

Have a look at <u>our webpages</u> which gives detailed information on the project, our ambitions and how to get planting trees and don't forget to <u>let us know</u> if you have done some planting.

Welcome to the Forest for Cornwall Autumn 2022 Newsletter



Queen Elizabeth II 1926-2022

The Forest for Cornwall team will be planting a commemorative tree to mark the sad death of Queen Elizabeth, in recognition of her contributions to conservation, such as the global <u>Queen's Green Canopy</u> initiative.



Together for Cornwall

The Forest for Cornwall project and our partner organisations work in collaboration to support our aim of 8,000 hectares of tree canopy across Cornwall. Our September Partnership Forum meeting was the first chance to meet in person since the group was formed in 2020. Our partners include Westcountry Rivers Trust, Environment Agency, National Trust, Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Tamar Valley Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, Confor, Natural England, South West Water, Duchy of Cornwall, Cornwall Wildlife Trust, Forestry Commission, Woodland Trust, Country Land & Business Association, National Farmers Union, and Imerys, who kindly hosted our gathering.





Partner focus: Imerys The photos show the huge 50 hectare Imerys waste recycling site at Dubbers, which is located next to the china clay quarry. The site is gradually being returned to nature - large sand bunds are filled with a rich recycled growing medium which have been seeded with native flowers, grasses and shrubs. Red deer, buzzards, foxes, and throngs of skylarks and goldfinch have already made it their home. A proportion of these areas will now be planted with trees to form woodlands with open glades and areas of meadow. Once established there will be 40km of permissive paths through which the community can enjoy this restored habitat.

New Community Crowdfunder from Cornwall Council: Cornwall Climate and Nature Fund

Up to £5,000 in matched funding for community projects that aim to tackle climate change and promote nature recovery in Cornwall. You could re-establish hedgerows, plant trees with your community or establish a new orchard. For more information go to <u>Cornwall Council: Cornwall</u> <u>Climate and Nature Fund | Crowdfunder UK</u>

New Forest for Cornwall Woodland Creation Funding and Support

Hundreds of thousands more trees are set to be planted across Cornwall after a £686,000 government cash boost to expand woodlands has been awarded to the Forest for Cornwall this year. The investment from the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs' (Defra) is the first instalment for a three-year project to create more woodlands and tree cover throughout Cornwall to help tackle climate change. Forest for Cornwall is one of two <u>Woodland Creation Partnerships</u> in the country to be funded by <u>Defra's Nature for Climate Fund</u> (NCF).

- It has enabled Cornwall Council to launch two new funds and support packages to help farmers and landowners plant up to 385 hectares of new woodlands - equivalent to 539 football pitches over the next three years to significantly expand Forest for Cornwall.
- The <u>Agroforestry Exemplars Fund</u> will invite bids for 10 fully funded planting projects to demonstrate how trees and woodland can be integrated into modern farming practices.
- The <u>Trees and Woodland Fund</u> will support up to 125 farmers and landowners in creating new woodland, hedgerows and field corners on their land. It will offer step-by-step guidance, opportunity mapping, and funding for planting and ongoing maintenance.
- We will provide consultancy support **free** of charge. Once appointed, a consultant will work with you offering expert guidance. They will undertake site visits, complete landowner

assessments, produce planting plans, identify the best funding options for you, make any funding applications, engage a contractor and supply a maintenance plan.

Councillor Martyn Alvey, Cornwall's portfolio holder for environment and climate change, said: "*This funding* will enable us to set up two innovative schemes to support woodland creation and overcome barriers to planting".

Please get in touch to express an interest in these funds via the 'Contact Us' form.

Interactive exhibition at Heartlands to open for National Tree Week

At our Climate Change Centre at Heartlands, Camborne, we are opening a new tree and nature hub in November. The hub will provide information on what the Council is doing to tackle the climate and ecological emergencies as well as ways you can be involved to support these efforts. Once open, the hub will also act as a venue for talks, events and training opportunities connected to Cornwall's natural environment.



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Autumn is seed collecting time!

Now is a fantastic time to collect seeds to grow into the trees for the future! F4C and Cornwall Wildlife Trust are encouraging everyone to go out to collect seeds from your, local woods or park. You can get advice and guidance on the <u>Grow More Trees</u> webpage.

Free family event at Tehidy Woods, near Camborne - grow your very own Twisted Beech atourfreetreeseedhuntandpottingevent.To celebrate the recognition of Tehidy's Ancient Twisted Beech as part of the Queens Green Canopy,attendees will have the chance to take away a tree as well as contribute to our nature recovery stockat Tehidy.Craft activities will include making a twisted beech from sweets and other tree-themeddelights.

Saturday 15 October, 11am-1pm. Meet at South Drive Entrance (in front of the café). Postcode: TR14 0AH.

To register please contact: <u>charlotte.evans@cornwall.gov.uk</u> or 07749 712452



Summer Volunteer Days for Forest for Cornwall

Tree Warden training at Tincombe Park, Saltash - the Saltash Tree Wardens and the Friends of Tincombe Park invited F4C to host a training day focussing on maintenance including weed and protection removal, and when and how to prune your trees. We saw the effect of lack of rain on newly planted trees which need watering once a week in dry periods. It was a great opportunity to learn from each other, as well as from the experts. The next tree warden training session will be during National Tree Week - keep an eye out for further details!

Tree Maintenance at Ardevora Farm, Roseland: a dozen Cornwall Council volunteers spent a satisfying day learning about planting and tree maintenance on this newly created woodland of 3,000 broadleaved trees. F4C Project Officer Alex Forrester said 'it was a real pleasure to have such an enthusiastic and

hardworking team of volunteers helping us to ensure the establishment of these trees so a big thank you to all that attended.'

Upcoming Volunteering Activities

Follow this link to find out more details about each of the events:

- Seaton Valley Country Park, Thursday 29 September 9.30am 3 pm.
- St Andrews Rd Wetland, Par, Tuesday 11 October 1pm 4pm
- Kit Hill Country Park, Thursday 20 October 9.30 15.00
- Kilminorth Woods, Looe Wednesday 26 October 9.30am 3pm
- Luxulyan Valley Friday 4 November 9.30am 3pm
- Seaton Valley Country Park Saturday 5 November 9.30am 3pm
- Latchbrook, Saltash Monday 28 November 10 am 3pm
- Luxulyan Valley Friday 2 December 9.30am 3pm
- Kit Hill Country Park Thursday 8 December 9.30am 3pm

For all dates, tools will be supplied but if you have your own please bring. Wear old clothes and strong boots. There will be hot drinks and biscuits available but bring lunch and extra drink and a mug if possible. For more info or to let me know you are coming either email <u>jheskett@cormacltd.co.uk</u> or call 07973 813843.

Tree Warden Event: A walk and talk on Ancient and Veteran trees at Trewithen Gardens on 6 October. There will also be an event at Lanhydrock later in the autumn. If you would like to join the <u>Tree Wardens</u> group please email <u>forestforcornwall@cornwall.gov.uk</u>



National Tree Week

Saturday 26 November - Sunday 4 December 2022

National Tree Week is an important celebration for Forest for Cornwall, coming as it does at the start of the tree planting season. This annual campaign was started by the UK's Tree Council to build awareness of the important difference planting trees can make to our planet, whether you plant one tree in a pot on your doorstep, a hedge in your garden or residential area, an orchard as part of a community event at a local larger if you the park, or scale planting have space. During National Tree Week 2021 across Cornwall numerous communities planted their Landmark Tree or orchard or hedge or tree singular and multiple! F4C started larger scale planting projects, including the photo above showing the St Ives School Mini Forest (with funding from the G7 Legacy Fund), and the Councils Portfolio Holder for Environment and Climate Change, Cllr Martyn Alvey had a busy week visiting the Coastline residential several projects, including tree planting at а area. In 2022 Forest for Cornwall will mark the start of the planting season, that runs until March 2023, with several of our own bespoke events - the launch of our new funding for landowners and opening of our exhibition space at Heartlands Redruth, a community session to learn about orchard planting and more training for Tree Wardens. Further details of events to follow soon!

Tell us about your National Tree Week events which we will promote or if you would like support from Forest for Cornwall, let us know at forestforcornwall@cornwall.gov.uk

Are you or your community aiming to plant trees in a public place such as a verge or park? If the land is owned by Cornwall Council please see our new <u>step by step guide</u> to gaining permission to plant.



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