



**Cornwall
Wildlife Trust**

Annual ●
Review
2019-20



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

From the Chief Executive

'41% of species studied in the UK since the 1970s are in decline' was the sobering headline of the [State of Nature report](#) released in 2019.

Sadly, our records show that Cornwall reflects that trend. The shocking statistic added to the increasing volume of science and public opinion backing the need for urgent action to tackle the climate and the ecological crises.

The coronavirus pandemic followed and underlined the importance of nature for our health and wellbeing, especially the importance of the wildlife and wild places that we have on our doorsteps in Cornwall.

We know this because thousands of you shared your reflections, photos and videos of how nature helped you and your families through difficult times in Cornwall.

Nature was there for us all during lockdown

Cornwall Wildlife Trust and many others support a green recovery from the pandemic - a recovery which sees investment in low carbon and 'nature-based solutions'.

Nature based solutions work by restoring natural ecosystems to address challenges facing Cornwall. Good examples include tree-planting, wetland habitat creation and expanding the network of Cornish hedges to slow the flow of water and reduce the threat of flooding downstream, improve soil health and absorb pollutants.

Nature based solutions also provide other benefits – green jobs, opportunities for sustainable businesses, resilient landscapes thriving with wildlife, improved health and wellbeing benefits for Cornish people and our visitors.

I would like to thank everyone involved with Cornwall Wildlife Trust – our staff, volunteers, Trustees, members, supporters, delivery partners and funders – for taking action.

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 twelve months, we have identified land that could extend our existing suite of nature reserves, while continuing to manage established sites in accordance with our management plan objectives. Work to improve habitats and ensure good access to all our reserves has continued, including pond management, control of invasive species and footpath maintenance. In addition, we trialled the **Wilder Beef** meat box scheme, to

assess local interest and demand for high quality beef from cattle grazed on the Trust's reserves. The Trust also became a partner in the national **Dynamic Dunescape programme**, joint funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and the LIFE programme.

Success was achieved across a wide portfolio of marine and terrestrial conservation projects, ranging from working with farmers to **vaccinate badgers** in mid-Cornwall to supporting and training volunteers involved with the **Marine Strandings Network**. The **Penwith Landscape Partnership**, which operates in the west of Cornwall, made great progress and completed a full re-profiling exercise in conjunction with the programme's partners, funders and stakeholders.

Thanks to funding from **South West Water**, we've been able to provide a range of farmers and land managers with advice and infrastructure grants to improve stream and reservoir drinking quality,



Advised 152 land owners and farmers



while simultaneously protecting and enhancing biodiversity in three catchments: the Drift near Penzance, Falmouth reservoirs and the Cober. Support was also given to fishermen via workshops for local businesses, to promote the use of locally sustainable seafood. The Trust, as a delivery partner on the **Tevi programme**, also advised businesses across Cornwall on the best ways to improve their environmental performance.

7,544 people came to our **435** local walks and talks





Wilder
PEOPLE

Wilder People: more people taking action and connecting with nature

Our web pages, social media channels and press releases continued to gain followers for campaigns such as our [30 Days Wild](#) initiative, helping to raise awareness and inspire people to take action for wildlife. In addition, the Trust supported a range of wildlife engagement activities, including a successful wilder festival at Mount Pleasant eco-park; a wild business networking event at St Austell brewery; and sharing the [Cornwall Beaver Project](#) at Woodland Valley Farm with visitors, amongst many others.



The Trust continued to represent our members in support of the national Wilder Future campaign, building support alongside our local partners for the creation of a nature recovery network in Cornwall. Volunteers organised and delivered a programme of Open Garden events across the county, which helped to demonstrate and showcase how all gardens can be managed for the benefit of wildlife. Our Annual General Meeting was held at Heartlands and was

well attended by members who enjoyed a range of talks and panel debates on wilder places, wilder people and wilder futures. The Trust continued to host the [Environmental Records Centre](#) for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly, promoting biological recording and monitoring as part of the wildlife information service. In addition, the Trust invested in digital systems to enable greater efficiency for online searches and record-keeping.





Wilder FUTURE

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

Through involvement with a number of local and national consultation exercises – such as the [Highly Protected Marine Areas review](#) – our knowledge and experience of conservation in Cornwall has enabled us to influence the decisions of others and inform responses to planning applications made to Cornwall Council’s planning department.

The Trust’s chief executive is a member of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Nature Partnership, which has influenced for several strategic initiatives underway across Cornwall, including the refresh of [Cornwall’s Local Plan](#), [Cornwall’s Local Industrial Strategy](#) and the refresh of the [Environmental Growth strategy](#).

The Trust also hosts a number of forums that help to influence decisions across Cornwall. Notable bodies amongst these groups include the [Marine Liaison Group](#), the [Cornwall Catchment Partnership](#), the [Cornwall Biodiversity Initiative](#). We are members of many more, including the [Cornwall Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Agency](#), the Strategic Resilience Board (flooding) and the [Cornwall Plastic Pollution Coalition](#).

Finally, underpinning much of the Trust’s social media output and project work is the importance



MORE THAN > 1,400
volunteers gave their time for nature to:



of attracting and inspiring the next generation of decision makers, i.e. young people. [The Your Shore Beach Rangers](#) programme is a flagship youth and community engagement programme working with 11 to 24 year-olds who are involved with their local marine environment – developing their skills and confidence in order to play a significant part in its future conservation.

Outreach visits to...

local schools, colleges, universities' and youth groups



reached over **2,560** young people



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 29th February 2020.

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

for the year ended 29th February 2020

	Unrestricted Funds (£)	Restricted Funds (£)	Total 2020 (£)	Total 2019 (£)
Income from:				
Donations and legacies	60,455	261,421	321,876	1,691,459
Membership subscriptions	558,144	6,989	565,133	587,361
<i>Charitable activities:</i>				
Nature conservation	816,934	1,412,457	2,229,391	1,908,665
<i>Other Trading activities:</i>				
Consultancy income and sales	637,129	56,881	694,010	630,355
Other income	108,562	83,461	192,023	272,758
Total income	2,181,224	1,821,209	4,002,433	5,090,598
Expenditure on:				
Consultancy expenses	493,581	–	493,581	532,029
Other	502,175	9,407	511,582	494,503
<i>Charitable activities:</i>				
Nature conservation	1,447,525	1,388,860	2,836,385	2,677,804
Total expenditure	2,443,281	1,398,267	3,841,548	3,704,336
Transfers between funds	(76,860)	76,860	–	–
Net movement in funds	(338,917)	499,802	160,885	1,386,262
Funds at 1st March 2019	1,848,987	5,960,948	7,809,935	6,423,673
Funds at 29th February 2020	1,510,070	6,460,750	7,970,820	7,809,935

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

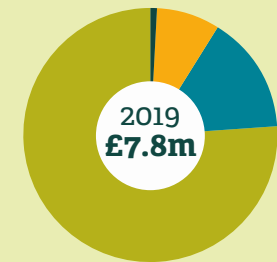
at 29th February 2020

	The Group	
	2020 (£)	2019 (£)
Fixed Assets	4,355,174	3,868,988
Current Assets	4,203,504	4,476,651
Creditors due within one year	(422,939)	(345,295)
Net Current Assets	3,780,565	4,131,356
Creditors due after one year	(164,919)	(190,409)
Net Assets	7,970,820	7,809,935
Funds		
<i>Unrestricted funds:</i>		
General Funds	284,844	626,765
Designated Funds	1,225,028	1,221,943
Revaluation Reserve	198	279
<i>Restricted funds:</i>		
	6,460,750	5,960,948
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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 2019/20 this equates to £500,658 and our reserves stood at £504,731 at year-end. The pie charts below demonstrate that our actual 'free' or general funds, excluding funds already designated for a specific purpose, were £284,844 at year-end (£626,795 in 2019).



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Business Supporters working for wildlife

Our Business Supporter scheme added six new businesses throughout the year taking the total to 138. Treloy Touring Park, Forever Cornwall, The Eden Project, Big Domain and Ekopod all joined the scheme and Rowe Farming became a Wildlife Partner, supporting our work at Pendarves Wood.

New business supporter Rachael from Ekopod said *“It seemed a natural step to become business members of Cornwall Wildlife Trust. Our guests love that we’re associated with such a worthwhile charity, and we have received support from their team to improve our business in many ways, including helping us secure a TEVI grant earlier this year.”*

In addition to supporting the trust through the business membership scheme, there were also many other ways in which our supporters raised vital funds;

- Frugi’s amazing support for Cornwall Wildlife Trust entered its final year and they donated an incredible £36,700 to our Marine work. Thank you!
- South West Water continued to support our work with Farmers via our Upstream Thinking project.
- Tevi continued to support us providing businesses with vital networking opportunities, workshops and assistance.
- Many other businesses also raised funds through visiting gifting and fundraising. Thank you to all of you.

OUR BUSINESS SUPPORTERS

Wildlife Partners

BBC Radio Cornwall
Bourne Leisure Ltd
Chelonia Limited
Cornish Coffee
Cornish Guardian
Cornishman
Dewsign Consultancy
Fernbank Advertising
Frugi
John Fowler Holidays
Mother Ivey’s Bay Holiday Park
Rowe Farming
South West Water
St Eval Candle Company
Visit Cornwall
West Briton
Western Morning News

Wildlife Guardians
Woodland Valley Farm
Cher Varya Group
Cornish Horizons
Green & Blue
Handykam
Kurt and Caroline Jackson
Southern England Farms
Trago Mills

Business Members

Atropos
Ayr Holiday Park
Bamham Farm Cottages
Bedruthan Hotel and Spa
Big Domain
Boscastle Farm Shop & Cafe
Bosinver Farm Cottages
Brewer and Bunney
Bude Holiday Resort
Budock Vean Hotel
Carbis Bay Holidays
Carley’s of Cornwall
Carnglaze Caverns
Coastdale Parks, Atlantic Coast Holiday Park
Cornish Orchards
Cornwall Community Land Trust
Cotna Eco Retreat
Country Conservation
CPMR Ltd
Duchy College
Eden Valley Holiday Park
Environment Agency
Ekopod
Forest Holidays
Forever Cornwall
Greenbank Hotel
Gwel an Mor
Heligan Woods Campsite
Helman Tor Cottages
Hendra Holiday Park
Heritage Attractions
Higher Menadew Farm Cottages
Holiday Cornwall
Hotel Tresanton
HPB Management
Idle Rocks
Imerys
Jon Tremaine Wildlife Artist
John Bray Cornish Holidays
Koru Kayaking
Lewinnick Lodge
Lifeboat Inn
Little White Alice
Lost Gardens of Heligan
Lou Jones Design
Lower Marsh Farm Holiday
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
Piran Meadows Resort & Spa
Pocketful of Stones Distillers
Rail Holiday
Rashleigh Arms
RECS
River Valley Country Park
Robinson Reed Layton
Rosehill Lodges
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Robinson Reed Layton
Rosehill Lodges
Roundhouse Barn Holidays
Sailflags
Sandoe and Sons
Sealife 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 Eden Project
The Nare Hotel
The Old Coastguard
The Olde House
The Pandora Inn
The Port William Inn
The Valley Polzeath
Travel Chapter
Holidaycottages.co.uk
Tregothnan Estate
Treloy Touring Park
Tretthem Mill Touring Park
Trevarth Holiday Park
Trevaskis Farm
Trevella Park
Trewan Hall
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 successful year, working on more than 500 projects across Cornwall. Our ecologists completed work on the A30 Cycleways and Newquay Aerohub, as well as continuing to monitor the A30 Temple dualling project. They also undertook work on the next phase of A30 development, the Chiverton to Carland Cross section, as well as continuing to survey and monitor wildlife activity across the proposed Langarth development area in Truro.

Our landscape department co-ordinated the Environmental Statement for the Pydar Street redevelopment project in Truro as well as undertaking the Landscape and Townscape impact assessment of the proposals. Other projects included landscape design work for a major housing scheme at Trevithick Manor, Newquay, working together with the ecology team to ensure a good outcome for biodiversity and people. The team also continued to work with local people and volunteers on the [That's Our Parish project](#) for the Penwith Landscape Partnership, and were also successful in a bid to support Cormac and Cornwall Council in the delivery of the [Making Space for Nature project](#), improving public parks and open spaces for wildlife and people.

The CEC Board continued to improve governance, financial monitoring and reporting and 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

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

ERCCIS launched its consultancy service portal; [ERCCIS Data Search \(EDS\)](#) a huge achievement and the culmination of two years work. ERCCIS also supports other online platforms that allow anyone to submit and view species information via the [Online Recording Kernow and Scilly \(ORKS\)](#) mobile phone application and website. ERCCIS continued to assist local groups and individuals in their wildlife recording, for example, with the [Alexandra Recorders Fund](#).

ERCCIS started a 10 month DEFRA funded Environmental Land Management Scheme ([ELMS](#)) [Test and Trial](#) to develop a natural capital evaluation tool and deliver these outcomes via a public mobile phone application. ELMS will have a huge influence on future land management in Cornwall. We are excited to have a small involvement in assisting to shape the direction of the future ELMS processes.

ERCCIS staff supported key partnership projects including the [Hedgehog monitoring survey](#) and also delivered the [Cornwall Marine Stranding's outputs](#). ERCCIS changed managers and other staffing positions, which resulted in ERCCIS becoming the mapping support for the wider Wildlife Trust, developing new spatial products, including information about [species richness](#) in Cornwall.

The Wildlife Information Service worked to deliver a Wilder Cornwall by dealing with thousands of wildlife related enquires and supplying hundreds of information products to partners, Trust members and the public. [Maybe they could help you?](#)

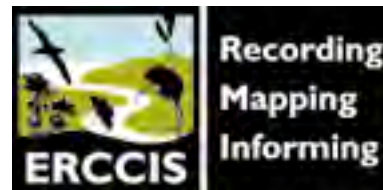


Projects and partnerships include:



**CORNWALL
GOOD
SEAFOOD
GUIDE**

Keskowethyans Tirweddh 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.

