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Autumn 2024 Newsletter

The gradual change from summer to autumn is with us, the leaves are starting to change colour and the branches are heavy with acorns, winged seeds, fruit, nuts and berries. We've had a busy summer and are now looking forward to the 2024 planting season, including some fantastic practical events and workshops... read on to find out more...

Camborne 'Trees for Streets' Launch

Camborne has been chosen as the first location in Cornwall for a pilot scheme to increase the number of trees in urban areas. Forest for Cornwall and Camborne Town Council have partnered up with national charity initiative 'Trees For Streets', an established tree planting project that has brought increased tree cover to many cities and towns.

Residents can request to 'sponsor' street trees to be planted in locations which are close to their homes or street. There is an online map for you to find a site and request a tree to be planted.

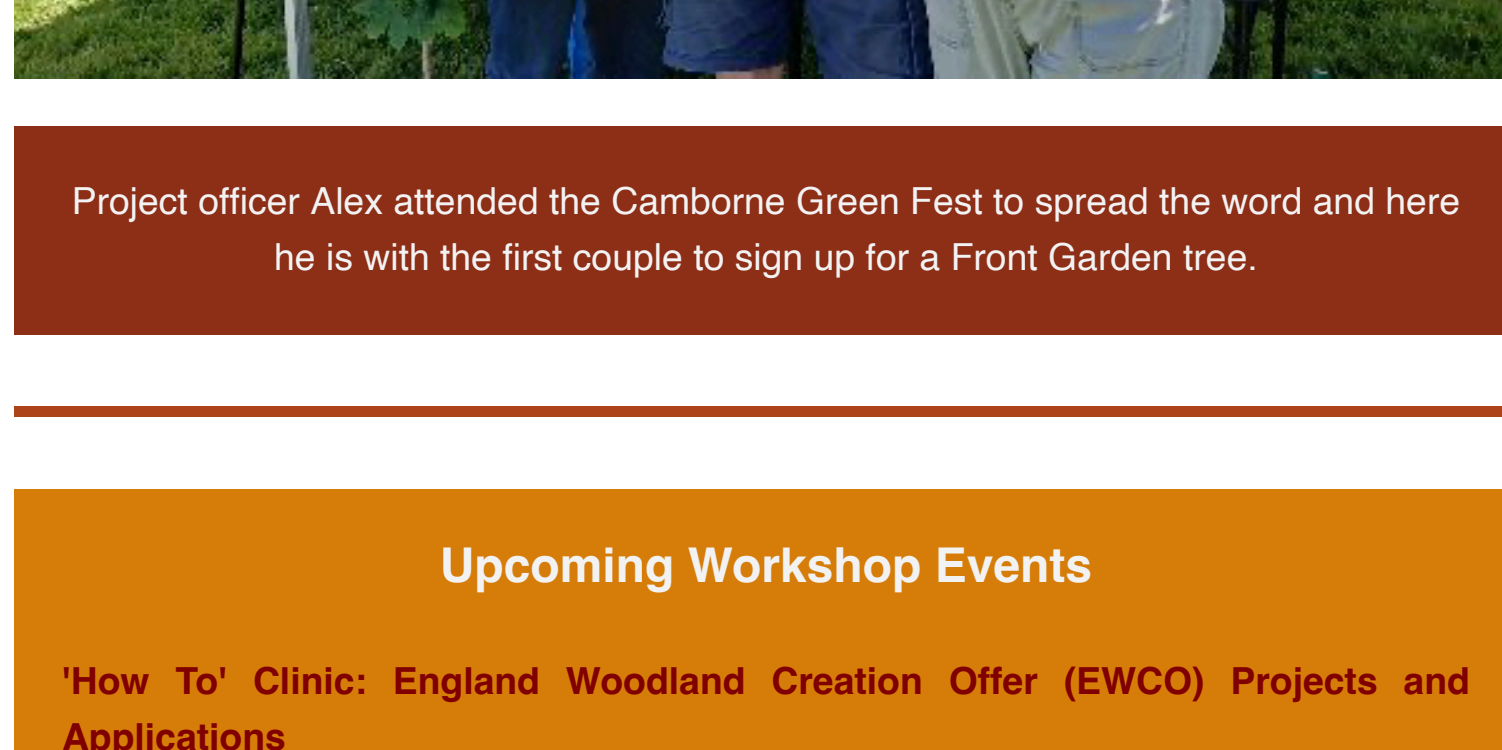
Trees will be sourced and planted free of charge, and we are asking sponsors to help with watering the trees in the first couple of years to help them grow and establish well.

Any resident that requests and sponsors a tree can benefit from Forest for Cornwall's Tree Guardian Time Credit scheme. By volunteering to water or weed the tree you can receive rewards to be used at local and national attractions and retailers.

The option to request a tree to plant in your front garden is currently oversubscribed but we are looking at how to roll this out further.

You can now sign up to adopt a tree or request a tree for your garden on the Trees for Streets website. It's a very simple way for everyone to make a difference for the community and leave a lasting legacy.

Sign Up Now



Project officer Alex attended the Camborne Green Fest to spread the word and here he is with the first couple to sign up for a Front Garden tree.

Upcoming Workshop Events

'How To' Clinics: England Woodland Creation Offer (EWCO) Projects and Applications

This will cover planting plans, making alterations, additional contributions, how to use and manage contractors, tree sources, tree protection and more besides. These clinics will be invaluable to anyone considering a EWCO funded project or with an existing EWCO project, and all with a tasty lunch!

Please click on the location links below to book:

- Monday 7th October (10am-2pm) - Krowl Redruth
- Monday 4th November (10am-2pm) - Tamar Valley Centre, near Gunnislake.

Organised in partnership with the Forestry Commission, and funded by DEFRA, these events are free to attend.

Orchard Projects & Management Techniques

Three workshops that will focus on preparing for and managing an orchard project.

Date TBC January (10am - 2pm) at the National Trust property Goletha, home of the Mother Orchard.

Saturday 18th January (10am-2pm) Gillyflower Orchard, Lostwithiel

Saturday 15th February (10am-2pm) Duchy Orchard in Truro.

Organised in partnership with Resilient Orchards and the National Trust and funded by DEFRA, these events are free to attend

Please get in touch if you would like to register your interest in the Orchard Workshops

Grey Squirrel Management Training

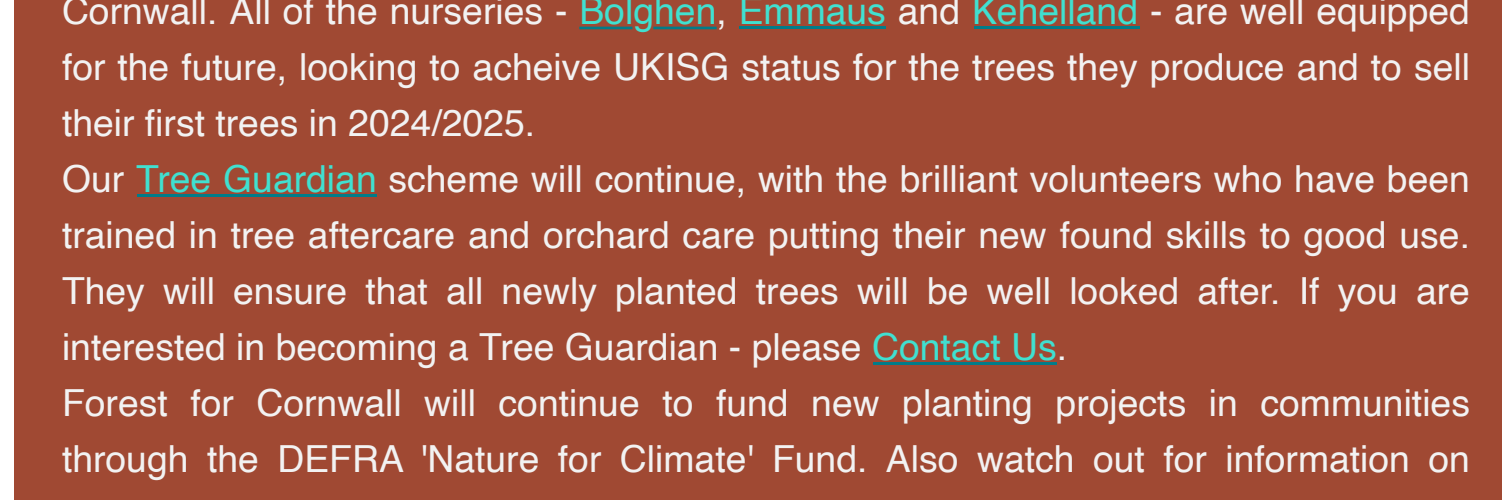
These 3 events are organised by British Red Squirrel and will focus on the ecology of grey and red squirrels, the reasons for controlling grey squirrels, the law, health and safety, monitoring and practical methodology. This course is Lanta accredited.

Please click on the location links below to book:

- Monday 14th October - Lanhydrock (National Trust)
- Friday 18th October - Paradise Park (Hayle)
- Friday 1st November - Penillia Castle Estate

Each runs from 9.00 to 16.00, and the cost is £36 per person. More details are available on the booking link - booking is essential.

We would also like to run some workshops specifically tailored to young people so if you know of a group (for example Young Farmers) who would be interested in learning more about trees, how they can fit in with current farming activities and encourage nature recovery, alongside practical tips on how to plant and maintain them then please get in touch.



Could you be a winner?

Open to any business, community organisation, school, social enterprise or charity based in Cornwall or the Isles of Scilly.

The Cornwall Sustainability Awards are now open for applications!

Our category - Trees for Nature and Growth - is open to any farmer, landholder and community that has planted in the last year. Projects can include orchards, field corners, hedgerows, agroforestry, street trees, and planting in parks and open spaces. All projects whether large or small are judged equally. So put in your application today for either the farmer/landholder or community categories and get the recognition you deserve for all your incredible work!

If you'd like any support with the application or have any questions please contact us at forest@cornwall.gov.uk

The closing date for applications is 31st October, and the awards ceremony will be held at the National Maritime Museum, Falmouth on Friday 6th December.

Apply Now



A HUGE Thank You to Everyone that has taken Part in the 'Forest for My Place'

Our Forest for My Place project concluded in late spring this year. One of the main aims was to spread the message that everyone can play a part in tree planting, increasing natural habitats and helping to mitigate climate change. With funding from the Woodland Trust Emergency Tree Fund, Forest for Cornwall has worked with 14 schools, 11 community groups and 134 parish and town councils to get over 21,000 trees planted in our towns and villages. More than 3,000 residents have got involved in tree planting and care.

Every parish in Cornwall has been offered a Landmark Tree, along with a tree for every Women's Institute. Twelve new community orchards have been planted and we've held 7 volunteer training sessions in orchard care and maintenance. The funding has also supported the work at 3 community tree nurseries, providing staff, training and basic infrastructure to enable them to grow future trees from seed for Cornwall. All of the nurseries - Bolghen, Emmaus and Kehelland - are well equipped for the future, looking to achieve UKISG status for the trees they produce and to sell their first trees in 2024/2025.

Our Tree Guardian scheme will continue, with the brilliant volunteers who have been trained in tree aftercare and orchard care putting their new found skills to good use. They will ensure that all newly planted trees will be well looked after. If you are interested in becoming a Tree Guardian - please Contact Us.

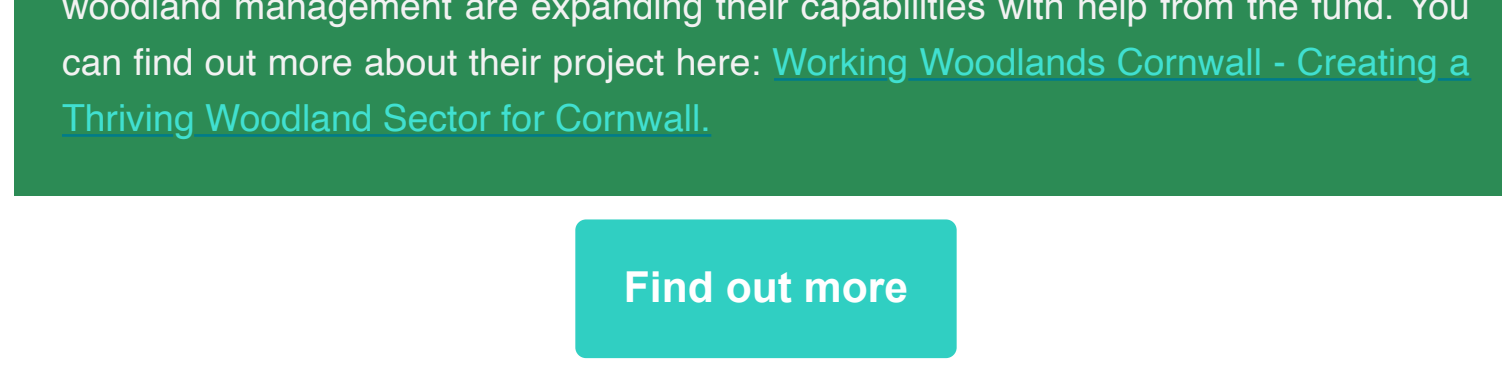
Forest for Cornwall will continue to fund new planting projects in communities through the DEFRA Nature for Climate Fund. Also watch out for information on where this year's Back Garden Forest tree giveaways will be located.



The man from Gorran with project officer Mike - muddy but smiling after planting two orchards, willow coppice and a shelterbelt in February 2024.



Penzance residents queue for a tree as part of the Back Garden Forest. Over 15,000 trees were given away in towns across Cornwall.



Volunteers and staff at Bolghen Community Nursery, which is now producing trees grown from locally sourced seeds.



This video tells the story of the planting of the mini forest at Stehans Primary School

Looking for Trees for Your Planting Project?

We work with local growers who produce trees with a local provenance. This means these trees are better adapted to the local environment and will establish more quickly. The community tree nurseries also aim to grow all their trees from locally sourced seed. Follow the links below to find out more about each nursery and the trees they supply:

Community Tree Nurseries:

- Bolghen Community Tree Nursery - near St. Austell - broadleaf trees
- Emmaus Community Tree Nursery - near St. Austell - broadleaf trees
- Kehelland Trust - near Camborne - orchard trees

Commercial Nurseries (Plant Healthy registered):

- The Grower - near St. Agnes
- Arbor Farm - near St. Columb
- Tamar Trees - near Launceston
- Treedomers - near St. Austell

Update on the Trees for Cornish Towns Project and Consultation

Plans are coming to fruition for the next stage in planting the Trees for Cornish Towns project - this winter planting will take place in Dute, Newquay, Helston and Padstow. Although the consultation is now closed you can still have a voice in the matter, please see our previous page.

The response to the consultation was very positive with over 80% being very happy to have trees planted in their local area. Of the total respondents 95% supported tree planting across Cornwall to help mitigate the effects of climate change. A very small number of issues were raised and we have addressed these directly with residents. We will be publishing the full results of the consultation on the project later this year in the near future.

If you have a project that tackles the effects of the climate and ecological emergencies, you could receive up to £5,000 in support from the Cornwall Council: Cornwall Climate and Nature Fund.

Working Woodlands Cornwall, a Community Interest Group, who specialise in woodland management are expanding their capabilities with help from the fund. You can find out more about their project here: Working Woodlands Cornwall - Creating a Thriving Woodland Sector for Cornwall.

Find out more



Do You Work At, Run or Use An NHS Healthcare Site?

If so have you thought about planting trees on the site? The NHS Forest can help provide trees, but they can also help with much more! Their projects have included occupational therapy gardens, staff allotments, productive orchards, mini meadows, outdoor gyms, rooftop terraces, wildlife ponds and more, with the aim of improving both patient and staff wellbeing.

Find out more

Calling All Nature Lovers - We Need Your Help!

We are now at an exciting stage in the development of the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Nature Recovery Strategy where we have a draft document, priorities and actions and maps to share for further feedback. These drop-in sessions are open to all Cornwall Councillors, residents, businesses, landowners and farmers. We would love to hear your views.

There will also be the opportunity to talk about how you could benefit from private funding for Nature Recovery Projects, for example, through Biodiversity Net Gains (BNG), through our Local Investment in Nature (LINIG) project.

We hope you can join us at one of the following locations:

- East: 1300-1900hrs, Tuesday 17th September, Trethorne Golf Club, Launceston
- West: 1300-1900hrs, Wednesday 18th September, Camborne Community Centre

Come along, find out more and have your say!

Planting For This Winter

There is over 400 hectares of woodland, orchards and agroforestry planting planned for this winter, alongside the creation of 13km of new hedgerows. Projects in the pipeline include:

Philleigh Way Wood, Roseland: One of our larger projects will continue into its second year of planting during winter 24/25. Upon completion, visitors will be able to walk a variety of circular routes through a newly planted orchard, and an area of historically important existing SSSI woodland that has now been expanded with a good deal of new planting. A bird hide has also been installed to watch some of the amazing birdlife that comes to the Fal River and its surrounding woodlands. In addition, funding for signage, footpath upgrades and a carpark to support the local community and enable better access to this woodland has been approved and is in the process of being built.

Gunwalloe Project: One of several partnership projects we have with the National Trust supporting tree planting across their land. Part of the project is to create a new circular footpath around the headland. This route will be hedged with native tree species, creating habitat corridors, increasing shelter for birds and providing blossom for many pollinating insects. The project is also extending existing woodlands, re-establishing a historic orchard and planting a number of in-field copses, which will provide long term shelter for the grazing livestock that will be used to manage the species rich grassland.

Cornhill Farm, Camborne: Cornhill is a large producer of free range eggs in Cornwall. They will be embarking on a Forest for Cornwall funded agroforestry project this winter, to incorporate more trees into their farming practice. Agroforestry can support farming and bring many benefits, from increased production to improving animal welfare. At Cornhill, they will be planting trees and shrubs in a manageable row systems to encourage their chickens to roam further, with dietary improvements anticipated through increased foraging. They are also creating 'living barns' for shade and shelter.

Petalon, Goonhavern: At this cut flower farm, Forest for Cornwall will be funding an innovative new agroforestry system. This will introduce rows of trees and copses to increase shelter and improve growing conditions, whilst providing additional cut foliage for their existing business. Elsewhere on site, we are also funding an area of wood pasture creation for the farm's cattle and a new orchard.

Let us know if you are thinking of planting trees this winter, or would like some support with a future project

Get in touch

