

Taw Torridge Estuary Forum meeting 21.10.24 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: Nothing to add at present [Horsey Island | Devon Wildlife Trust](#)

Swanpool Marsh Some management work is planned with volunteers led by John and Mary Breeds. Sunday 17th November and Sunday 12th January . It is 1 mile west of Braunton and has a range of wetland habitat including Great Pond Sedge and Reed beds

Uppacott Wood :Work Parties planned for Sunday 15th December and Sunday 9th February
DWT Reserves manager: Matt Boydell mboydell@devonwildlifetrust.org

Marine/Coastal :

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

There was North Devon Marine Strandings Network Volunteer training on Saturday 19th October at Braunton Countryside centre (recording of dead cetaceans)

Coastwise North Devon has been doing its intertidal surveys for the Wildlife Trust Shoresearch The last one for this year was Friday 18th October at Westward Ho!.

Other information of possible interest relate to carbon storage the blue carbon mapping project [Charities urge stronger protection for sea around South West as landmark reports reveal amount of carbon stored in seabed habitats for the first time | Devon Wildlife Trust](#)

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

planning@devonwildlifetrust.org

Barnstaple and District Local Group :

The programme of evening talks at Fremington Parish Hall have started. Please see the DWT Website events section for more information and also the TTEF Website events section [Events | Devon Wildlife Trust](#). The next one is Friday 8th November and is about Solitary Bees and Wasps.

[Events | Devon Wildlife Trust](#)

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

[Working Wetlands & Upstream Thinking | Devon Wildlife Trust](#)

[Northern Devon Natural Solutions | Devon Wildlife Trust](#)

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

See some blogs and ideas from other communities Wilder Diaries : [Wilder Diaries | Devon Wildlife Trust](#)

[Wilder Communities | Devon Wildlife Trust](#)

wildercommunities@devonwildlifetrust.org

Wildlife Champions [Wildlife Champions | Devon Wildlife Trust](#)

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

Pine Martens : 15 have been released in the Dartmoor area. For more information see www.twomoorspinemartens.org . There is also a zoom talk in October and a local talk at Fremington Parish Hall Friday 10th January 2025

Beavers : See [Free the beaver! New vision for beavers in England and Wales shows how | Devon Wildlife Trust](#) for news about beavers

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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