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15 October 2025

To: Truro City Councillors Honorary Freeman Wells (Mayor), Rich (Deputy Mayor), La Borde, Southcombe and Tucker.

Also to: External Representatives Ms Sue Allen, Ms Sarah Douglas-Martin, Mr John Faragher (Friends of Daubuz Moor) and Ms Jade Neville (Friends of Coosebean and Cornwall Wildlife Trust)

Dear Members of the **TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM (TNRF)**

The next meeting of the Nature Recovery Forum will take place on **MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2025 starting at 6.00 pm in the Council Chamber, First Floor, Municipal Buildings, Boscawen Street, Truro**

AGENDA

1. COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

To **note apologies**.

2. DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. MINUTES (Appendix 1)

To **resolve** to approve and sign the Minutes of the Truro Nature Recovery Forum meeting held on 4 September 2025.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Verbal report.

5. WILD TRURO MONIES

At its meeting on 29 September Council agreed that £1295.35 originally allocated to the former Wild Truro project be reallocated to the Nature Recovery Forum. To discuss deferring use of funds pending development of the strategy.

6. SURVEY WORK

Mr Matt Stribley to talk about survey work.

7. REQUEST FOR ON SCREEN PRESENCE FOR TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM

The Town Clerk has agreed this will be a dedicated page on the City Council's new website which is being developed.

8. FEEDBACK FROM POTENTIAL PARTNERS

To receive any feedback in response to the letter attached at [Appendix 2](#). An email received in response to the letter is also attached.

9. CONSULTATION WITH POTENTIAL PARTNERS

To agree questions to ask potential partners.

10. IDEAS FOR MINI PROJECT AT TREMORVAH PLAYINGFIELD

The Forum was requested to send ideas for a mini project. To discuss ideas. (Appendix 3).

11. CORRESPONDENCE

a. To note and email dated 17.09.25 regarding the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Nature Partnership Conference. (Appendix 4)

b. To note email dated 03.10.25 regarding South West Water's £2 million Nature Recovery Fund. (Appendix 5)

12. NEXT STEPS

To discuss.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING



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MEETING OF TRURO NATURE RECOVERY FORUM (TNRF) HELD ON THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER 2025 at 7.00 pm

in the Large Community Room, Second Floor, Truro Public Library, Union Place, Truro

PRESENT: Councillors: Southcombe (Chairman), La Borde, Honorary Freeman Wells (Mayor) and Rich (Deputy Mayor).

External Members: Ms Sue Allen and Ms Jade Neville (Friends of Coosebean and Cornwall Wildlife Trust)

ALSO PRESENT: Forum Advisor Mr Richard Argall (volunteer tree warden).

APOLOGIES: Councillor Tucker

ABSENT: Ms Sarah Douglas-Martin (Treffry Residents' Association and Truro in Bloom Committee) and Mr John Faragher (Friends of Daubuz Moor).

Also in Attendance: Richard Budge, Parks and Amenities Officer, Anna Cormie, Assistant Countryside Ranger and Cheryl Simpson, Committee Clerk.

1. COUNCILLORS IN ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Noted.

NRF/25/581

2. DISCLOSURES OR DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

NRF/25/582

3. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 24 JUNE 2025

It was proposed by Chairman, seconded by Ms Neville, and

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Truro Nature Recovery Forum Meeting held on 24 July 2025 were signed as a correct record.

NRF/25/583

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

All Sorts Event Sunday 7 September 2025

The Chairman reported there was a large nature area allocated at this event which included three tables and four gazebos. Volunteers were sought. The National Trust would also be attending. She was planning on focussing on wildlife habitat and feeding in winter and would be bringing instructions for making bug hotels and hedgehog houses. She would also be talking to the Museum and Library about potentially creating a public display to raise awareness.

NRF/25/584

5. SURVEY WORK

In the absence of Mr Matt Stribley this item, to talk about survey work, was deferred to the next meeting.

Action: Agenda item for next meeting.

NRF/25/585

6. LAND AT COMPRIGNEY HILL STEERING GROUP

It was noted the Parks and Amenities Officer had commissioned an environmental survey but the optimum timeframe to conduct a survey had passed so the work would need to be undertaken from Spring 2026 onwards. A revised quotation would need to be reported to the Steering Group for onward recommendation to the Parks and Amenities Committee.

Action: Steering Group meeting to be convened. Item for future Parks and Amenities Committee meeting. NRF/25/586

7. CORNWALL COUNCIL'S NATURE RECOVERY STRATEGY

Cornwall Council's nature recovery strategy's online maps prepared by the University of Exeter were viewed. It was generally felt the maps were a useful visual tool to look at types of land. It was suggested the Forum consider maximising links and corridors between areas. It was noted coloured areas were priority areas as modelled by the University. It was felt that using this map was a useful starting point.

Actions:

1. Committee Clerk to investigate obtaining copies of Cornwall Council's nature recovery maps electronically plus printing paper copies.
2. Committee Clerk to obtain copies of Visitor Information Centre maps.

NRF/25/587

8. TO DRAFT A STRATEGY FOR TRURO

An example draft strategy and flyer created with Copilot AI was briefly discussed. It was generally agreed this example strategy provided a useful starting framework to begin to build a strategy to fit the Parish of the City of Truro. Forum members reminded themselves they were at the beginning of the process in drafting a vision.

It was noted that initial findings of the City Council's public consultation on priority setting identified that parks, gardens and open spaces were of high importance and received a high satisfaction score. Of the top priorities they were third on the list. The results of the public consultation would be published in due course. The need for good quality data was emphasized.

NRF/25/588

9. NEXT STEPS

It was generally agreed the next stage was to identify a list of partners willing to develop ideas for the draft strategy, send a questionnaire to them and then analyse responses. A letter would be sent to potential partners (and potential co-signatories) asking if they would be willing to co-design a strategy. Partners would then be sent an appropriate questionnaire and the responses received would be analysed by the Forum with a view to inclusion in a draft strategy. This approach, it was suggested, might assist the Forum in achieving Towns and Cities accreditation.

It was also suggested potential individual partners might be matched with a particular area in the parish in a mini project e.g. Archbishop Benson School could be matched with Tremorvah Playingfield, St Marys School matched with Daubuz Moor etc. Potential organisations included schools, businesses (contact via Truro BID), places of worship, health sector and housing

providers.

Actions:

1. Richard Argall to devise three to four ideas for a mini project at Tremorvah Playingfield.
2. All Forum members to send ideas for potential partners to Committee Clerk.
3. Committee Clerk to draft initial letter to send to potential partners to be agreed by the Parks and Amenities Officer following consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.
4. Feedback responses to next meeting. Next meeting to agree consultation questions to be asked.

NRF/25/589

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 20 October 2025

NRF/25/590

The meeting closed at 20:25.

-----CHAIRMAN

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25 September 2025

To: Potential Partners

Dear Sir/Madam,

Truro City Council - Truro Nature Recovery Forum

The Nature Recovery Forum has recently been established to develop a nature recovery strategy and implementation plan with a vision of making the Truro a City which supports an abundance of nature to which the population has access.

The reason we are doing this is to increase biodiversity, mitigate climate change, support the physical and mental well-being of citizens, and make Truro a better place to live, work and conduct business

We invite you, your business or organisation to partner up with the Forum and be involved in building a strategy fit for Truro.

If you are interested just let us know by telephoning Cheryl Simpson on (01872) 245502 or emailing nature@truro.gov.uk

We will then contact you again with an initial consultation in due course.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Lindsay Southcombe - Chairman and
Councillor Karen La Borde - Vice Chairman

Distribution List:

Three Spires Medical Practice
Lander Medical Practice
Places of worship (7)
Schools, nursery schools & nurseries (9)
Cornwall Housing
Coastline Housing
Trelander & St Clement Community Association
Malabar Community Association

Hello Councillor Lindsay, Councillor Karen and Truro City Council,

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the establishment of the Nature Recovery Forum to develop a plan for Truro.

How do we find out more about the plan and about the opportunity to partner up with the forum?

Thank you.

Andy

Rev Andy Boorne, curate and local minister at Kenwyn Parish church, Truro.

07933100049 (work contact number)

Please note I don't work every day and will reply as soon as possible. The best days to get me are Sunday to Friday.



Ideas for Mini Project at Tremorvah Playingfield

Richard Argall

- As discussed at the last nature recovery meeting

These first 6 ideas shouldn't require extra funding:

1. Retain sections of tree trunk from fallen or felled trees for dead wood habitat
2. Where safe to do so, leave standing dead wood
3. Create brash piles beside hedges with smaller branches
4. Carefully plan for areas of wildlife meadow - research cutting regimes to maximise benefits
5. Leave some of the wildlife meadow uncut all winter for overwintering invertebrates
6. Allow targeted areas of hedged margins to extend uncut to improve them as wildlife corridors/habitat

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These next 4 would require financial input:

1. Put up bird & bat nesting boxes - hedgehog refugia too
2. Plant one or two trees inside the children's play area for wildlife & shade
3. Choose suitable sites for planting fruit trees such as crab apple and quince
4. Plant wildlife friendly shrubs on the newly created earth mounds around the parking area
5. An information board

It's important to inform park users of intentions and would be an opportunity to demonstrate a commitment to nature recovery.

Councillor Lindsay Southcombe

I like this a lot. What about a dead hedge too ? And we could maybe do Hedgehog shelters that don't require any money, like log piles

Afternoon Session (14:00–16:00) Films & Discussions about catalysing delivery and showcasing excellence across land, rivers and seas.

[TO JOIN THE IN-PERSON EVENT BOOK HERE](#)

Unable to make it? Don't worry you can join virtually too; [BOOK ONLINE TICKET HERE](#)

We look forward to seeing you!

[Book Your Ticket!](#)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: ATKINS-MCILWAINE, Isabel <iatkinsm@southwestwater.co.uk>

Sent: Friday, 3 October 2025 at 12:56:18 BST

Subject: South West Water's Nature Recovery Fund Online Briefing

Hello,

You are invited to attend an online briefing session about South West Water's **£2 million Nature Recovery Fund**, recently announced as part of a £24 million package of enforcement measures approved by Ofwat following an investigation into failures in managing its wastewater treatment works and network.

This fund aims to support environmental groups across the region in delivering tangible, community-led improvements to nature and water quality.

During the session, we will cover:

- Context of the fund and its link to the Ofwat enforcement package.
- Feedback on the fund gathered at a recent Let's Talk Water stakeholder workshop
- Eligibility criteria and types of projects that can apply
- The application process
- Key assessment criteria
- Question and answer session.

Please also share this invitation with your networks.

To Register please follow the links below for a date and a time that suits you:

Thursday 16th October 3pm - 4pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nature-recovery-fund-briefing-tickets-1768290647929>

Saturday 18th October 10am - 11am: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nature-recovery-fund-briefing-tickets-1755892364329?aff=oddtcreator>

Monday 20th October 2pm – 3pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nature-recovery-fund-briefing-tickets-1757546451749?aff=oddtcreator>

Thursday 23rd October 11:30am – 12:30pm: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/nature-recovery-fund-briefing-tickets-1757647975409?aff=oddtcreator>

(You will receive a team's calendar invite a few days before your chosen session)

We look forward to seeing you at one of the above sessions.

Kind regards,

Izzy Atkins-McIlwaine (on behalf of Carolyn Cadman)