

From the Chief Executive

The year saw us taking stock, reviewing progress against our plans and understanding how Cornwall Wildlife Trust might need to develop and prioritise in order to be ready to meet the challenges of the future. In discussion with staff, Trustees, volunteers and partners, we began work on an exciting new strategy for a Wilder Cornwall.

Sir David Attenborough helped to raise awareness of the climate and ecological crisis, which became headline news throughout the world as well as here in Cornwall, further raising the profile of the environment, support for our work and the need to find wildlife-friendly solutions in the face of climate change.

As set out in this annual review, our dedicated staff, volunteers and community groups were able to achieve much for the wildlife and wild places of Cornwall, thanks to the generous subscriptions, donations, and grants given to us by our members, our business supporters and our funders, and the time given by our volunteers.

I am immensely proud of the work of Cornwall Wildlife Trust and I feel privileged to lead an organisation of such passionate, skilled and wild people.

Thank you everyone.

Carolyn Cadman, Chief Executive

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 2019.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended
28 February 2019

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2019 (£)	Total 2018 (£)
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	803,347	888,112	1,691,459	845,675
Membership subscriptions	578,306	9,055	587,361	567,768
<i>Charitable activities:</i>				
Nature conservation	711,371	1,197,294	1,908,665	1,657,897
<i>Other Trading activities:</i>				
Consultancy income and sales	593,433	36,922	630,355	728,244
Other income	179,959	92,799	272,758	183,815
Total income	2,866,416	2,224,182	5,090,598	3,983,399
Expenditure on:				
Consultancy expenses	532,029	–	532,029	545,381
Other	494,502	1	494,503	365,301
<i>Charitable activities:</i>				
Nature conservation	1,486,989	1,190,815	2,677,804	2,152,343
Total expenditure	2,513,520	1,190,816	3,704,336	3,063,025
Transfers between funds	21,137	(21,137)	–	–
Net income for the year	374,033	1,012,229	1,386,262	920,374
Funds at 1st March 2018	1,474,954	4,948,719	6,423,673	5,503,299
Funds at 28th February 2019	1,848,987	5,960,948	7,809,935	6,423,673

BALANCE SHEET at 28 February 2019

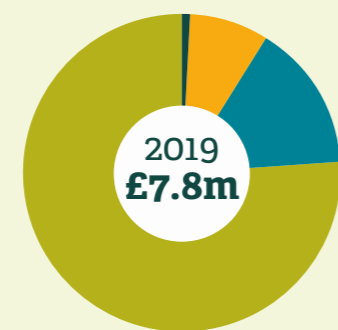
	The Group	
	2019 (£)	2018 (£)
Fixed Assets	3,868,988	3,708,968
Current Assets	4,476,651	3,205,605
Creditors		
Amounts falling due within one year	(345,295)	(271,468)
Net Current Assets	4,131,356	2,934,137
Amounts falling due after one year	(190,409)	(219,432)
Net Assets	7,809,935	6,423,673
Funds		
Unrestricted funds – General Funds	626,765	525,057
– Designated Funds	1,221,943	949,484
– Revaluation Reserve	279	413
Restricted funds	5,960,948	4,948,719
Total Funds	7,809,935	6,423,673

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.

More than
2,500
volunteers
gave their time to monitor,
protect, and help nature with
us with a value of around
£200,000
Thank you!

The pie chart below demonstrates that our actual 'free' or general reserves are **£626,765** (£525,057 in 2018). It is Trust policy to aim to keep the equivalent of three months of unrestricted expenditure in free reserves to smooth out fluctuations in Trust income. For 2018/19 this equates to **£503,158**.



£279
Revaluation Reserve
£626,765
General Funds
£1,221,943
Designated Funds
£5,960,948
Restricted Funds

£884,063
SPENT ON
Nature
Reserves

£434,995
SPENT ON
Conservation Work
AT SEA

£1,358,746
SPENT ON
Conservation Work
ON LAND



£413
Revaluation Reserve
£525,057
General Funds
£949,484
Designated Funds
£4,948,719
Restricted Funds

Business Supporters – working for wildlife

Our Business Supporter scheme is receiving steady support with 160 Business Supporters at the end of the year, including Business Members, Wildlife Guardians and Wildlife Partners. In total, the scheme raised **£97,677** for Cornwall's wildlife and wild places.

The most popular way to support the Trust in 2018-19 was through annual Business Membership. In addition to this, there were also many innovative ways in which our supporters raised vital funds.

- Frugi's incredible support for our Living Seas work continued as they raised £24,690.95 through their 'Little Clothes, BIG Change' campaign, with votes from their customers converted to a 1% donation from every sale of their organic children's clothing range.

Our Business Supporters

Wildlife Partners

BBC Radio Cornwall
Bourne Leisure Ltd
Chelonia Limited
Cornish Coffee
Cornish Guardian
Cornishman
Dewsign Consultancy
Fernbank Advertising
Frugi
Hall Wood
John Fowler Holidays
Mother Ivey's Bay Holiday Park
South West Water
St Eval Candle Company
Trebah Garden
Vine House Farm
Visit Cornwall
West Briton
Western Morning News
Woodland Valley Farm

Wildlife Guardians

Cher Varya Group
Cornish Horizons
Green & Blue
Handykam
Jo Downs Glass Design
Kurt and Caroline Jackson
Southern England Farms
Trago Mills

Business Members

Andrew Butterworth Designs
Atropos
Ayr Holiday Park
Bamham Farm Cottages
Bedruthan Hotel and Spa
Bosayne Guest House
Boscastle Farm Shop & Cafe
Bosinver Farm Cottages
Brewer and Bunney
Bude Holiday Resort
Budock Vean Hotel
Carbis Bay Holidays
Carbis Bay Hotel, Spa and Estate
Carley's of Cornwall
Carnglaze Caverns
Cedar Croft Nurseries
Chocolate Dog Marketing Services
Clowance Holdings
Coastdale Parks, Atlantic Coast
Holiday Park
Coombe House
Cornish Orchards
Cornwall Community Land Trust
Cotna Eco Retreat
Country Conservation
CPMR Ltd
Duchy College
Eden Valley Holiday Park
EKO
Encounter Cornwall
Environment Agency
Essential Sewage Systems
Fin Lines
Forest Holidays

Four Way Print
Furse Sanders Solicitors
Globe Vale Holiday Park
Greenbank Hotel
Gwel an Mor
Harbour Lights
Heligan Woods Campsite
Helman Tor Cottages
Hendra Holiday Park
Heritage Attractions
Hicks Carpet Cleaning
Higher Menadew Farm Cottages
Holiday Cornwall
Hotel Tresanton
HPB Management
Idle Rocks
Imerys
John Bray Cornish Holidays
Jon Tremaine Wildlife Artist
Kilgarth Manor
King Edward Mine Museum
Koru Kayaking
Lewinnick Lodge
Lifeboat Inn
Listed Luxury
Little White Alice
Lou Jones Design
Lower Marsh Farm Holiday
Lettings & Retreat Venue
Lower Polladras Touring Park
Lower Treave Caravan
& Camping Park
Mount Pleasant Eco Park

Mullion Cove Hotel
Naked Solar
Nancarrow Farm
Newquay Activity Centre
Newquay Sea Safaris and Fishing
Newquay View Resort
Newquay Zoo
Padstow Touring Park
Paradise Park Wildlife Centre
Parkdean Holidays
Pioneer Billies
Piran Meadows Resort & Spa
Pitt House
Pocketful of Stones Distillers
Polstrong Feed Store
Rail Holiday
Rashleigh Arms
RCES
Retalack Holiday Lettings
Richard Lander School
River Valley Country Park
Robinson Reed Layton
Rosehill Lodges
Roundhouse Barn Holidays
Saiflags
Sandoe and Sons
Sea Life Trust
Seaview Holiday Village
Southwestern Distillery
St Aubyn Estates
St Austell Brewery Visitor Centre
St Ives Bay Holiday Park
St Moritz Hotel & Garden Villas
St Tinney Farm Holidays

Stay In Cornwall
Stephens Scown Solicitors
Sustainable Parking Surfaces
Sykes Cottages
Ta Mill Holiday Cottages
Tehidy Holiday Park
The Cornwall Hotel
The Nare Hotel
The Old Coastguard
The Olde House
The Pandora Inn
The Park Mawgan Porth
The Port William Inn
The Valley Polzeath
Travel Chapter -
Holidaycottages.co.uk
Tregothan Estate
Trehem Mill Touring Park
Trevarth Holiday Park
Trevaskis Farm
Trevella Park
Trevone Beach Café
Trevornick
Trewan Hall
Usfor Design and Print
Vickery Holman
Watergate Bay Hotel
Waterlily Holiday Cottage
Watson Marlow
Westcare Supply Zone
Whalesborough Cottages & Spa
Wooda Farm Holiday Park
Worldwide Financial Planning
ZLC Energy

Cornwall Environmental Consultants (CEC)

CEC had a busy but challenging year completing more than 500 projects for developers, architects, engineers, local authorities, utility companies and government agencies.



Our ecologists and landscape architects worked with Cormac on Cornwall Council's Green Infrastructure for Growth project, transforming over 35 hectares of public open space with wildflower meadows, planting for pollinators and woodland planting. The project was awarded Winner of Winners at this year's Big Biodiversity Challenge Awards. Our landscape architects began work on the Penwith Landscape Partnership's three-year That's Our Parish project, working with local people to identify the special qualities of their local landscapes.

Our ecologists did survey work for the new Stadium for Cornwall, produced a number of Environment Impact Assessment reports for Western Power Distribution and protected species surveys for the National Trust's car park proposals at Penrose Hill.

CEC's Board of Directors was further strengthened resulting in improved corporate and financial governance. We also ensured the company retained its accreditation to the quality management systems that underpin our work: OHSAS18001 (Health and Safety), ISO9001 (Quality Management System), ISO14001 (Environmental Management System).



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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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ERCCIS

The Environmental Records Centre Cornwall and the Isle of Scilly (ERCCIS) is Cornwall's only accredited Local Environment Record Centre, with a wealth of environmental, conservation and species information.



- The Wildlife Information Service had 1,745 enquiries for help on technical and project work or generally advice to members of the public. Many of these were providing data and wildlife information to landowners to help them deliver a wilder Cornwall.
- There were over 240 commercial responses to planning, as well as data supplied for many Cornwall Council teams, including the AONB team. The records centre provided data and support in the production of 17 Local Neighbourhood Development plans.
- ERCCIS now holds over 6 million species records for Cornwall, with people all over the county sending in their recordings and sightings. Many use the new Online Recording Kernow and Scilly smartphone app – known as the ORKS app, making it easier for people to snap and send their sightings immediately.
- The Mapping Hedges Project was completed and launched, an amazing achievement involving 20 volunteers who mapped over 30,000 miles of hedges. 118 projects are now mapped and accessible online, including the Traditional Orchards mapping project.

Annual Review 2018-19

Cornwall
Wildlife Trust



Protecting Cornwall's wildlife
and wild places



Local hardy cattle graze our nature reserves creating the right conditions for some of our iconic Cornish wildlife to thrive

Registered charity number 214929



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

Wilder PLACES

More land, rivers and seas managed well for wildlife

Cornwall's stunning flora and fauna is part of our heritage and our livelihoods, and we are proud to be the largest local conservation charity in Cornwall protecting and enhancing it.

We manage our own suite of Nature Reserves for wildlife, but this isn't enough on its own to reverse declines in species and habitats. This is why we work with other landowners and farmers to find ways they can welcome wildlife back through our Living Landscapes projects, that also make sound business sense; like reducing unnecessary herbicide and fertiliser use, planting up agriculturally unproductive field corners and trying new grass seed mixes that are better for the soil and our pollinators.

As part of our Living Seas programme we campaign for more and better managed Marine Conservation Zones, work with fishermen on new ways to reduce dolphin and porpoise by-catch and we help to support sustainable fishing practice through the Cornwall Good Seafood Guide.



This year's hot weather resulted in some high insect counts on our 57 nature reserves. A record number of marsh fritillary butterfly were recorded at Breney Common while at Penhale an amazing 4,500 silver-studded blues were seen in one day

- We will:**
- grow our suite of nature reserves and manage them to be the best sites for wildlife
 - run wildlife projects on land and in rivers and seas
 - support and advise people who own and manage land and whose activities impact on our seas and rivers

Penhale is the last remaining place in Cornwall to see the grizzled skipper butterfly with staff and volunteers carrying out work specifically targeted to help this species. Windmill Farm had a new dragonfly record, the southern migrant hawk, bringing the number of dragon and damselfly species recorded at this nature reserve to 20.

We reintroduced coppice management at Devichoy's Wood to support diverse woodland habitat, where tree felling will create glades over a 10 year cycle. This work was carried out with a local community firewood group and was greatly helped by being able to buy specialist forestry equipment, paid for by the EU Leader programme and a generous legacy. Clearance work at Pendarves Wood, funded by Natural England, has transformed the woodland, opening it up for a host of wildlife to flourish while revealing the features of this former historic parkland.

The hot weather meant a busy summer for the Looe Island wardens, welcoming 2,500 visitors to this wildlife paradise. As well as leading guided walks the wardens supervised species surveys including seabirds and seals, with a record year for herring gulls' nests. The monthly seal surveys were carried out, with the arrival this year of several young seals making around 100 the total number of individual seals identified around Looe Island to date.

After years of painstaking collaborative research it has finally been proven that the small pod of bottlenose dolphins regularly spotted in south west waters is a resident pod, the only group of their kind in England. We now know that the group is made up of 28 dolphins, which can be identified by markings on their dorsal fins. Every year we get numerous sightings of the group who can be seen leaping out of the water, surfing, playing and feeding close to the shore all around Cornwall's coast.



Our Upstream Thinking Team, working in partnership with South West Water continued to work positively with farmers. They achieved 18 hectares of direct wildlife habitat improvement through the work of practical volunteer teams, 35 hectares of wildlife habitat better managed through changes to farming practice and 256 hectares of farmland with either reduced chemical inputs, better soil management or pastures sown with flower-rich seed mixes.

We also worked with farmers in the East Looe valley, offering grants for farmyard infrastructure improvements to reduce agricultural pollution in the East Looe river. This was complemented by work in Looe town to tackle fat build-up in the drainage system from hospitality businesses that can lead to sewage discharge into the harbour.

The beavers at Woodland Valley Farm, released into an enclosure as part of a partnership project with the Trust had kits in summer and their transformation of the site continued apace! Water rail, Common sandpipers, breeding grass snakes and polecats were recorded at the farm, several of these had never been recorded there before!

We surveyed or gave advice on 14 County Wildlife Sites during the year and included some in Countryside Stewardship agreements to incentivise owners to manage them sympathetically.

As host of the National Heritage Lottery funded Penwith Landscape Partnership scheme we helped the 13 separate projects to get underway. Of particular interest for the Trust are the projects focussing on managing the Penwith downs for wildlife, working with landowners to enhance the area's Cornish hedges and working with livestock farmers to improve farm productivity whilst still caring for the area's wildlife, heritage and landscape.

award-winning film, Wild Cornwall – Out on the Edge. This was seen in 12 cinema screenings by over 2,000 people and raised over £10,000.

12 privately owned gardens were generously opened to the public in 2018 and enjoyed by 5,000 visitors. The Open Gardens events raised over £21,000 and showed how people can encourage wildlife into gardens, no matter how big or small.

We are indebted to Cornwall's people and communities. The people, schools and groups who support us, and through us, Cornwall's wildlife and wild places.



Wilder PEOPLE

More people taking action and connecting with nature

Collaborative efforts and many volunteer hours spent in citizen science research and survey work has resulted in greater protection for our Cornish seas. Our local Your Shore Network groups are diverse, but united by a common goal - to look after their own special area of sea and shore.

Marine Conservation Groups have been documenting otters, running events including night-time rockpooling and snorkeling safaris and setting up beachside Refill stations, which provide free drinking water to the public as an alternative to buying plastic-bottles of water.



We have supported a network of over 17 marine conservation groups, and worked in partnership with many marine organisations and people to create a 'blue belt' of Marine Protected Areas and Marine Conservation Zones, where our waters can team with life.

Marine life needs to be protected from disturbance. The Cornwall Marine & Coastal Code is coordinated by Cornwall Wildlife Trust, with the aim of encouraging responsible wildlife watching. 218 incidences of disturbance were reported to the hotline. Training events were organised for boat operators to spread the word about safe ways to watch wildlife.

Cornwall Wildlife Trust membership continues to grow steadily, linking people through volunteering into grassroots communities and wildlife groups. We have 16,922 members – the highest since 2012. As well as our supporters donating to our appeals and fundraising on our behalf, we raised additional income through fundraising schemes from Charity of the Year, to JustGiving and AmazonSmile.

Our stunning natural heritage is part of why Cornwall is so unique. We were lucky enough to have Ian McCarthy produce an

- We will:**
- raise awareness and inspire people to take action for wildlife
 - speak out on behalf of our members and campaign to help Cornwall's wildlife
 - work with communities to record and understand the state of Cornwall's wildlife and wild places

Wilder FUTURE

More decisions that secure the recovery and growth of wildlife

Our links with colleges and universities for work experience and volunteer placements help provide a foundation for learning and development between ourselves and the new science communicators, ecologists and wildlife conservationists.

Your Shore Beach Rangers is continuing to make waves along our coastal communities, with the addition of a Beach Rangers mini programme involving 16 Cornish schools this year. Funded by Our Bright Future, which is led by The Wildlife Trusts, this programme will leave a legacy of, and for, our younger generations of sea guardians. Around 500 training sessions for young people were held, and just over 200 Beach Rangers have completed awards to date, young people between 16 and 24.



We will:

- use our knowledge and experience to influence the plans and decisions of others
- play our part in fulfilling Cornwall's commitment to environmental growth
- engage and inspire the next generation of decision makers

The YSBR project has worked with at risk youths across the county providing equipment and opportunities for them to experience the amazing species we find in our waters.

Wildlife watch, our junior branch, continues to collaborate with local organisations who are connecting children with nature, with over 80 family-friendly experiences from Rockpool Safaris, Bats about Barn Owls and Wildlife Gardening clubs enjoyed by families throughout Cornwall.

The Cornwall Catchment Partnership, hosted by the Trust, focussed on soils and began to work towards the ambitious goal of 'All Cornwall's soils are healthy and in a good condition'.

We ran a successful appeal for Marine Strandings, bringing in funds to support vital research work to find ways to reduce our seals, whales and dolphins coming to harm. Our badger appeal was also launched, raising awareness and huge public support for badger vaccination as an alternative way to address bovine TB.

We also became part of a European project 'Wildseas European Atlantic Ocean Heritage Route' – the WAOH Route, putting Cornwall on the international map as a world-class eco-diver destination. The pledge to protect our natural environment is now further embedded in Cornwall's economic growth.



Projects and partnerships include:



Keskowethyans Tirweth Pennwydh Penwith Landscape Partnership

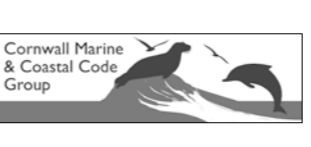


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