

Nextdoor Nature

We need you!

Community action for nature and wildlife in **Redruth & Camborne**



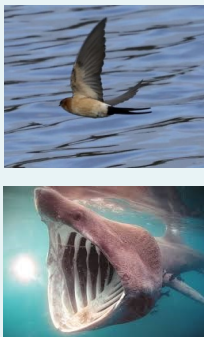
Community News March 2023

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Spring update! From nesting birds singing at the top of their voices to hungry hedgehogs on the prowl for food, swooping swallows and visiting basking sharks-the wildlife in Cornwall is getting active and is on the move!

Watch this [lovely video of a basking shark](#) that unexpectedly appeared in St Ives Harbour last week. An impressive, yet harmless creature- it only eats plankton, filtering it through its massive jaws! For a bit more on Spring Wildlife-see our [Seasonal Spotters Guide to April here](#) .

We people, are also getting active and wilder on our allotments, gardens, community centres, public green spaces, facebook pages, and lives! We are exploring what more we can do and how positive for us all this can be!



Community Activity

Wildlife sessions with CN4C Redruth

A massive thanks for our fantastic speakers at recent CN4C Nextdoor nature sessions, the sessions have been so interesting and inspiring! Regina Griffiths shared her passion for birds and wildlife photography. We loved your photos! Duncan Petty shared his life journey and interests alongside the different habitats of wild birds-locally and globally, really fascinating stuff!

Cheryl Marriot debunked the myths around wildlife gardening—and looked at the **top 5 things you can do in your garden to help wildlife** (according to BUGS)! These are 1. Trees & Shrubs, 2. Long grass, 3. Log Pile, 4. Pond, 5. Compost heap. Cheryl's Wildlife Gardening presentation & notes are attached.

Also attached is the Get Wilder! Presentation, in this session we explored **diverse ways to take action for nature!** The group came up with a variety of ideas on how we can transform knowledge and interest into action . We have decided to start with the outdoor spaces at the Elms and chew over the other ideas along the way. Interested? Come to **Wilder Action 5 & 12 April 10.30am-12.30pm (please book)**. Further dates tbc.

Wilder Action!
Wednesday 5th & 12th April
10.30am - 12.30pm
Taking action for Nature!
The CN4C Nextdoor Nature group has decided to make the Elms outdoor spaces more wildlife friendly!
We are designing and planning this over these 2 dates.
We will also be exploring our other ideas for action we can take in the wild world!
Taking place at:
The Elms, 61 Green Lane, Redruth, TR15 1LS
Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change
Everyone welcome. See reverse for details on booking your place. Don't delay-spaces are limited!



Cornwall Earth Café and the Great Big Nature Survey

After 18 months of fantastic food, community spirit, creative and practical sharing, March 25th at the Elms was the last Earth Café for a while, with volunteers going on new adventures. Keep an eye on the [Facebook page](#) for updates. *Bon voyage Betty!*

Dan Barrios O'Neill from The Wildlife Trusts came along to the last Earth café and introduced **The Great Big Nature Survey**-now officially launched. The Wildlife Trusts are running this survey to find out what people in the UK really think about nature and how we, as a society, should protect it. Results will also help The Wildlife Trusts to hold the government to account over its environmental policies and priorities. If you want to find out more and / or take the survey [see the website here](#).



Illogan Wildlife group

A group of Illogan residents have started a new Illogan Wildlife Group. The group is for nature loving locals of Illogan to share their pictures, thoughts, questions, concerns and delights about local wildlife! They have started a [Facebook group](#) and are also discussing ways to develop the group further. This is a great idea—maybe something wildlife fans could consider in other



Growing Community

CN4C Community allotment pond - Pengegon

Exciting news - Stage 1 of the new wildlife pond is complete! Stage 2 happening next week! [Here are some instructions](#) on creating a pond and even [more detail here](#) . If you are interested in joining the weekly [Get Growing course](#) on Tuesday mornings - contact CN4C on 01209 310 620 or email Grower Karen: kilewellyn@cn4c.org.uk for details.



Lets Grow Camborne! - Looking for core people!

Camborne Nature Recovery group met to scope out the potential new allotment plot, with lots of ideas and ambitions! We are looking for core people who want to play a central part in a team who will hold some responsibility in organising and managing the community allotment plot .We need these key people to move forwards! **Could this be you? Interested? Come along to the next Lets Grow Allotment meeting Thursday 6 April at 6pm** at All Saints Community Centre, Tuckingmill. Followed by our monthly Camborne Nature Recovery meeting at 7pm. Or email: letsgrowcamborne@gmail.com



Trenoweth Community Orchard - North Country, Redruth

A small community orchard and community space welcomes anyone who wants to get involved. They have **Volunteer opportunities on Sundays** - from pruning to mulching, clearing to tree care and more. A chance to learn and share skills together. Run by Resilient Orchards CIC who also do Orchard care & management around Cornwall. See their [Facebook](#) page or [website](#) for more details.



Community Roots - Porthtowan

A lovely community growing project , which offers a veg box scheme to it's members. They have Volunteer opportunities Tuesdays weekly and first Sunday of month. Check out their [Facebook](#) page for details. They are also offering a variety of courses—from veg growing to permaculture—see our events section. A bit far out, but worth a mention!



Events & Courses

Porthtowan Village Hall: Our Future with Beavers Talk Friday 31 March 7.30pm.

Learn more about these fascinating creatures and the benefits of their reintroduction

The Spinney Camborne: Litter picking meet up, Sunday 2 April 12pm-3pm. The Spinney Action group has some shiny new litter picking kit! If you are interested just turn up or contact Ann James annjames55@gmail.com .The Spinney is a lovely greenspace just behind Camborne Churchyard that lots of people use as a cut through. It needs some support and tlc!

Community Roots, Porthtowan: No Dig Gardening Workshop. Thursday 13 April 5pm-7pm Top-tips to successfully grow vegetables in a no-dig system and take a look at the Community Roots growing spaces at Mount Pleasant Eco Park. .

Permaculture Design Course 12 June-3 July 10am-4pm (over 2 weeks Mon-Fri) A great opportunity to learn about the permaculture principles and design tools, for more sustainable and positive living! Free for eligible learners on means tested or low income.

Camborne Nature Recovery Group : Monthly meeting 6 April 7pm All Saints Community Centre, Tuckingmill. Interested in nature recovery and community action? Catch up with what is going on locally and further afield, discuss potential action and have a chat over a hot bowl of soup and a cuppa. First Thursday of the month 7pm. Come along or Get in touch with Zoe to find out more email cllrzoe@gmail.com

Want to get involved or share any news, events photos, info...?

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