

Trustees' statement

We confirm that the following is a summary of information extracted from the Cornwall Wildlife Trust's annual unqualified consolidated statutory accounts. These accounts comprise the consolidated statements of **The Cornwall Trust for Nature Conservation Limited** and its subsidiary company **Cornwall Environmental Consultants Ltd** for the year ended 28th February 2017.



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 28 February 2017

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2017 (£)	Total 2016 (£)
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	256,480	411,054	667,534	332,518
Membership subscriptions	549,577	8,395	557,972	518,945
Trading activities:				
Consultancy income and sales	658,129	10,755	668,884	693,727
Other income	93,090	49,989	143,079	139,325
	1,557,276	480,193	2,037,469	1,684,515
Charitable activities:				
Nature conservation	781,697	820,861	1,602,558	1,157,747
Total income	2,338,973	1,301,054	3,640,027	2,842,262
Expenditure on:				
Consultancy expenses	471,363	-	471,363	521,466
Other	352,665	(8,580)	344,085	339,195
	824,028	(8,580)	815,448	860,661
Charitable activities:				
Nature conservation	1,345,132	757,888	2,103,020	1,786,746
Total expenditure	2,169,160	749,308	2,918,468	2,647,407
Net income for the year	169,813	551,746	721,559	194,855
Funds at 1st March 2016	989,728	3,792,012	4,781,740	4,586,885
Funds at 28th February 2017	1,159,541	4,343,758	5,503,299	4,781,740

This year a significant change to our financial statements has occurred in the funds section of our balance sheet. The increase in designated funds from **£31,374** to **£810,067** has occurred primarily due to the following factors:

- Designation of a capital reserve recognising that the unrestricted funds tied up in fixed assets of **£569,058** are not available for other charitable purposes. Eg our headquarters land and buildings.
- Designation of a building maintenance fund of **£65,000** to address a backlog of maintenance at our headquarters.
- Designation of a development fund of **£108,780** funded from unrestricted legacies, for capital and non-capital works or projects which advance the strategic plan objectives of the Trust.

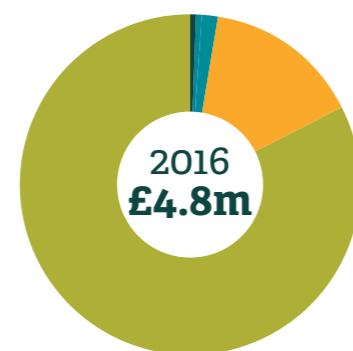
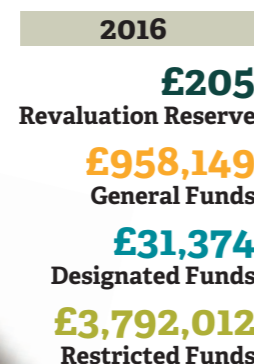
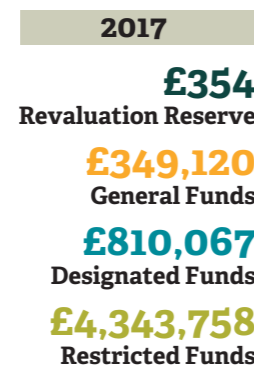
The pie chart below demonstrates that our actual 'free' or general reserves are **£349,120**. It is Trust policy to aim to keep **£400,000** in free reserves to smooth out fluctuations in Trust income. This represents 3 months unrestricted expenditure.

BALANCE SHEET at 28th February 2017

	The Group	
	2017	2016
Fixed Assets	3,702,750	3,549,210
Current Assets	2,377,298	1,813,478
Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year	(325,164)	(338,000)
Net Current Assets	2,052,134	1,475,478
Amounts falling due after one year	(251,585)	(242,948)
Net Assets	5,503,299	4,781,740
Funds		
Unrestricted funds – General Funds	349,120	958,149
– Designated Funds	810,067	31,374
– Revaluation Reserve	354	205
Restricted funds	4,343,758	3,792,012
	5,503,299	4,781,740

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.



Business Supporters – working for wildlife

Our corporate scheme enjoyed more success than ever before with a 23% increase in members on the previous year to 163 Business Supporters, Wildlife Guardians and Wildlife Partners. 37 new businesses joined, raising £33,500 for Cornwall's wildlife.

We celebrated a decade of working with Wildlife Partner Frugi who donated £17,783 to our Living Seas work. HandyKam donated 500 Cornwall Wildlife Trust branded nest boxes to encourage new members worth around £10,000.

£17,783
Donated to Living Seas

Wildlife Partners

BBC Radio Cornwall, Truro
Bourne Leisure - Perran Sands and Riviere Sands Holiday Parks, Perranporth
Chelonia Ltd, Penzance
Cornish Coffee, Redruth
Cornish Guardian, Truro
Cornishman, Penzance
Dewsign, Penryn
Fembank Advertising Ltd, Launceston
Frugi, Helston
Hall Wood, Polyn
John Fowler Holidays, Ilfracombe
Mother Ivey's Bay Caravan Park, Padstow
South West Water, Exeter
St Eval Candle Company, St Eval
Trebah Garden, Mawman Smith
University of Exeter Business School, Penryn
Vine House Farm, Spalding
Visit Cornwall, Truro
West Briton, Truro
Western Morning News, Plymouth
Whistlfish, St Ives
Woodland Valley Farm, Ladock

Wildlife Guardians

Cher Varya Group Ltd, Truro
Cornish Horizons, Padstow
Handykam.com, Redruth
Green and Blue, Perranporth
Jo Downs Glass Designs Ltd, Launceston
Kurt and Caroline Jackson Ltd, St Just
Trago Mills Ltd, Liskeard

Business Members

Accommodation Providers
Ayr Holiday Park, St Ives
Bamham Farm Cottages, Launceston

Visitor Gifting

Donations from businesses continued to grow, with a variety of companies choosing to donate through sales of their products or accommodation. We were fortunate to receive over £5,000 from Impact Fluid Solutions, £2,600 from sales of Vine House Farm Bird Food and £2,000 from visitors to Mother Ivey's Bay caravan park. In all, together with other donations, this raised an impressive £26,750 for our conservation work.

Corporate Wild Work Days

The Trust provided 30 corporate wild work days - 180 hours in total which saw employees engaging in a host of vital conservation activities on our nature reserves. This also had the added benefit of helping to improve employees' health and well-being.

Cornwall Environmental Consultants (CEC)

The Trust's trading arm performed well over the year, with the ecology and landscape teams completing almost 500 contracts throughout Cornwall and the southwest. Examples of projects include assessment and design for housing proposals at Wadebridge, Hayle and Falmouth, an ecotourism project near Falmouth and a ecological support on a number of operational sites for South West Water. The landscape team continued to work on the Pier Approach public realm project in Bournemouth as well as several individual residential planning applications.

Relationships with the Wildlife Trust Consultancies (WTCs) across the region and nationally were strengthened through closer collaboration with CEC working alongside Somerset Wildlife Trust's consultancy, First Ecology, on a number of joint projects and acting as WTC lead consultant on a national framework for the civil engineering company Costain.

Arts and Media

ATROPOS, The Lizard
Jon Tremaine Wildlife Artist, Hayle
Lou Jones Design, Truro
Saillfags, Goldsithney, Penzance
Usfor Design and Print, Newquay

Education

Chocolate Dog Marketing Services, St Ives
Duchy College, Camborne
Falmouth Marine School, Falmouth
Richard Lander School, Truro

Environment

Naked Solar (Cornwall Solar Panels), Newquay
Environment Agency
Essential Sewage Systems, Bideford
ZLC Energy Ltd, Penryn

Farming / Industrial

Brewer and Bunney, Redruth
CPMR Ltd, St Austell
Cornwall Community Land Trust, Truro
Country Conservation, Gunnislake

Imerys, Par
Kier Construction, Truro
Sandoe and Sons, Bodmin
SEF, Hayle
Watson Marlow, Falmouth

Financial / Professional

Furse Sanders Solicitors, St Ives
RCES, Helston
Robinson Reed Layton, Truro
Stephen Scown Solicitors, St Austell
Vickery Holman, Truro
Worldwide Financial Planning Ltd, Truro

Food and drinks

Boscastle Farm Shop & Cafe, Boscastle
Cornish Orchards, Liskeard
Harbour Lights, Falmouth

Kernow Chocolate, St Eval, Wadebridge

Pandora Inn, Mylor, Falmouth
Pocketful of Stones Distillers Ltd, Penzance
Southwestern Distillery Limited, Wadebridge

The Lifeboat Inn, St Ives

The Old Custom House, Padstow
The Port William Inn, Tintagel
The Rashleigh Arms, Charlestown

Trevone Beach Cafe, Trevone, Padstow

Recreation

Encounter Cornwall, Fowey
Newquay Activity Centre, Newquay
Newquay Sea Safaris and Fishing, Newquay
Koru Kayaking, St Agnes

Retail

Andrew Butterworth Designs, Cheshire
Carleys of Cornwall Limited, Truro
Cedar Croft Nurseries, St Ives
EKO, St Just, Penzance
Hicks Carpet Cleaning, Redruth

Polstrong Feed Store, Camborne

Westcare, Plymouth
Visitor Attractions
Carrglaze Caverns, Liskeard
Cornish Seal Sanctuary, Gweek
Heritage Attractions Ltd., Land's End
Newquay Zoo, Newquay
Paradise Park Wildlife Centre, Hayle

St Aubyn Estates, Marazion

St Austell Brewery Visitor Centre, St Austell
The Lost Gardens of Heligan, St Austell
Tregothnan Estates, Truro

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Cornwall Wildlife Trust

Protecting Cornwall's wildlife and wild places



A single mussel is host to a miniature ecosystem giving life to Cornwall's seas.

Registered charity number 214929

From the Chief Executive

Our vision is for a Cornwall rich in wildlife, enjoyed and cared for by one and all. However pressures on Cornwall's natural environment continue to grow and the Trust needs to ensure a strong position to take effective action, working whenever possible in partnership with others. A new Strategic Plan to cover 2016 – 2020 was created along with a rolling Three

Year Financial Framework to enable longer term planning. This will restore our cash reserves and improve financial stability alongside focussed fundraising efforts and continued support from our membership.

Partnership is key to achieving our vision and as highlighted below in our Living Seas, Living Landscapes and Inspiring People sections producing some real impacts in protecting Cornwall's wildlife.

We have seen great successes with Upstream Thinking supported by South West Water and landowners, work in the Looe River Catchment with the Environment Agency and local landowners, and extensions to County Wildlife Sites through the Wildlife Sites Partnership. We also play a key role in the Local Nature Partnership, which facilitates positive environmental gains in Cornwall. Much of our work now takes place on a landscape scale and the successful bid for Lottery Funding to develop the

Penwith Landscape Partnership. Winning the Western Morning News Countryside Award for best landscape project in the Looe Valley will support our plans for thriving, wildlife-rich ecosystems throughout Cornwall.

We also maintained our involvement in planning, standing up for wildlife where needed and ensuring environmental issues were at the forefront of policy for newly developed neighbourhood plans. Our nature reserves benefit from a continued programme of

enhancement, improving wildlife habitat and access to sites across the county. The ongoing efforts of our marine team were rewarded with the designation of new Marine Conservation Zones and the successful launch of The Cornwall Good Seafood Guide. Engaging people in our wildlife work is at our heart and is well-illustrated by our marine work. Hundreds of volunteers are engaged in the Marine Strandings Network and other programmes such as Seasearch, providing evidence-based support for our work.

I have been fortunate enough to be involved with Cornwall Wildlife Trust for over 40 years, and am pleased to see its direction firmly set under our new strategic plan. I feel particularly honoured to see the launch of Your Shore Beach Rangers this year, bringing a new generation to this vital conservation work.

Trevor Edwards, Chief Executive

We are an individual charity, belonging to the UK wide federation, The Wildlife Trusts. Our work is funded by the generous support of our volunteers, members and partners including local businesses, authorities, government agencies, Lottery Funds and other charitable trusts and grants. All funding supports our vision for Cornwall to be rich in wildlife, enjoyed and cared for by one and all.

Continuing to protect Cornwall's wildlife and wild places, on land and in our seas, all year round!



Living Landscapes...

An ambitious plan to secure a better future for wildlife and people where nature is embedded into the heart of our lives.

Our Living Landscape targets are:

A healthy suite of wildlife-rich core areas

The Trust has a special interest in County Wildlife Sites (CWSs). These sites are of county importance for wildlife but have no statutory protection, so we give advice to help protect and enhance them. This year we:

- Helped 2 CWS owners in the River Cober area to apply for Countryside Stewardship grants.
- Carried out a preliminary surveys of 2 new sites with potential to become designated as CWSs.
- Arranged for the Wild Cober volunteer group to carry out practical management on 3 CWSs.

Land owned and managed by the Trust at Windmill Farm and North Predannack Downs on the Lizard was designated as part of the National Nature Reserve. The extension, that included 470ha of Trust and NT land, is the largest NNR declaration in the south west in over 20 years.

Natural England funded a large amount of annual management and capital projects on Trust nature reserves through Environmental Stewardship and Conservation Enhancement Schemes, including a £25,000 invasive species clearance at Pendarves Woods.

Wildlife Recording

The Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (ERCCIS) hosted by the Trust was awarded the national accreditation standard – approved by the Association of Local Environmental Records Centres, the National Biodiversity Network and DEFRA.

A major upgrade was made to www.orks.org.uk with 16 new taxonomic groups added. 66,000 new records were submitted over the year.

16 new species group added
66,000 new records of species

A vibrant network of rivers, streams, Cornish hedges and waysides providing wildlife corridors

Our Upstream Thinking project is a partnership with South West Water working with farmers in West Cornwall. One of the project areas is the land around the upper River Cober where we work to reduce pollution of the river and to enhance wildlife habitats. The evidence suggests that Upstream Thinking farm interventions are beginning to have a direct positive impact!

The Wild Wetlands appeal generated £14,298. Cornish Hedges appeal has brought in £5,856 so far.

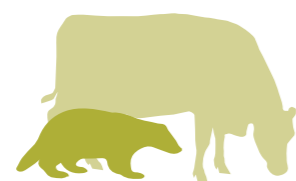
Amount generated by the Appeals



We continued to host the Cornwall Catchment Partnership, a cross-sector group of organisations working to enhance Cornwall's water environment. A key focus for the group is protection of soils and the role that good soil management plays in flood alleviation. The Partnership began work on a Soils Action Plan for Cornwall.

The East Looe Catchment Project had another successful year. In addition to working on 13 farms projects with landowners and farmers to reduce river pollution and enhance habitats, we held workshops for business owners and local plumbers to inform them how they can play their part in protecting the cleanliness of Looe's vulnerable bathing water.

A wider working countryside sympathetically managed for wildlife



The Trust was heavily involved in the development of the Cornwall TB Eradication Group, a cross-sector group to help shape the way the Government's TB Eradication strategy is delivered in Cornwall. A key challenge is to raise the profile of badger vaccination and demonstrate its viability.

Living Seas...

Seas in which wildlife thrives from the top to the bottom of the ocean food-web.

Our Living Seas targets are:

Threatened habitats and species that recover from past decline

We lead a group of regional experts to progress bottlenose dolphin research and in particular photo identification work. We then ran a successful Southwest Bottlenose Dolphin Forum in October with nearly 200 delegates and speakers from across UK and Europe.

Our Marine Strandings Network of volunteers assessed stranded animals on our beaches and collated evidence for our Bycatch Evidence Evaluation Project. During 2016 volunteers recorded a total of 205 cetaceans and 159 seals, a significant increase on recent years which is of concern. These records included the first ever recorded UK stranding of a female sperm whale near Perran Sands in July 2016.

Our work to influence the choice of sites for the 3rd tranche of Marine Conservation Zones around Cornwall continued. Marine Managers were also involved in developing fishing bye-laws to protect Marine Conservation Zones (MCZs) via the Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA).

A natural environment that adapts well to climate change with ocean processes helping to slow climate change

Through our Seasearch dive surveys we worked with 43 divers to collect data on 565 different species from numerous dive surveys around the coast. Notable dives included exploration of the maerl beds in Falmouth Bay and Carters Rocks off Holywell on the North coast.



Use of the sea's resources is environmentally sustainable

Our online sustainable seafood resource, the Cornwall Good Seafood Guide (www.cornwallgoodseafoodguide.org.uk), won 'Best Contribution to Cornwall's Brand' at the Cornwall Sustainability Awards. Usage of the website and the business membership scheme continued to grow throughout the year; the website received 400+ hits per week and 72 business members were signed by the end of the year.



People appreciate, understand and value the sea for the many ways in which it supports our quality of life

The Your Shore Beach Rangers project was launched in 2016 in partnership with Cornwall College. It is part of a portfolio of Big lottery projects called Our Bright Future. Our 5 year project aims to build on the work of the existing Your Shore network of marine groups, with a particular focus of engaging young people between 11 and 24 years old in the marine environment.



We continue to hold an active seat on the IFCA and are involved in promoting sustainable fisheries and management of inshore waters, and were active in getting positive management in place for several designated Marine Conservation Zones.

The Trust continued to coordinate the Cornwall Marine and Coastal Code Group, tackling the growing issue of marine wildlife disturbance. In 2016 we created an information leaflet and card which was distributed to all boat users in Cornwall via Cornwall Council harbour packs, and worked with our partners in responding to disturbance issues around the county involving dolphins, seals and sea birds.

Inspiring People...

Engaging and inspiring our members, local people and those visiting Cornwall to support our efforts and take action for wildlife and the natural environment.

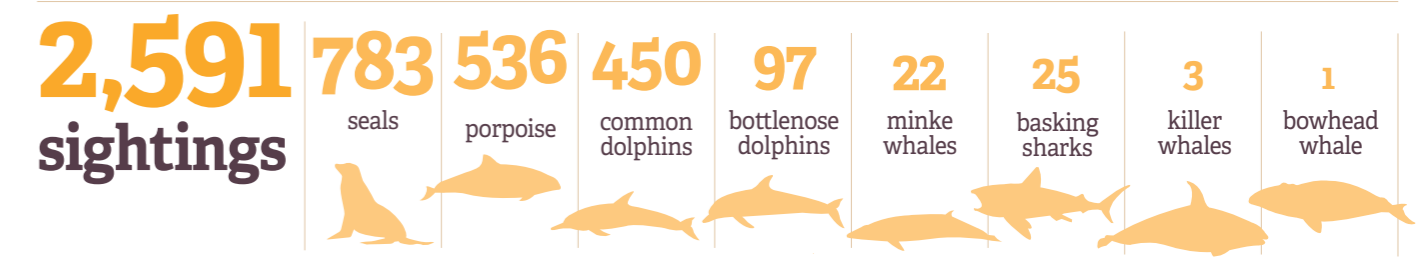
Our Inspiring People targets are:

Provide a diverse range of opportunities for people to learn about, experience and get involved in Living Seas and Living Landscapes programmes



- The Trust's annual Wildlife Celebration returned to Trebah Garden and attracted a record number of people with over 2,500 engaging in Trust projects and activities.
- The Trust won 'best small non-agricultural trade stand' at Royal Cornwall Show with praise for engagement and education.
- Our Open Gardens scheme attracted over 2,500 visitors throughout Cornwall and raised a record breaking £12,600.

Seasearch Southwest sightings



The Wildlife Information Service run by ERCCIS continues to provide expert advice to the public, local businesses and schools.

The MyWild Life campaign built on its success and featured Emmy and BAFTA award winning wildlife cameraman Ian McCarthy, CoppaFeel! cancer charity founder and national newspaper columnist Kris Hallenga, Cornish comedian Kernow King and adventurer Erin Bastain.

The Trust stepped up its use of digital media with followers and engagement increasing by over 65%.

Our Seasearch Southwest sightings scheme engaged with over 1900 people through our regular sea watches and volunteer events. We had 2591 sightings reported, almost 1000 more than the previous year, including some record numbers of animals and some very rare sightings.

The Trust hosted the first ever Southwest Bottlenose Dolphin Forum thanks to funding from the Trust's bottlenose appeal. The event brought experts, volunteers and the general public together to celebrate this iconic species, and move regional research forward to compile the data necessary to ensure better protection for these animals in our south west waters.

Expand our work with young people to inspire the next generation with the wonders and importance of Cornwall's wildlife and wild places

Fox Club held 60 events throughout Cornwall (Forage and Feasts, Rummage in a Rockpool to Wild About Hedgehogs) and won the Tesco Bag Fund receiving £4,874.

