

Penwith Landscape Partnership

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

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



February 2017

Ow lavurya gans kemenethow a'n ranndir

Working with local communities.

During November and December we held a couple of meetings for members of Parish Councils and local community groups to hear more about the Landscape Partnership proposals. In particular, the meetings explained how local groups can, with the support of the Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), get involved in carrying out Local Landscape Character Assessments.

Jane Davies, Development Officer with the Cornwall AONB, explains more: 'That's Our Parish' is a project which will encourage local Parish communities to work together and gain an in-depth understanding and appreciation of their local landscape and what makes it special, such as, physical features, built heritage, habitats, geology, archaeology and current land use. The project will be an opportunity for local people to become



involved in the various stages of preparing a Local Landscape Character Assessment (LLCA). The process of carrying out a LLCA provides a tool for Parishes to positively plan for landscape management that respects the character of the landscape and conserves and enhances features that are valued locally.

'That's Our Parish' will work with eleven parishes within the Penwith Landscape Partnership area to assist them either individually or collaboratively to prepare a LLCA for

their Parish. The project will offer local people the opportunity to work together in the best interest of their community and to survey and record historic features and flora and fauna that will build a picture of their Parish for future generations to understand the reasons the landscape is valued by them. Volunteers from each Parish will work together, sharing their local knowledge and understanding. They will gain new skills through training provided throughout the project which will be of benefit to the Penwith Landscape Partnership as a whole as well as the skills necessary to carry out the various surveys and recordings to complete the Parish LLCA.



Events and meetings coming up

Would you like to get involved in doing hands-on practical work to help manage the environment?

Are you interested in trying your hand at Cornish Hedge Repairs?

Working alongside Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Upstream Thinking Programme, join us for a Penwith Hedging Day on:

Tuesday 14th March 2017

This event will take place on remote farmland near Land's End. It is free but places are limited. 9.25am till 3pm. Tools & supervision will be provided.

If there is sufficient interest, we will hold another date in April. Contact Dave May for more information or to book your place!
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Working with local communities continued...

Local Landscape Character

Assessments

At the beginning of December 2016, the Landscape Partnership held a pilot workshop in Madron which provided an introduction to the LLCA process. The workshop was well attended by members of the local parishes keen to get started on their own Parish landscape assessment. Cornwall AONB has worked with Cornwall Council's Natural Environment Service to develop a methodology for assessing landscape character at the local-scale which allows communities to create a landscape evidence base. Cornwall's Local Landscape Assessment provides two levels of assessment:

Stage One – records the character of the landscape through 'landscape types'

Stage Two – builds upon Stage One and assesses the capacity of settlement edges to accept future development or change.

This evidence can be used to underpin policies to conserve and enhance the local landscape and

positively plan for the future - policies which go hand-in-hand with the objectives of the Penwith Landscape Partnership. These might include policies on:

- Conservation and enhancement of heritage features and their setting;
- Design quality and local distinctiveness;
- Conservation and enhancement of ecology and habitats.
- Pedestrian and vehicular access to estuaries and the coast
- Mineral extraction and reworking of spoil tips, or
- Protection of green space within and between settlements

The LLCA process is very much about 'People' and 'Place' with Landscape at the very centre of the work - as shown in the diagram.

The methodology is a tried and tested system and has already been piloted on the Roseland



peninsular and at Porthleven.

Once completed the LLCA will be a lasting record of each Parish landscape and will wherever possible encourage cross boundary collaboration between all eleven parishes.

If you want to find out more about 'That's Our Parish' please contact:

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Who is on the Partnership...

Members of the Penwith Landscape Partnership Board are:

Cornwall Councillors representing four Penwith wards
Zennor and Towednack 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

Advisors to the Shadow Board include:

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

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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