



Cornwall  
Wildlife Trust



Annual **Review**

**2020-21**





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

## From the Chief Executive

Cornwall's stunning landscapes and magnificent seas often mask the hard truth that nature is in decline.

Our State of Nature Cornwall 2020 report released early in 2021 widely publicised some shocking truths, including the fact that nearly half of all species assessed have experienced significant decline in Cornwall and many are threatened with extinction.

Staff, volunteers, trustees and supporters of Cornwall Wildlife Trust can however take some hope and optimism from the actions that they, alongside local businesses and decision-makers, are taking to bring nature back and tackle climate change in Cornwall.

The coronavirus pandemic continued to disrupt our events and engagement plans throughout the course of this year, but being the resilient organisation that we are, we switched onto digital platforms and engaged lots of our supporters online.

We identified climate change in the State of Nature Cornwall 2020 report as a major driver of change,

with average temperatures having increased by one degree in recent years. We're walking the talk and making good progress towards becoming carbon net zero by 2030.

A number of Trustees reached the end of their term and stood down at the Annual General Meeting in 2020 and more will step down again in 2021. I am extremely grateful to each and every one of them for the support extended to the team and I in our efforts to deliver the important work of the Trust.

I would like to thank everyone involved with Cornwall Wildlife Trust – our staff, volunteers, Trustees, members, supporters, delivery partners and funders. More than ever, nature needs you.

Your ongoing support means we can continue to help Cornwall's wildlife and wild places to survive and thrive, putting nature and the climate crisis at the heart of Cornwall's recovery from the pandemic.

**Carolyn Cadman**

Chief Executive, Cornwall Wildlife Trust



# Wilder PLACES

## Wilder Places: more land, rivers and seas managed well for wildlife

Over the last financial year the Trust updated its land acquisition policy to provide more opportunities to buy land with rewilding potential. It purchased three new land parcels in line with the policy at Helman Tor, Carn Glaze and Breney Farm.

Looe Island nature reserve and allow the island to run entirely from renewable energy.

Delivery of a broad portfolio of marine and terrestrial conservation projects continued, including the [Cornwall Beaver Project](#) in partnership with Woodland Valley Farm, and facilitation of the [marine strandings network](#) which investigates the cause of marine animal death. Projects which rely on volunteers or group events were disrupted due to the Covid lockdown but adapted quickly to digital engagement to maintain numbers of people involved.

**Advised 139 farms**  
to help empower them to manage land more sensitively and sustainably

The Trust provided support and advice to farmers and landowners across Penwith and four drinking water catchments in West Cornwall, with the aim of improving management of semi-natural habitats and reducing agricultural pollution to watercourses. Many other kinds of businesses have also been engaged, including restaurants signing up to the Cornwall Good Seafood Guide and many Cornish businesses which benefit from networking events and grants from the Tevi Project.

Managing more than **5,500 acres of land** across **59 nature reserves** to benefit wildlife and help tackle climate change

Nature reserves management plans remained on track, with a particular focus on fulfilling Countryside Stewardship funding obligations. Projects on nature reserves continued, including [Dynamic Dunescapes](#) and [Waste to Woodfuel](#). In addition, the Looe Island Sustainable Visitor Management Project progressed well; this will improve the visitor experience to the

Volunteer work and farm advice have brought about **more than 430 hectares of improved land management**





*Wilder*  
**PEOPLE**

## Wilder People: more people taking action and connecting with nature

The Open Gardens scheme celebrated its **10th anniversary** in 2021 with **£113,112** raised in total over the last 10 years!



Adapting to the pandemic there has been a focus on engaging and inspiring members and supporters through digital platforms. In October 2020 the Wildlife Matters webinar series was launched, with the first three episodes covering badger vaccination, hedgehogs and our work with farmers. These proved highly popular and are still being viewed on YouTube.

For the first time in the history of the Trust, The Annual General Meeting had to be held online and was successfully run via Zoom using digital polling.

A 360 video experience of the nature reserves was also released, created using drone footage and with the potential to be viewed with virtual reality headsets.

## Thanks

to our supporters and partnership with the Zoological Society of London, **more badgers were vaccinated in Cornwall than in any other county**



## Your Shore Beach Rangers ran

**76** online videos and facebook live events,



reaching a national and sometime international audience **(6.1k views for the shark Q&A session!)**



The Trust continued to speak out on behalf of its members, promoting the Highly Protected Marine Area campaign launched by the Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts, and responding to Cornwall Council's Biodiversity Net Gain consultation.

Sadly, Rosenannon Downs nature reserve was badly damaged by a fire and a reactive appeal raised over £15k in 24 hours to help repair damaged infrastructure.

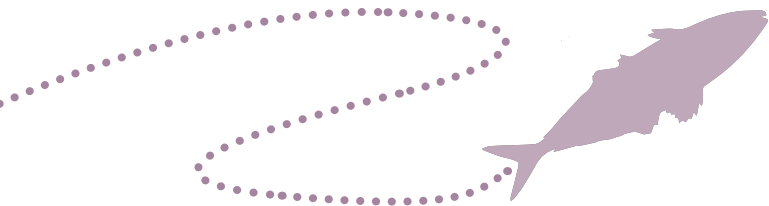




# Wilder FUTURE

## Wilder Future: more decisions that secure the recovery and growth of wildlife

The Trust continued to use knowledge and experience of conservation in Cornwall for its strategic advocacy work, influencing policy and legislation by engaging with local, regional and national groups and forums. It inputted to Clean Catch, a new Defra bycatch group which is developing a bycatch mitigation toolkit. A response was also put in to Google's licence application for a subsea cable. The Trust worked with other Wildlife Trusts to respond to the Marine Strategy consultation, Fisheries Bill action and call for evidence for offshore Marine Protected Areas.



The Trust's also represented its agenda on other groups including the Cornwall Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Agency, Cornwall Plastic Pollution Coalition and Clean Cornwall.

The Your Shore Beach Rangers (YSBR) project which did a great deal to educate and inspire future decision-makers came to an end in Spring 2021. For the last five years the YSBR project has engaged with over 1600 young people of all abilities; supported the growth of 17 community run wildlife and marine groups; held over 1,000 events across Cornwall and worked with over 7,000 members of communities around the county; while the academy has taught at 16 schools, two universities and eight college groups across five campuses, with 548 Beach Rangers completing bronze, silver and gold awards.



The Cornwall Beaver Project went from

**strength-to-strength**

and was a key focus and base for **Springwatch**.



were recorded at the site for the first time, including **willow tits**, one of the fastest declining species nationally







# 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 2021.

## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 28th February 2021

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2021 (£)	Total 2020 (£)
<b>Income from:</b>				
Donations and legacies	536,956	112,318	649,274	321,876
Membership subscriptions	509,102	756	509,858	565,133
<i>Charitable activities:</i>				
Nature conservation	705,814	1,668,588	2,374,402	2,229,391
<i>Other Trading activities:</i>				
Consultancy income and sales	835,073	62,256	897,329	694,010
Other income	78,900	106,024	184,924	192,023
<b>Total income</b>	<b>2,665,845</b>	<b>1,949,942</b>	<b>4,615,787</b>	<b>4,002,433</b>
<b>Expenditure on:</b>				
Consultancy expenses	590,601	–	590,601	493,581
Other	446,503	6,036	452,539	511,582
<i>Charitable activities:</i>				
Nature conservation	1,228,618	1,837,549	3,066,167	2,836,385
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>2,265,722</b>	<b>1,843,585</b>	<b>4,109,307</b>	<b>3,841,548</b>
Transfers between funds	5,000	(5,000)	–	–
<b>Net movement in funds</b>	<b>405,123</b>	<b>101,357</b>	<b>506,480</b>	<b>160,885</b>
Funds at 1 March 2020	1,510,070	6,460,750	7,970,820	7,809,935
<b>Funds at 28 February 2021</b>	<b>1,915,193</b>	<b>6,562,107</b>	<b>8,477,300</b>	<b>7,970,820</b>

**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.

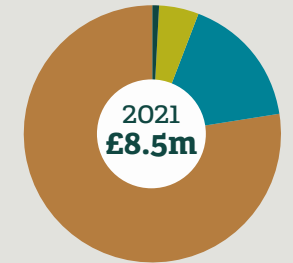


## BALANCE SHEET

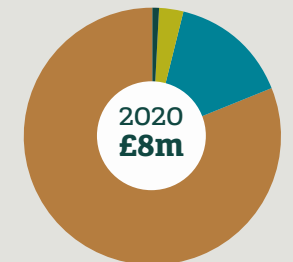
at 28th February 2021

	The Group	
	2021 (£)	2020 (£)
<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>5,021,581</b>	<b>4,355,174</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>	<b>4,028,658</b>	<b>4,203,504</b>
<b>Creditors</b> due within one year	(420,541)	(422,939)
<b>Net Current Assets</b>	<b>3,608,117</b>	<b>3,780,565</b>
<b>Creditors</b> due after one year	(152,398)	(164,919)
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>8,477,300</b>	<b>7,970,820</b>
<b>Funds</b>		
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>		
General Funds	494,346	284,844
Designated Funds	1,420,685	1,225,028
Revaluation Reserve	162	198
<i>Restricted funds:</i>		
	6,562,107	6,460,750
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>8,477,300</b>	<b>7,970,820</b>

It is Trust policy to aim to keep the equivalent of three months of unrestricted expenditure in free cash reserves to smooth out fluctuations in Trust income. For 2020/21 this equates to £435,864 and our reserves stood at £927,509 at the year-end. The pie charts below demonstrate that our actual 'free' or general funds, excluding funds already designated for a specific purpose, were £494,346 at year-end (£284,844 in 2019/20).



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# Business Supporters working for wildlife

Throughout the last year, the business supporter scheme has undergone some major changes, reflecting a changing economic environment. We brought in a new business membership scheme, the Wilder Business Network, looking to help connect businesses in Cornwall passionate about wildlife and reversing nature's decline. Following its launch in June, it's quickly grown, with 57 businesses having already joined, including Bosinver, Cornish Horizons and Kurt and Caroline Jackson Ltd who have all signed up as Gold Members to the scheme. Alongside the Wilder Business Network we also introduced two new ways that businesses could partner with us for the protection of wildlife; Reserve Guardians and Project Sponsors.

Our Reserve Guardians program encourages businesses to support their local Nature Reserve, helping us to protect the important habitats and wildlife found there and helping us to promote a space that communities can engage with nature. Our Project Sponsors are helping us to deliver some of our important research and engagement programs both on land and at sea.

And finally, whilst all the changes have been taking place elsewhere, South West Water have continued their support for our work both via our Marine engagement programs, helping us to inspire the next generation of marine enthusiasts, and through our work with Farmers through the Upstream Thinking initiative.

## OUR BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

### Our current Reserve Guardians:

Rowe Farming –  
Pendarves Wood

Green and Blue –  
Nancmellyn Marsh

Southern England Farms –  
St Erth Pitts

Cornish Lithium –  
Bissoe Valley

### Our current Project Sponsors:

Marraum –  
Seaquest Southwest

St. Eval Candle Company –  
Open Gardens

### Wilder Business Network

#### GOLD:

Bosinver  
Cornish Horizons  
Kurt and Caroline Jackson Ltd

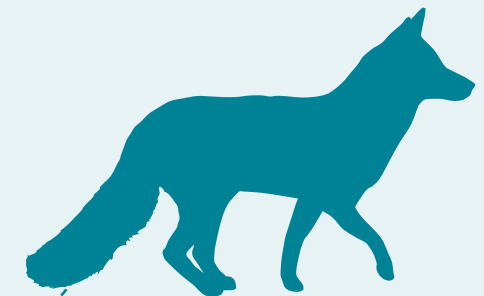
#### SILVER:

Southwestern Distilleries Ltd  
Trago Mills  
Helman Tor Cottages  
Medicanna Ltd  
Button Covering Services

#### BRONZE:

Koru Kayaking  
Stay In Cornwall  
HolidayCottages.co.uk  
Imerys Minerals Limited  
Trevalgan Touring Park  
Hendra TC and CP Ltd  
Inlight Beauty  
Watergate Bay Hotel  
Railholiday Ltd  
Sykes Cottages  
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Camping Park

Higher Menadew Farm Cottages  
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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  
White Acres Holiday Park by  
Parkdean Resorts





## Cornwall Environmental Consultants (CEC)



CEC had a successful year in 2020-21, welcoming a [new Managing Director, Natasha Collings-Costello](#) in August 2020 and generating a profit of £65,760 of unrestricted funds for CWT.

CEC are specialists in the fields of ecology, landscape, and arboriculture inputting to more than 500 projects across Cornwall. The team continue to work on schemes for a wide range of clients, not only developers but also Local Authorities, private landowners and community groups who want to make their spaces better for wildlife and people.

The CEC ecologists have been working out in the field alongside two large infrastructure projects; the [A30 dualling](#) and the Saint's Trails cycle trails, helping to ensure wildlife is fully considered as construction proceeds. The ecology team have continued to survey and monitor wildlife activity across the proposed Langarth development area in Truro, and CEC is also delivering a Building with Nature assessment of the whole site's design. [Building with Nature \(BwN\)](#) is an accreditation scheme originally developed by Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, and now recognised nationwide. CEC are considered leading proponents of BwN and have produced a successful BwN case study in Illogan alongside Cornwall Housing.

The landscape department co-ordinated the Environmental Statement for the Pydar Street urban redevelopment project in Truro as well as undertaking the Landscape and Townscape impact assessment of the proposals, and this project successfully received planning in summer 2021.

Other projects included landscape design work for a major housing scheme at Trevithick Manor, Newquay, and producing the landscape design for a house on the north coast of Cornwall, which has now been awarded the title 'Best Residential Property in the UK' at the 2020/21 International Property Awards (shown above).

The team also continued to work with local people and volunteers on the [That's Our Parish project for the Penwith Landscape Partnership](#). Both ecology and landscape teams have continued to deliver the Making Space for Nature project, which delivers high biodiversity green spaces for people and wildlife across Cornwall's urban centres.

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 (Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly)



The Environmental Records Centre for Cornwall and the Isle of Scilly ([ERCCIS](#)) is Cornwall's ALERC accredited Local Environment Record Centre (LERC), which holds the baseline information on species, habitats, environmental and conservation evidence in the county.

Like everyone, the impacts of the global pandemic have had major implications. ERCCIS' priorities, staff structure and core deliveries were altered many times during 2020 and into 2021. The implications on the baseline information, delivery and staff welfare are still being assessed.

ERCCIS' digital platforms have been a success during 2020. The consultancy service portal; [ERCCIS Data Search \(EDS\)](#) has been upgraded. The mobile and web based species sightings platform [Online Recording Kernow and Scilly \(ORKS\)](#) and associated website had some great feedback, as well as critical comments, which help us to better meet changing needs.

As well as being Cornwall and Scilly's records centre, ERCCIS continued to develop its support function for the Wildlife Trust to achieve project delivery including developing and managing spatial data (mapping). We are also proud to be a small part of the amazing team that delivers the [Cornwall Marine Strandings outputs](#), which received a long-term funding boost during the year.

ERCCIS Manager, Martin Goodall was the lead author on the [Cornwall State of Nature](#) report, which was a key partnership project that delivered elements of the Cornwall Local Nature Recovery pilot requirements. Cornwall was one of only five counties in the UK to deliver a pilot. In the spring of 2021, ERCCIS successfully delivered an ALERC five year re-accreditation.

One of the few positive sides of the pandemic has seen people developing a new appreciation for wildlife and nature more generally. The Wildlife Information Service has radically altered the way it works to support the Wildlife Trust, as well as helping with wildlife related enquires (we estimate over a thousand wildlife information service requests during 2020/21). The team now focus on digital supply of information to Trust members, as well as the public. [Maybe you were inspired last year and the Wildlife Information Service help answer something for you?](#)





# Projects and partnerships include:



CORNWALL  
GOOD  
SEAFOOD  
GUIDE



Keskowethyans Tirwedh Pennwydh  
Penwith Landscape Partnership





**Your ongoing support means we can continue to help Cornwall's wildlife and wild places to survive and thrive...**





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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.

