

Celebrating your **impact** for **nature**

Cornwall Wildlife Trust 2026 AGM and Wildlife Walk



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Temperate Rainforest Project
Manager



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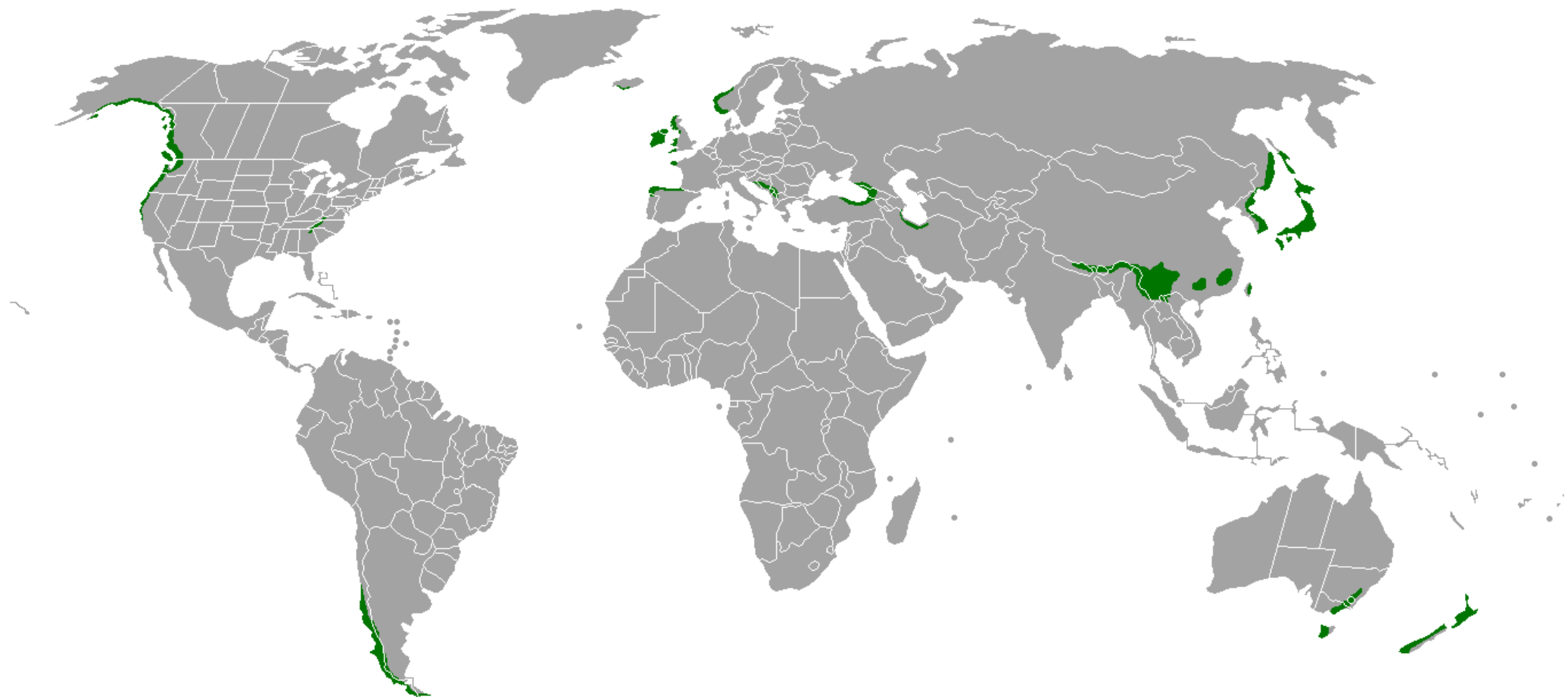


Temperate Rainforest Restoration



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High rainfall

Mild temperatures

Low variation in temperature and water availability



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20% of Great Britain
has the right climate
to support it



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Great Britain
temperate
rainforest zone

Legend

Great Britain temperate rainforest zone

0 50 100 km



Features of a temperate rainforest

- Structurally diverse
- Rivers, ravines and waterfalls
- Boulders and rocky outcrops
- Rich epiphyte assemblage



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Epiphytes

Plants, fungi and lichens which grow on trees and other plants and derive their water and nutrients from the surrounding air and rain.



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Importance

- Biodiversity
- Carbon sequestration
- Reducing impacts of climate change



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Under threat



Habitat
loss



Lack of
management



Invasive
species



Tree
disease



Climate
change



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Our restoration work

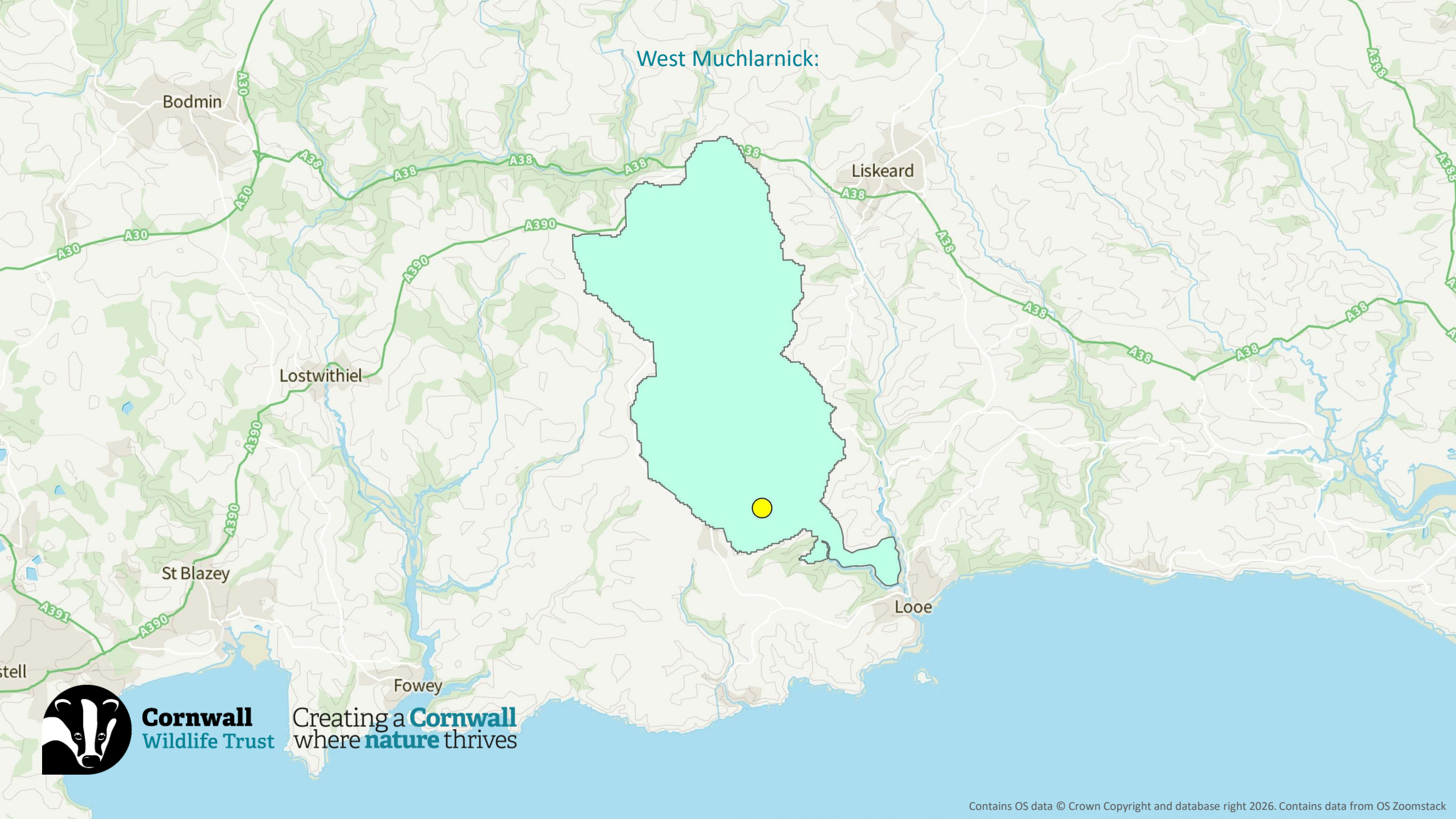
- Protect and restore existing fragments
- Expand and connect through woodland creation
- Work with landowners to achieve landscape-scale restoration



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West Muchlarnick:

Bodmin

Liskeard

Lostwithiel

St Blazey

Looe

Fowey



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West Muchlarnick:



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Beacons



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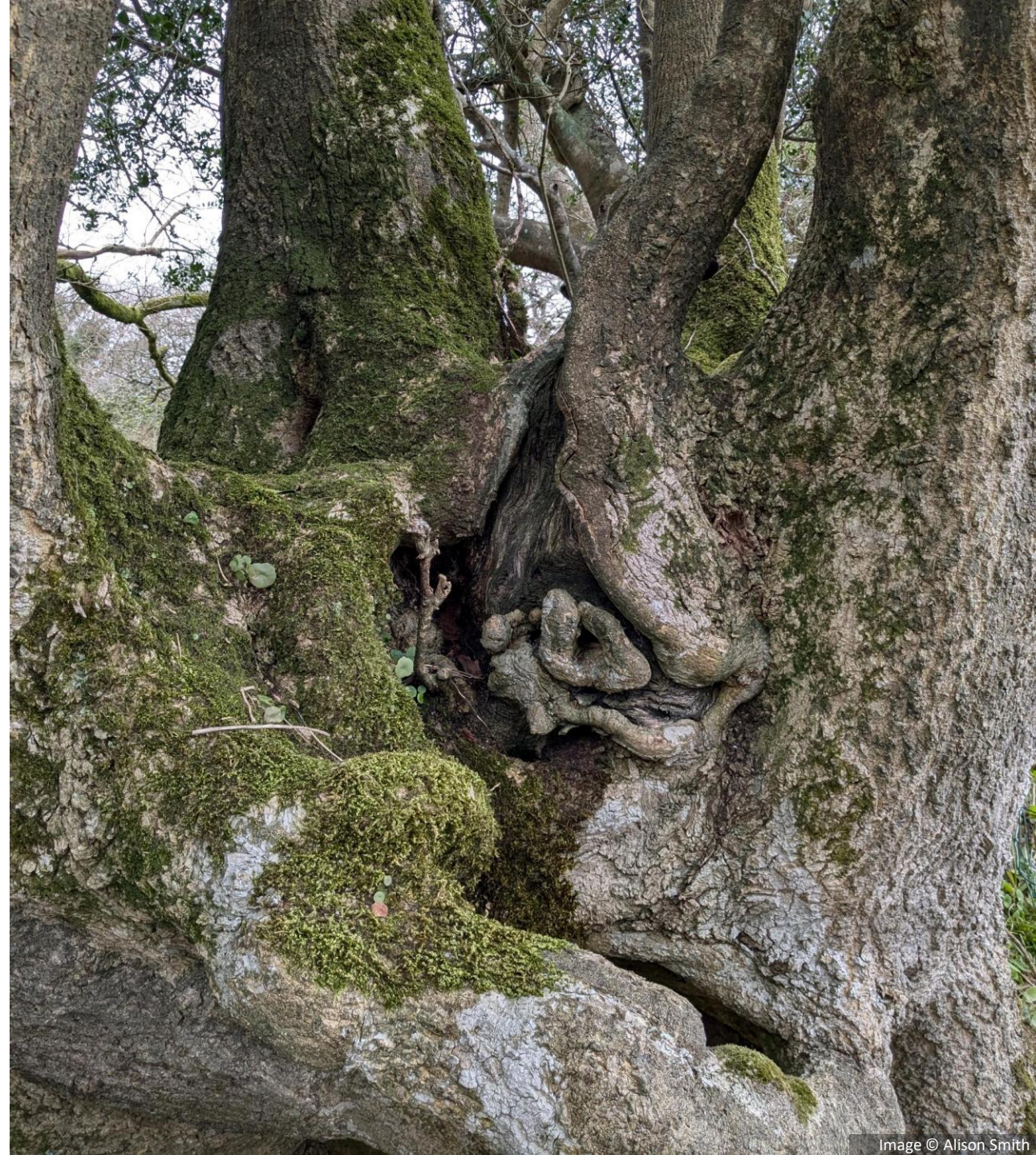
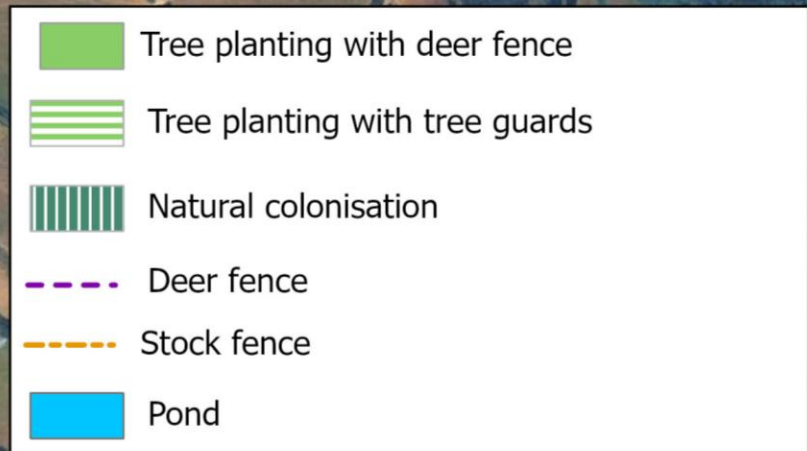


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Muchlarnick



Sources: Esri, DeLorme, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, and OpenStreetMap contributors, and the GIS User Community, Google Maps

0 0.1 0.2 Kilometers

Stage 1

- Planted 4,600 trees
- 5 hectares of woodland
- Helped by schools and volunteers



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Stage 2

- Creating a further 25 ha of woodland at West Muchlarnick
- 11,000 trees this winter
- Natural regeneration
- Grazing



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How you can get involved

- Tree planting October to December
- Tours of West Muchlarnick in November

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What's next?

- Landscape-scale
- New acquisitions
- Landowner engagement
- Citizen science



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Any questions?



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Matt Walpole

Chief Executive



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2030 Strategy

1

Demonstrating
& Inspiring

100% of reserves made
better for wildlife

2

Supporting &
Advising

50,000 acres
managed for nature
in Cornwall

3

Engaging &
Mobilising

100,000 people engaging
with and acting for nature

4

Campaigning &
Advocating

Better decisions
made for nature
in Cornwall

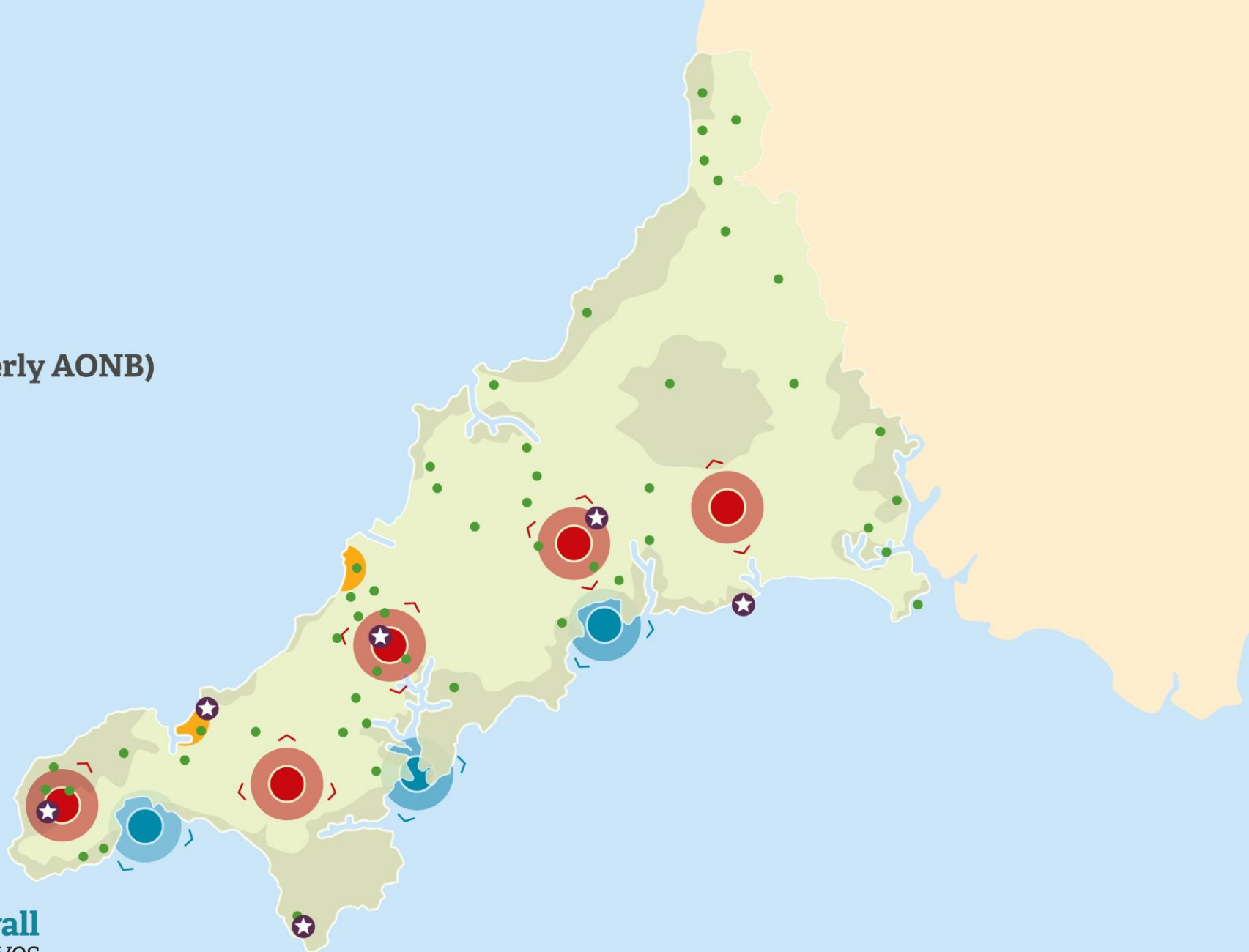


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KEY TO MAP

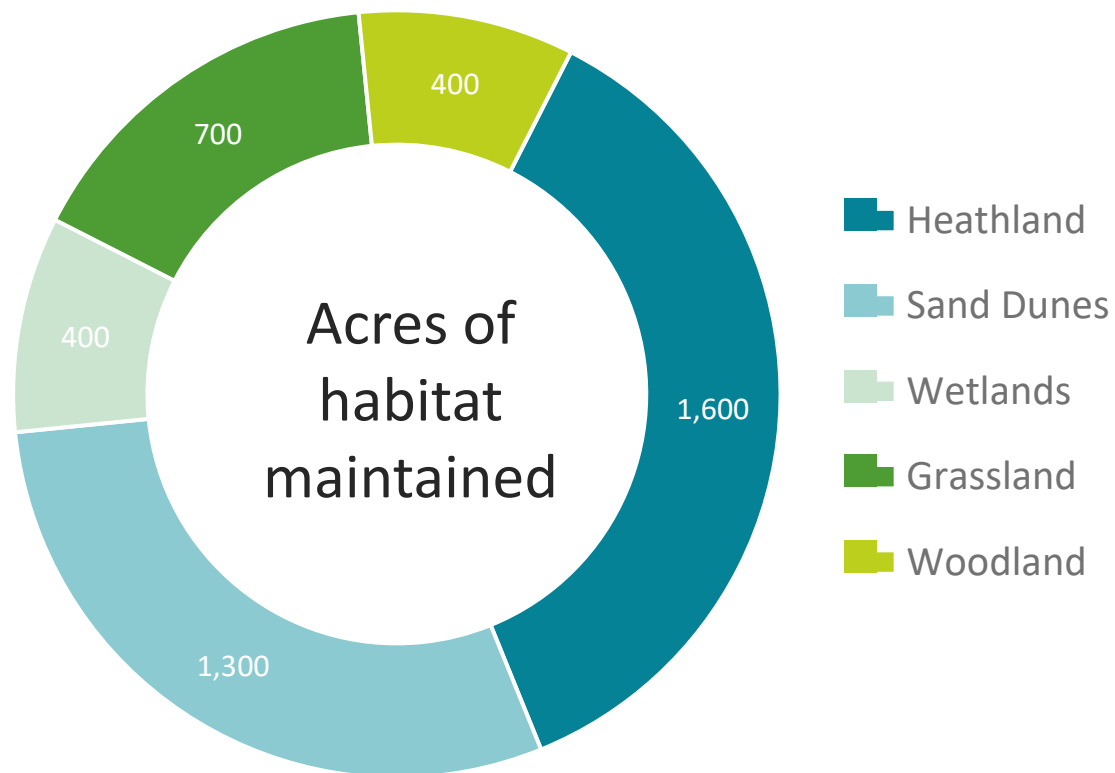
- Priority Areas (land)
- Priority Areas (sea)
- Dunes and Towans
- National Landscapes (formerly AONB)
- Nature Reserves
- ★ Destination Reserves



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1. Demonstrate & Inspire



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85%

of nature reserves
in favourable or improving
condition

2030
target of
100%



5,000

trees planted to
create 12 acres of
new temperate rainforest



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21,000

seagrass seeds planted,
restoring underwater
habitat that locks
away carbon

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8

beavers released under
license into the wild -
a major milestone
in landscape
recovery



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5,700

acres on land and at
sea joined up through the
Tor to Shore
project

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2. Support & Advise

Advised on
70,000
acres

362
land
managers



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Working with
24
fishermen



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More than
2,000
acres surveyed by
CEC



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cec

cornwall
environmental
consultants LTD

Penwith Landscape Recovery

20-year
proposal

4,843
acres under
partnership

1,000+
community
responses
gathered

£186.7m
proposal
submitted



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3. Engage & Mobilise

2,000

joined
campaigns

13,000

attended events
& activities

40,000

connected
with nature



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1,075
volunteers
in 2025/6

55%
more than
2024/5



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Open
Gardens
Banana & Blueberry

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47

Associated Groups

5
more than
2024/5

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Your Shore

2008

2K

**Your Shore
PARTICIPANTS**

17K

2025

×8½

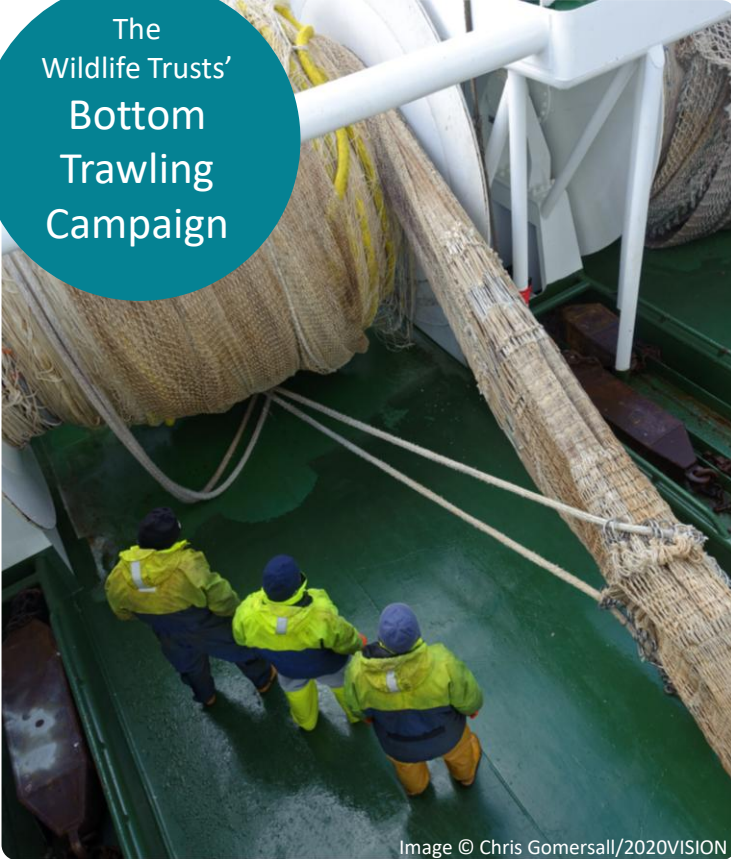


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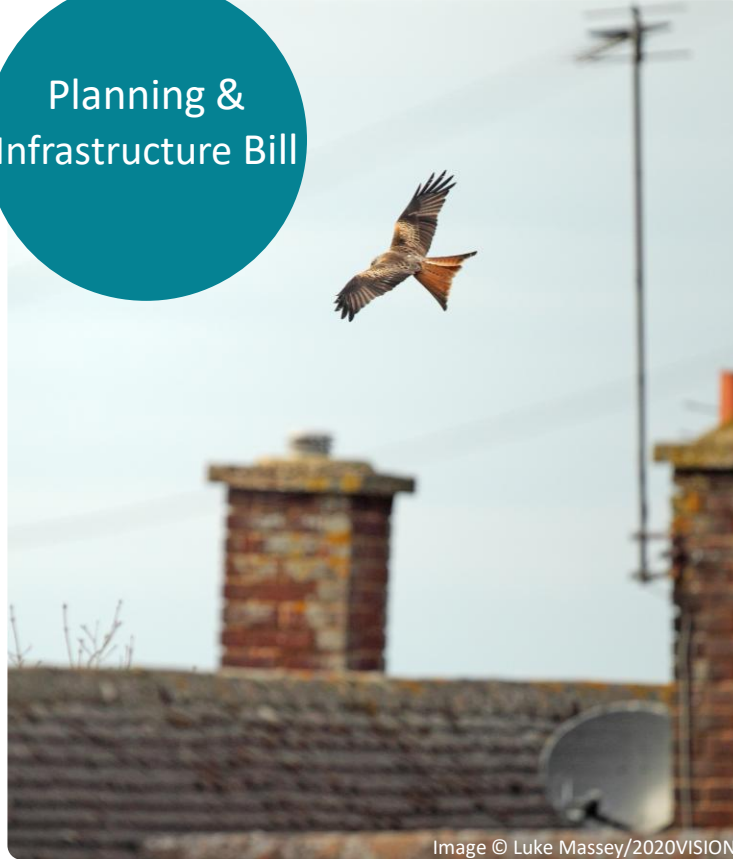
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4. Campaign & Advocate

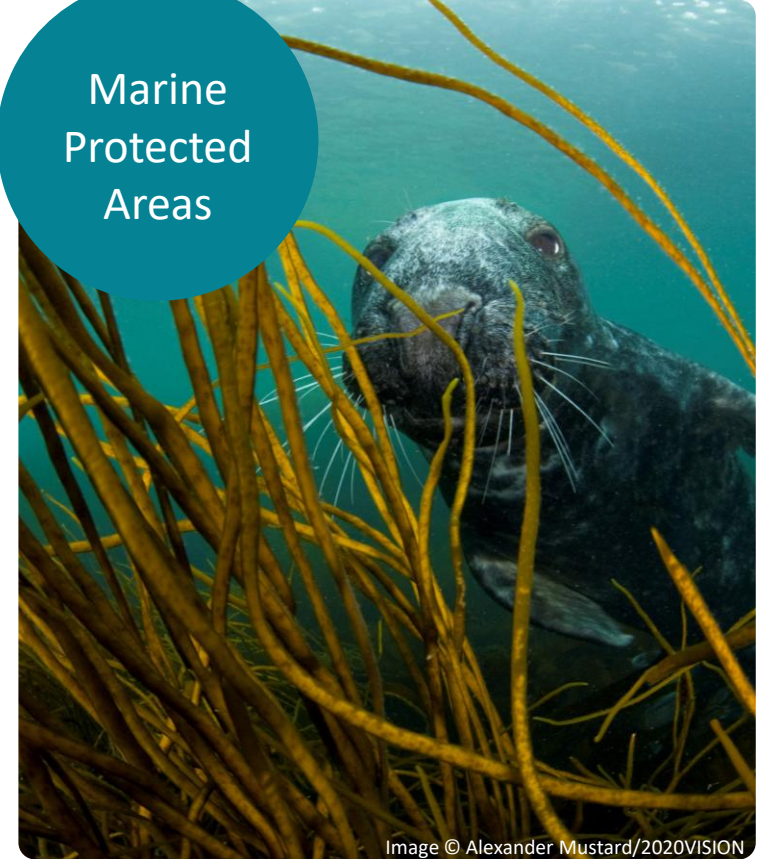
The
Wildlife Trusts'
Bottom
Trawling
Campaign



Planning &
Infrastructure Bill



Marine
Protected
Areas



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Ensuring an effective organisation

92%

recommending
the Trust as an
employer

Begun
renovations
at Allet HQ



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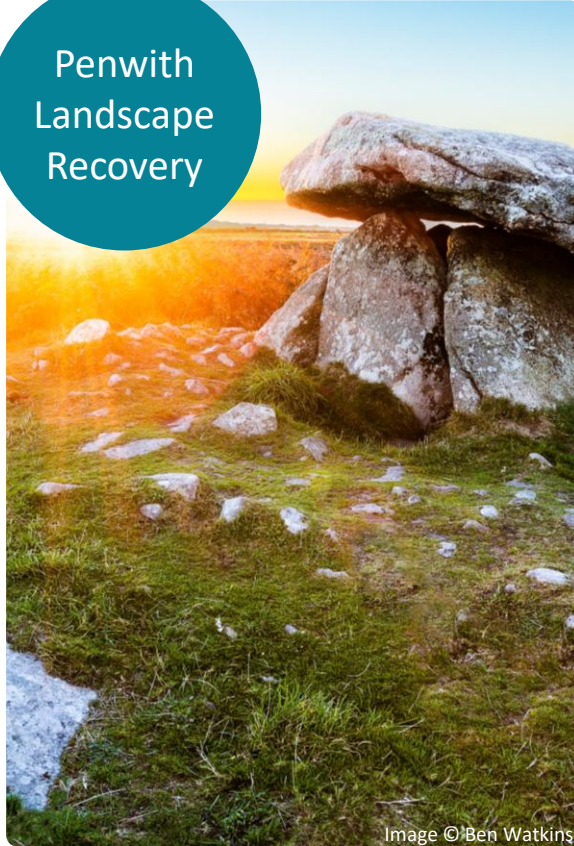
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Looking forwards...

More beaver
releases



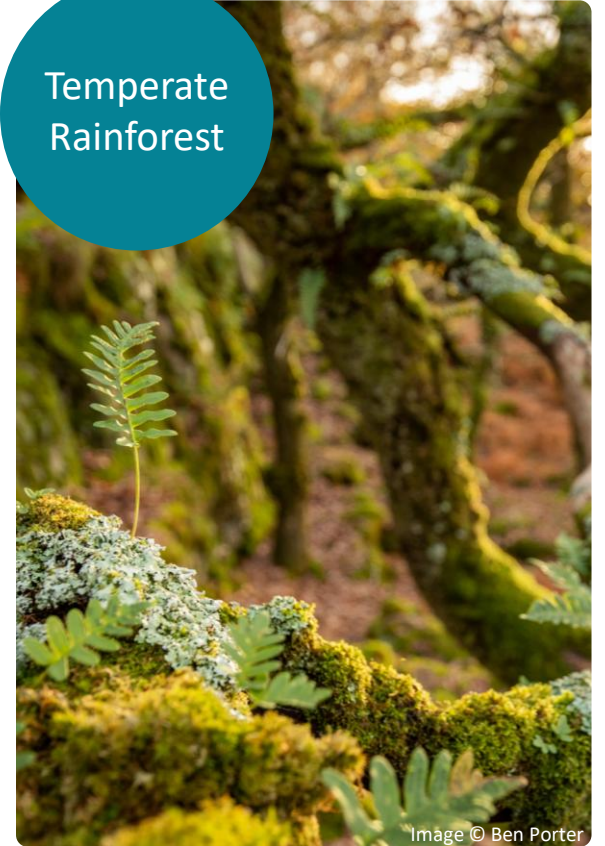
Penwith
Landscape
Recovery



South Coast
Marine
Recovery



Temperate
Rainforest



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Raoul Humphreys

Treasurer



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Financial Health – 2025/26

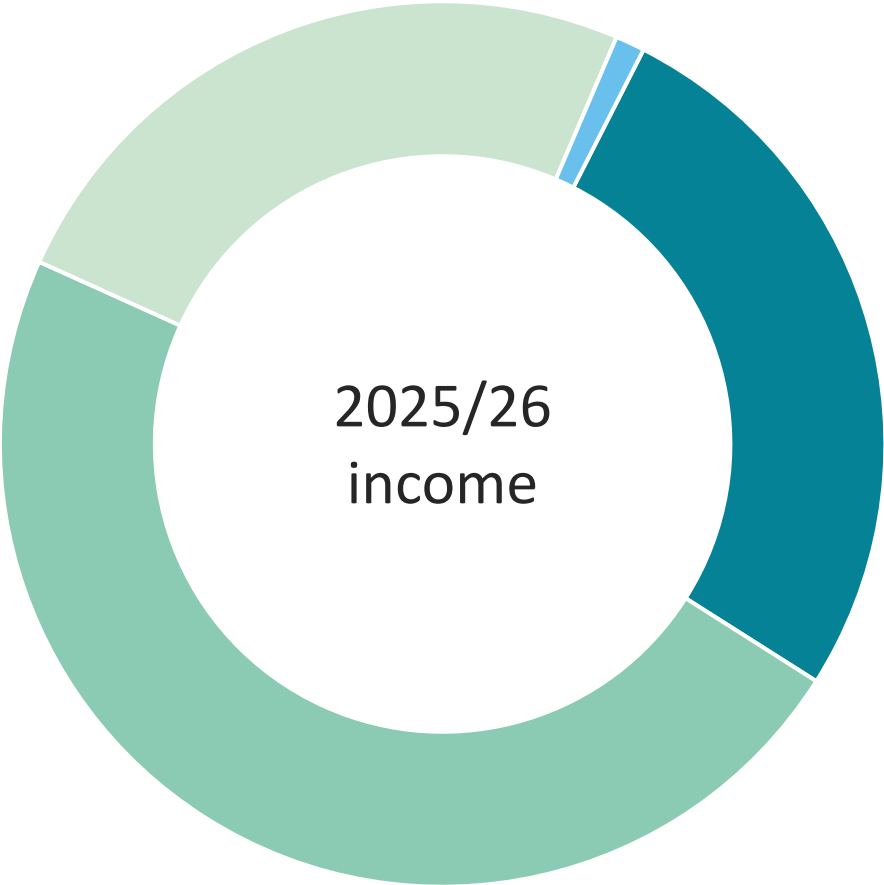
- ✓ Budget target achieved
- ✓ Net income over expenditure of £825,000
- ✓ Minimum general reserves against target achieved
- ✓ Investment initiatives on track
- ✓ Clean audit report and management letter
- ✗ Financial risk profile – uncertainty over long term funding



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Income



2025/26 income

Donations, legacies and memberships	£1.98m
Programme grants and contracts	£3.57m
Trading activities *	£1.85m
Other income inc. investments	£0.08m
Total:	£7.48m

(£4.58m unrestricted income, £2.90m restricted)

* £1.47 turnover from CEC

£680k

Received for nature thanks to the subscriptions of our members and patrons

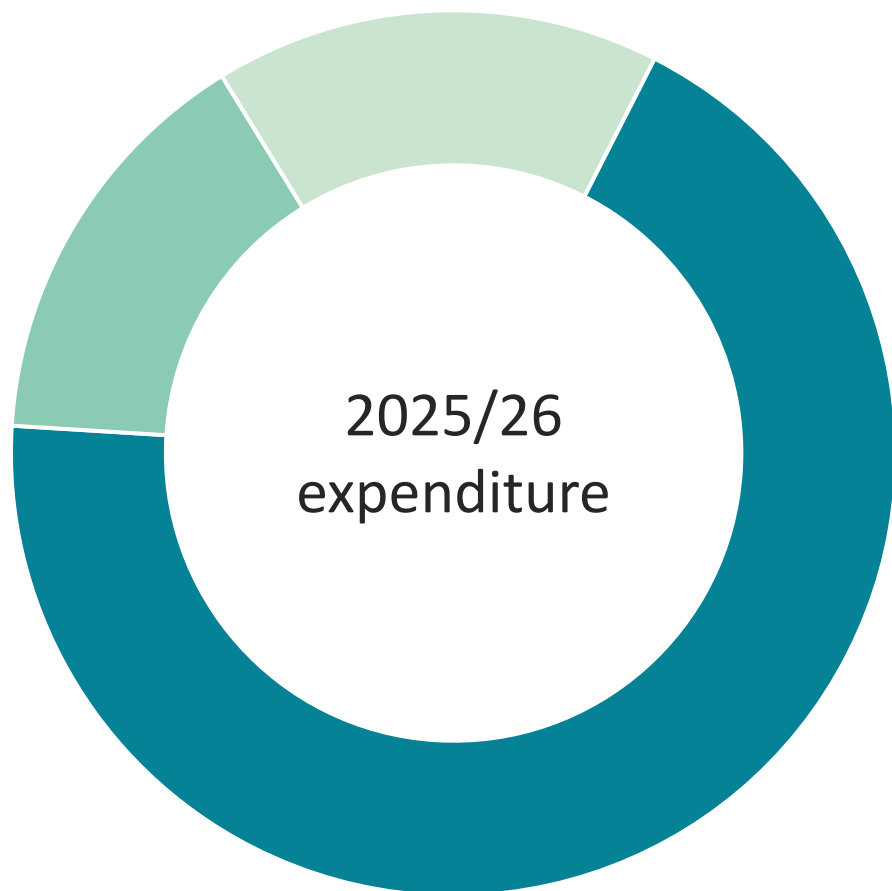
£642k

Gifted to wildlife by those who kindly remembered the Trust's work in their Wills



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Expenditure



2025/26 expenditure

▶ Charitable activities	£4.55m
▶ Raising funds and increasing awareness	£1.01m
▶ Environmental consultancy	£1.08m
Total:	£6.64m



47p is spent on programme work on **land and sea**
22p is spent on managing and improving our **nature reserves**
16p is spent delivering **CEC work benefitting nature**
13,373 volunteer hours in 2025/26



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Group balance sheet

	2025/26 (£)	2024/25 (£)
Fixed assets	8,156,373	8,000,421
Investments	57,374	57,631
Total fixed assets and investments	8,213,747	8,058,052
Current assets	6,300,443	5,185,987
Creditors due within one year	(1,210,375)	(745,912)
Net current assets	5,090,068	4,440,075
Creditors due after one year	(33,561)	(56,178)
Total net assets	13,270,254	12,441,949
Funds		
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>		
General Funds	1,613,092	1,620,295
Designated Funds	2,605,429	1,912,540
Revaluation Reserve	179	
<i>Restricted funds:</i>	9,051,554	8,909,114
Total Funds	13,270,254	12,441,949



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Amie Fulton

Secretary



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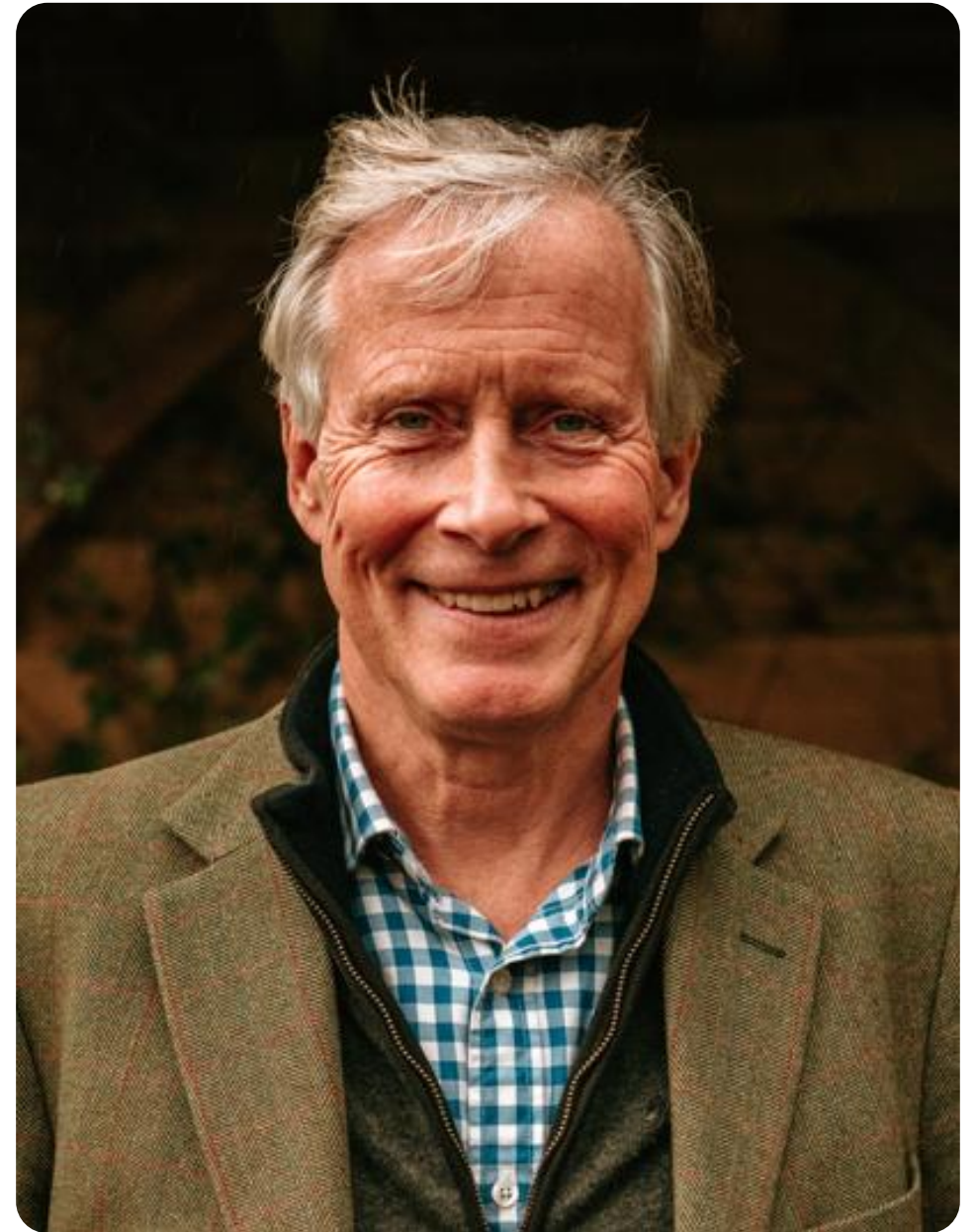
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Trustee standing for a third term

Oliver Blount, Chair of Trustees

Oliver found a derelict farmhouse near Camelford in 1998 and has spent the years since then restoring it as a family home. The farm has been tenanted and farmed for beef cattle until recently. A new plan for the land will focus more on environmental and ecological aspects. Prior to being able to spend more time in Cornwall, Oliver had an initial spell in the army serving in the Far East with a Gurkha regiment; and latterly a 35-year career in financial services principally in London and with time spent in New York, Milan, Istanbul and Eastern Europe.



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2026 Volunteer Awards

Celebrating those who give
their time, skills and passion
to help nature



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Young Volunteer

Josh Trew



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Group Award

Open Gardens Team



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Conservation Champion

Kathleen Hampshire



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Green Legacy

Euan McPhee



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