ancient Woodland Inventory for Cornwall project, funded by Natural England**
- **Improving the data management of Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Marine Strandings Network**



As well as being the Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, ERCCIS continues to support Cornwall Wildlife Trust to achieve project delivery including developing and managing spatial data (mapping) and managing biodiversity data. ERCCIS is building stronger links with researchers at the University of Exeter to ensure the best possible environmental evidence is available for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly.



# Projects and partnerships include:



**CORNWALL  
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**Penwith Landscape Partnership**





Your ongoing  
**support** means  
we can continue  
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Cornwall Wildlife Trust is a registered charity formed in 1962 by a group of volunteers who were passionate about Cornwall's natural environment and wanted to safeguard it for future generations.



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