

Penwith Landscape Partnership

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

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



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Wolkomm dh'agan lyther-nowodhow

Welcome to the first newsletter from the Penwith Landscape Partnership project.

In 2014, a group of community organisations and individuals came together and agreed a vision for the Penwith landscape: ...*'a resilient living, working Penwith landscape where farming prospers while protecting natural resources, restoring habitat connectivity and enhancing the archaeological heritage; a landscape that is loved, enjoyed and supported by local communities and visitors'*.

Towards the end of last year, this group – now known as the **'First and Last – Penwith Landscape Partnership Board'** - was successful in getting a generous allocation of funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to develop



thirteen projects which will help to conserve and enhance this unique landscape.

A small part of the funding is now being used to work up these projects which will hopefully start in earnest in 2018.

From helping Parishes to survey and access the heritage and wildlife within their areas to looking at potential uses of redundant buildings; encouraging traditional farming practices and establishing monitor farms that will demonstrate good practice - all the

projects have the conservation of the unique Penwith landscape at their heart.

The full list of projects is overleaf.

Who is on the Partnership ?

Members of the Penwith Landscape Partnership Board are:

Cornwall Councillors representing four Penwith wards
Zennor Parish Council
Farming representatives
A Penwith based micro-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

The Board is chaired by **Cllr Jim McKenna** and its Patrons are Colonel Edward Bolitho OBE, Lord-Lieutenant of Cornwall, and Kurt Jackson

Advisors to the Board include:

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

The projects we are working on and which will form the final **Penwith Landscape Conservation Action Plan** are:

Outstanding Penwith	Action through volunteering – a community volunteer project	Making tracks (The Tinnners' Way)	Footpath restoration, signage, guided walks, walking festival support
Up with the Downs	Moorland management including controlled burning assistance, scrub cutting and clearing by hand Recording memories of historical management of rough ground. Survey of rough ground	Penwith Hedges	Survey and recording of hedge value, patterns, associated infrastructure, archaeology and stone resource, practical hedging (supported by training), reinstating gateposts, compiling reports, ongoing monitoring, upskilling a network of volunteer hedgers, hedge patching
Wild Penwith	Habitat and river corridor management, water analysis and water quality monitoring	Farming Futures	Developing and supporting farmers and farm businesses
Taking Names	Knowing and recording the past. Research into historic place names, gathering memories; assistance with Cornish Language interpretation	Landscape Hub	Interpreting the landscape across Penwith - a focus of knowledge for all the landscape partnership projects, including a web site and possible physical space(s).
At the end of the Land	Building and restoring access to the Penwith landscape for all. Leading historic and biodiversity oriented walks, healthy walks,	Seeing the landscape	Arts and culture bringing together opportunities for all to explore the cultural and artistic value of the landscape
That's our Parish	Understanding our heritage through community monitoring and surveying of heritage features	Buildings in the Landscape	Giving value purpose and protection to farm buildings within the landscape
Ancient Penwith	Historic sites monuments and landscapes - recording and monitoring of heritage features, access improvements to historic sites, restoration of neglected sites; schools educational visits		

Meet the **Penwith Landscape Partnership** team



Pattie Richmond is the recently appointed development manager for the project.

“I and my colleagues will be working with local communities on diverse themes including traditional farming practices, archaeology and ancient sites, Cornish hedges and language, habitat connectivity and wildlife, and historic heritage. We need to knit together these different interests and ambitious ideas into one golden thread – the vision of a sustainable living working landscape which local people, as well as visitors, can enjoy. I expect to be getting out and about meeting lots of

people over the coming months and am looking forward to learning so much more about this very special place”.

Pattie is based at Bolitho Business Park, at Bejowans Farm, sharing Unit 9 with Penwith Access and Rights of Way (PAROW).

“A big aim of this project is to make sure Penwith continues to have a thriving local community with work opportunities and training and skills development for people of all ages. So do drop in if you have the chance and want to find out more about the Partnership’s work and how you may be able to get involved”.

If you want to keep in touch with the Landscape Partnership’s progress, please contact your local Parish or Cornwall Councillor to find out what is going on in your area or contact us to sign up to this newsletter.

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