

CAMEL VALLEY AND BODMIN MOOR PROTECTION SOCIETY

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Newsletter

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EVENTS

Meet Housing Need: Protect our Environment – can we do both?

Andrew George, Director of Cornwall Community Housing Land Trust will be giving an illustrated talk at the Swan Hotel, Wadebridge, on Wednesday 20 February 2019, at 7.30pm. The talk will focus on the Trust's work, which is to help local communities build small numbers of permanent, truly affordable homes to meet the long-term needs of local people. In order to widen knowledge of the existence of CVBMPS we are inviting representatives from the Parish Councils in our area of concern to listen to Andrew George.

The talk will be followed by sandwiches and a glass of wine or fruit juice, and coffee. If you wish to attend, please complete the form attached to this newsletter.



PLANNING

Wind and Solar

The application to repower a small turbine at Lower Tregreen Farm, Davidstow, referred to at the last AGM, has now been submitted. The proposal is to replace a small turbine with a 900kW 77m high turbine. As it will be positioned on high ground it will have significant visual impact on views from both the Coastal and Bodmin Moor AONB. We have again employed consultant Bob Barfoot to object on behalf of the Society.

His objection can be found on the CC Planning Portal by following the link below. Any member who feels able to also add their own objection would very much help our cause.

As a reminder, this could be coming to Tregreen, Davidstow. **Please add your objections.**

There is still no Dairy Crest application for a solar installation on land surrounding the dairy.

<http://planning.cornwall.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=PII0MSFGJ2M00>

Housing

The Wadebridge housing application for 143 houses and relocation of the Football Club has finally been decided. The Strategic Planning Committee approved the application on the 10th of Jan. This opens the way for possible future approval of a further 300 houses on Govenna fields between the new football club and the Camel, though the draft Neighbourhood Plan does not consider that site to be suitable for development.

Other applications at Bodieve/Ball roundabout and the pre-application advice for Church Park (dubbed Wadebridge New Town), Sladesbridge are still outstanding, though Cornwall Council Planning Officers are believed to be opposed to both these applications. Other than these there is nothing of any significance to report from other areas. As always, please tell us if there is any application in your village or Parish that you have concerns about.

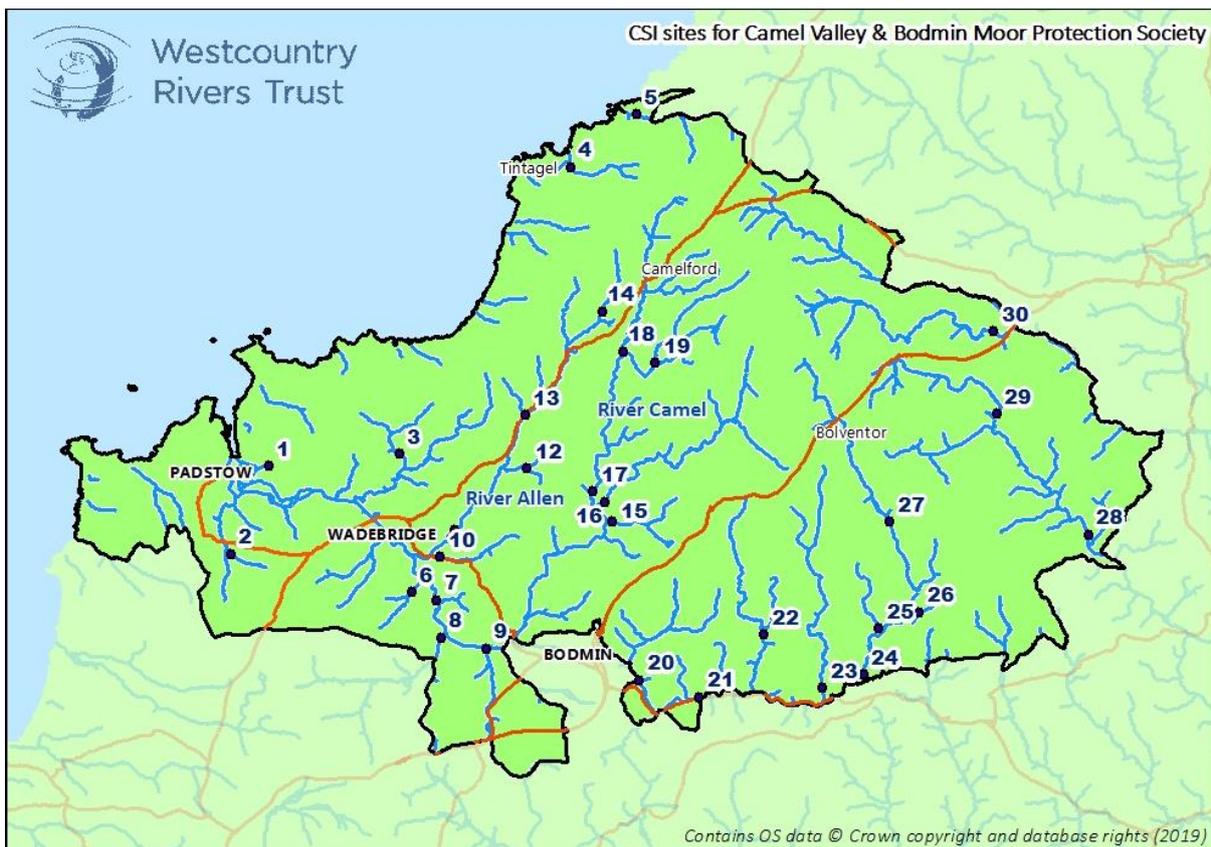
ANY VOLUNTEERS TO CARRY OUT WATER SAMPLING?

West Country Rivers Trust

Those members who attended our last meeting will have heard our speaker, Giles Rickard, of the Westcountry Rivers Trust, appeal for volunteers to help the work of the Trust to improve the water quality of our rivers by becoming a water sampler.

Giles explained that the task is not very onerous, simply requiring people to take samples at fixed intervals from specific points, usually bridges, on any of the rivers in our area of concern of which the Trust could benefit from having additional data. Simple training will be provided on a group basis to those members willing to help in this way.

Below is a map showing the various locations where sampling would be appreciated. They can be identified by the map coordinates, as shown in the separate table.



In practice, given the areas where members mostly live, the rivers most likely to be within reasonable reach of us are the Camel, Allen, Amble, Ruthern and De Lank though there are, as can be seen from the map, many potential sampling points on other rivers around Bodmin Moor including the Fowey. Help can be given to identify any specific point if needed.

This would be a comparatively painless means for members to do something practical to support conservation in our area. We already have one member willing to sample the Camel estuary around Porthilly and another for the lower reaches of the Allen. Would all those interested please in the first instance contact Jeremy Varcoe who is liaising with the Trust on this. His email is varcoeuk@aol.com or phone 01208 862954.

CSI sites for CVBMPS					
Site	OS Grid Ref	Latitude/Longitude	Site	OS Grid Ref	Latitude/Longitude
1	SW9390775450	50.542412, -4.9100677	16	SX0886973863	50.53324, -4.6983455
2	SW9225471527	50.506594, -4.9311796	17	SX0831374317	50.537136, -4.7064152
3	SW9973076005	50.549421, -4.828291	18	SX0966280595	50.593972, -4.6906129
4	SX0735688845	50.667322, -4.727443	19	SX1109580065	50.589677, -4.6701203
5	SX1026391225	50.689656, -4.6875767	20	SX1040865874	50.461974, -4.6725985
6	SX0027069800	50.493872, -4.8173554	21	SX1306365119	50.456044, -4.6348563
7	SX0139669473	50.491318, -4.8013263	22	SX1592067907	50.481995, -4.5960243
8	SX0156267785	50.476212, -4.7980927	23	SX1853265509	50.461266, -4.558083
9	SX0357667289	50.472435, -4.7694829	24	SX2035466127	50.46738, -4.5327362
10	SX0152971381	50.508501, -4.8004677	25	SX2103368171	50.485951, -4.5241568
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12	SX0539975358	50.545524, -4.748031	27	SX2152372976	50.52927, -4.5195546
13	SX0530777734	50.566836, -4.7505707	28	SX3034172400	50.52672, -4.3949948
14	SX0874082397	50.609858, -4.7045527	29	SX2627477799	50.574034, -4.4548382
15	SX0920472993	50.525534, -4.6931787	30	SX2613381482	50.607083, -4.4585515

To find out more, follow this link:

<http://wrt.org.uk/project/become-a-citizen-scientist/>

CVBMPS TRUSTEES

New Committee

There have been some changes at the CVBMPS. After 17 years, Nicola Mundy has stepped down as Secretary, and Caroline Rucker and Philip Waller have also stepped down as Trustees. We thank them wholeheartedly for their efforts on behalf of the CVBMPS.

Richard Vyvyan-Robinson remains as Chairman, as does Jeremy Varcoe as Vice-Chairman. Martin Saunders has taken over as Treasurer and Kevin Lawton has taken responsibility for Membership. Catherine Richards, a new Trustee, has taken over as Secretary. Richard Field continues as our Planning Representative. Our other two Trustees are Bill Hebblethwaite and Alan Stapleton, another new addition.

The new contact email for CVBMPS general queries is contact.cvbmps@gmail.com

The new contact email for membership queries is cvbmps@outlook.com

MEMBERSHIP PAYMENTS

Payments by standing order

And lastly, a reminder to all those that have yet to arrange to pay their annual membership by standing order, could you kindly do so. This will enable us to focus our resources on issues of concern, rather than administration.

Many thanks.