

Taw Torridge Estuary Forum meeting 15.7.24 Devon Wildlife Trust activities : A brief summary of some contacts/updates in the North Devon Rivers and Estuaries areas

Local Reserves Nature Reserves | Devon Wildlife Trust

Horsey: Nick Bruce-White CEO of DWT visited the reserve recently

Swanpool Marsh Some management work has taken place over the past few months with volunteers led by John and Mary Breeds. It is 1 mile west of Braunton and has a range of wetland habitat including Great Pond Sedge and Reed beds

Uppacott Wood : Some bird ringing and Nest Box monitoring has taken place linked to the BTO. DWT Reserves manager: Matt Boydell mboydell@devonwildlifetrust.org

Marine/Coastal :

Key contacts for Marine Issues : ccocciardi@devonwildlifetrust.org and csmith@devon-wildlifetrust.org

Coastwise North Devon has been doing its intertidal surveys for the Wildlife Trust Shoresearch projects with one planned for Westward Ho! later in July. Some Invasives surveying planned too.

Planning Applications. The DWT Planning team are still sending in objections to some local applications

planning@devonwildlifetrust.org

Barnstaple and District Local Group :

The group have had a variety of Tuesday evening walks in the area and are planning for the indoor talks season at Fremington Parish Hall starting in September. Please see the DWT Website events section for more information

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Land advice to landowners: Advice is continuing to be available to landowners in the area through the Working Wetlands Project, Northern Devon Natural Solutions and Saving Devon's

Treescapes. There are 21 land advisers working with the DWT which is the largest number for any Wildlife Trust in the UK . They offer practical support including specialist machinery , volunteer labour, free trees and wildflower trees, advice on land subsidies. Local team : Tom Parsons Robbie Mack. To find out more: www.devonwildlifetrust.org/working-landowners-and-farmers

www.devonwildlifetrust.org/news/new-saving-devons-treescapes-award

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Saving Devons Treescapes . Have set up an award for community groups/Parish councils. The aim of the project is to replace trees lost through Ash dieback and since 2020 has helped local communities , businesses and landowners plant more than 80,000 native species trees . For more details see devonwildlifetrust.org/news/new-saving-devons-treescapes-award

North Devon Natural solutions has included advice about water quality , water management such as using Leaky Dams/woody dams in water courses which can help trap some sediment and agricultural run-off. They are also offering wildflower seeds for mini meadows through the Big Autumn Sow project. You need to register your interest for these via the web link

Wilder Communities

This project is working in the North Devon area to engage with and support communities on a wide range of projects . They are also running a Wildlife Communities award and offer advice on funding for community groups . They have also been attending local events including a drop in session at Green Lanes Shopping centre with the Parks Team from North Devon Council and Barnstaple in Bloom. They also hosted a Wildlife Gardening stall for Accord in Barnstaple to help inspire employees to create nature friend places. They are happy to visit people/attend events in North Devon

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Wildlife Champions award programme: For local schools to encourage more outside learning

Pine Martens : Early Autumn 2024 is looking like the date for the first wild releases to take place

Beavers : Recent research (May 2024) by Exeter University with DWT has highlighted the positive effects of Beavers on wetland areas. For more details see the Making Space for Water programme especially :

www.devonwildlifetrust.org/making-space-beavers If you are interested in creating river corridors for Beavers please contact the Green Finance Officer , Holly Barclay . Beavers@devonwildlifetrust.org
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