

Penwith Landscape Partnership

*Kynsa ha Diwettha –
Agan Tirwedh Bewa ha Gonis'*

**First and Last –
Our Living Working Landscape**



Winter 2018 / 2019

Owth avonsya dh'agan hentylleryow Improving access to our Ancient Sites

Welcome to another newsletter from the Penwith Landscape Partnership (PLP). The last few months have been very busy for the team. In this newsletter we will be focusing on the work that has been taking place within our Access and Ancient Sites projects.

Orth Pedn an Wlas **At the End of the Land**

(Project 2.1) focuses on improving access within Penwith.

Progress has been made surveying a series of trails that will link Penwith's ancient sites across the landscape. This has resulted in identifying minor works required to improve and restore existing Rights of Way, as well as opening up stretches of Open Access paths to make access to some sites easier. Good relationships have been established with a number of farmers and



landowners. Through the autumn our enthusiastic volunteers have opened up routes around Mulfra Vean, Chûn Castle, Lanyon Quoit, Bosiliack, Bosphorthennis, Nine Maidens Common, Boscawen-ûn stone circle and Carnyorth Common. The Partnership is working closely with the Director of PAROW in order to ensure that it continues their many years of excellent work in Penwith and are delighted to have received a transfer of all PAROW's tools and equipment.

As you may have seen in *The Cornishman*, we held our first walking weekend on the 20th and 21st October, with over 100 people joining three guided walks that visited Chûn Castle and Quoit; Mên-an-Tol, Bosiliack settlement and Nine Maidens stone circle; and Mulfra Vean Iron Age / Romano-British Village with Mulfra Quoit.

First and Last- Our Living Working Landscape Volunteer Days Wednesdays and Thursdays 10am-3pm

Do you have some time to spare?

Come and support the work the **Penwith Landscape Partnership** does across West Penwith. We will be leading regular volunteer days to clear vegetation from ancient sites and rights of way, and have many other volunteer opportunities available.



Taking part is free. For more information or to book please contact Richie on richie.smith@cornwallwildlifetrust.org.uk or Tel Holly on 01736 805306

Improving access to our Ancient Sites continued

Gul Hynsi Making Tracks (Project 2.2) aims to bring the Tinnerns' Way into better use and so we have carried out a thorough survey of the route producing a checklist of tasks required to make this route more accessible.



We have also made enormous progress with **Penwydh Koth Ancient Penwith** (Project 2.3). In August and September, volunteers cleared bracken and brambles from the courtyard houses at Mulfra Vean and a contractor opened up access to the eastern side of the settlement.

Drone filming was undertaken by professional operator Tim Hudson on an *ex gratis* basis during the first volunteer day, and again once clearance had been completed (see images right). Clearance has also taken place at Chûn Castle, Bosiliack, and the barrows at Carnyorth Common; and planning is underway for work on the other sites in the Year One programme including Mill Farm at Bosigran, Mên-an-Tol, Bosullow Trehylls and Tregeseal stone circle.



The PLP scheme aims to provide training in areas that will enable participants to both help us with our programme of work and provide them with useful skills for their future. Halloween saw the first Archaeology Survey Training Day for volunteers take place, when fourteen attendees were introduced to different types of surveying by Cornwall Archaeological Unit. This included some hands-on training within St Just's Plen an Gwarry. These volunteers have since assisted us in undertaking vital survey work of the courtyard houses at Mulfra Vean.



Many thanks for your support in 2018 - we look forward to working with you over the coming year.

Who is on the Partnership...

Members of the Penwith Landscape Partnership Board are:

Cornwall Councillors representing four Penwith wards
Zennor Parish Council
Towednack Parish Council
Farming representatives
A Penwith based business
Cornwall Archaeological Society
Cornwall Ancient Sites Protection Network (CASPN)
National Trust
St Aubyn Estates
Farm Cornwall

Bolitho Estates
Penwith Access and Rights of Way (PAROW)
Penwith Community Development Trust
Save Penwith Moors
Cornwall Wildlife Trust
Cornwall AONB
Chaired by Cllr Jim McKenna

Advisors to the Board include:

Natural England, Cornwall Council Historic Environment Service and Cornwall Rural Community Charity

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