



# Social & Environmental Investment Portfolio – Cornwall

“Delivering social and environmental value solutions for Floating Offshore Wind in the Celtic Sea”.



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# Introduction

This portfolio document has been produced to help Floating Offshore Wind developers with an interest in the Celtic Sea to better understand a range of available solutions to delivering social and environmental value across the Region. This is a non-exhaustive list, but provides a broad representation of some current key organisations and activities. We hope the document can provide a catalyst to opening up further detailed conversations about how Floating Offshore Wind can be developed more sustainably in the Celtic Sea with support from expert organizations already embedded in the region.

## Social & Environmental Investment Portfolio – Cornwall (SEIP-C)

SEIP-C is a collaborative approach led by Celtic Sea Power to deliver investment into our local environment and communities. A coalition of established and experienced delivery partners, operating for the benefit of Cornwall and its communities at both a strategic and local level, are ready to lead and deliver plans for *volunteering, community engagement, social impact* and *environmental value* for example, as aligned to The Crown Estate R5 requirements.

The portfolio intends to be ambitious, deliverable and sustainable with measurable impacts. To deliver both long-term gains to the FLOW industry, such as through supporting workforce development, and genuine “social value” to Cornwall as well as delivering on established nature recovery, biodiversity and marine net gain strategies.

The initial portfolio provides guidance on solution delivery from Cornwall but would be readily scalable for expansion across the Celtic Sea region.

We hope that by working closely with FLOW developers in the Celtic Sea we can help to develop the investments by industry which can drive real, and sustained, net benefits for the region which, in turn, provide tangible benefits to projects.

## A related brief history of Cornwall

Since installation of the UK’s first onshore wind farm in 1991 at Delabole, Cornwall has been at the forefront of delivering environmental and social change. In 2024 Cornwall Council called on the new government to support its work in achieving a [carbon neutral Cornwall](#) as it renews its commitment to becoming the first net zero region in the country. Five years on from declaring a climate emergency and producing an [action plan](#) the council is recognised nationally and internationally for its work in [leading Cornwall to respond to the impacts of a changing climate](#), whilst also currently working to develop a Local Area Energy Plan for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly' <https://letstalk.cornwall.gov.uk/laep>.

Latest figures show Cornwall’s greenhouse gas emissions have fallen by more than a fifth since 2008. However, Cornwall Council has recently noted that the pace of these reductions is insufficient for Cornwall to reach its ambition of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

Cornwall recognises the huge potential of floating offshore wind to contribute to climate change and net zero ambitions whilst enhancing the resilience and sustainability of our natural environment and local communities. This was recognised with the formation of Celtic Sea Power in 2021, with the team working towards the sustainable development of Floating Offshore Wind to maximise the once-in-a-generation economic opportunity for Cornwall and the wider Celtic Sea region. [Home - Celtic Sea Power](#)

## Cornwall and Deprivation

Cornwall's picture postcard image masks high levels of deprivation. Cornwall is the second most deprived region in Europe, behind only West Wales and among the 50 poorest on the entire continent. In 2022, 20 areas in Cornwall had more than one-third of children living in poverty and 5.6% of 16-64 year olds had no qualifications.

"There are two Cornwalls. The one we all love and that enriches our lives, and another that lies behind, where large numbers of people live on the edge of poverty, or in ill health, or in isolation, with fragmented or dysfunctional families and widespread indebtedness and disadvantage." (T.Haydu CCF CEO)

As defined by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities' 'Levelling Up the United Kingdom' dataset, Cornwall has 2 measures in the bottom quartile for level 3+ equivalent skills in the adult population, Gross Value Added (GVA) per hour worked, Median Gross Weekly Pay and healthy life expectancy.

*SIR Allocation Framework 2024 Definition - 'UK deprived areas' includes only:*  
a) Local authorities in England with between 2 and 4 measures of deprivation in the bottom quartile .

## Cornwall's Environment

Cornwall is an ecological hotspot – a bounty of natural diversity and beauty on land and at sea. Nature is the foundation to our whole way of life and our sense of identity; gifting the goods and services that keep us healthy, happy, resilient and prosperous. But it is under severe threat (Lord Robin Teverson, 2024).

In line with the rest of the UK, nature is in decline in Cornwall. Over the last 30 years, nearly half of terrestrial mammals and three-fifths of butterflies are found in fewer places. Almost half of breeding birds have declined. Whilst a few species have prospered, it is clear that an ecological emergency is unfolding .... analysis shows that 12% of Species of Principal Importance, are threatened with local extinction or complete loss from Cornwall. (The State of Nature in Cornwall, 2020)

## Cornwall's proximity to the Celtic Sea FLOW market

Cornwall's proximity to both the short and long term FLOW market in the Celtic Sea puts it in a prime position to offer a whole range of services that can benefit the sustainable development of this new industry. From infrastructure development and operational services to the delivery of social and environmental value solutions, Cornwall is at the forefront of delivering environmental and social change and adopting new renewable energy solutions.

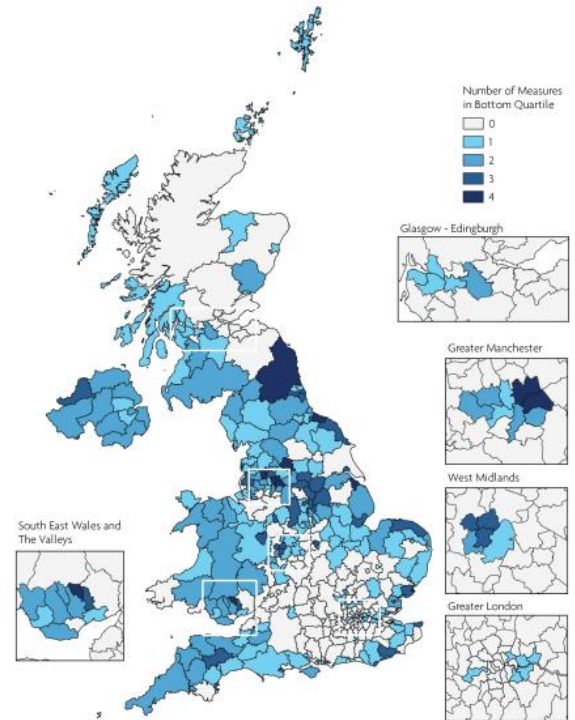


Figure 1 Spatial patterns; Which Places are most left behind. Local Authorities in the bottom quartile for level 3+ equivalent skills in the adult population, GVA, per hour worked, Median gross weekly pay and healthy life expectancy.

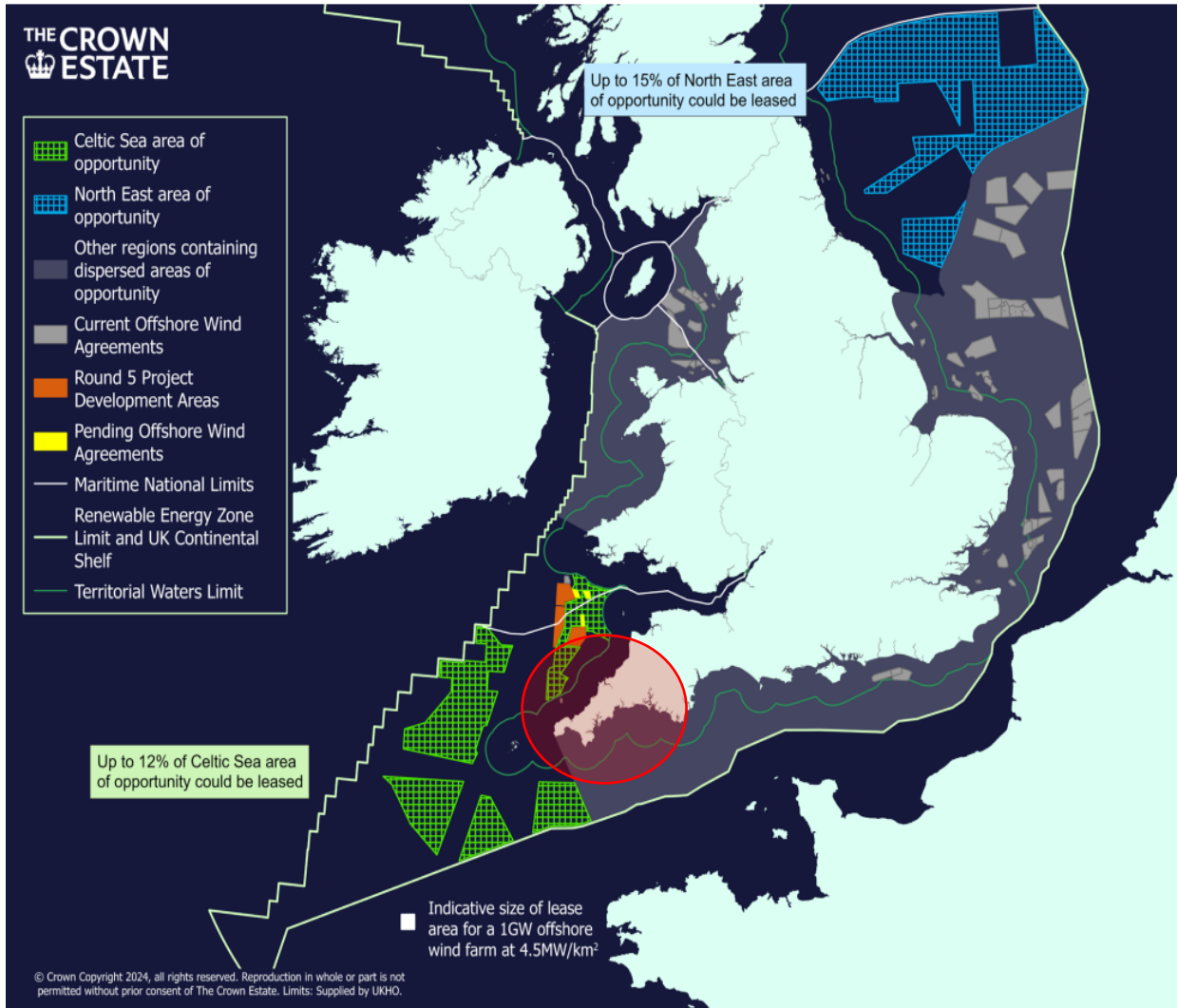


Figure 1 FLOW and the Celtic Sea to 2040 – Geographical proximity to Cornwall

With a proactive local authority, communities and businesses Cornwall is more than ready to engage with the FLOW sector and many of our companies and individuals are already active in domestic and international Floating Offshore Wind and other Marine Energy markets.

# Delivering Social & Environmental value requirements- Celtic Sea leasing Round 5

These tables have been provided as a brief overview of solution providers available to support meeting the Celtic Sea Leasing Round 5 Social and Environmental value considerations. Further more detailed information on each solution provider and examples of impactful projects and available investment examples are provided as appendices later in this document.

R5 Social value requirements	Cornwall Delivery Solutions
Apprenticeship Plan	<a href="#">Celtic Sea Power FLOW Mark</a> , <a href="#">Cornwall Community Foundation</a> , <a href="#">Cornwall Rural Community Charity</a> .
Skills Development Plan	<a href="#">Celtic Sea Power FLOW Mark</a> , <a href="#">Cornwall Community Foundation</a> , <a href="#">Cornwall Rural Community Charity</a> .
NEET's Plan	<a href="#">Celtic Sea Power FLOW Mark</a> , <a href="#">Cornwall Community Foundation</a> , <a href="#">Cornwall Rural Community Charity</a> .
Community Impact Plan	<a href="#">Cornwall Community Foundation</a> , <a href="#">Cornwall Rural Community Charity</a> .
Community Engagement Plan	<a href="#">CIOS MCP</a> , <a href="#">Volunteer Cornwall</a> , <a href="#">Cornwall Rural Community Charity</a> .
Volunteering Plan	<a href="#">Volunteer Cornwall</a> , <a href="#">Cornwall Community Foundation</a>
Social Value Method Statement	<a href="#">Cornwall Community Foundation</a> , <a href="#">Cornwall Rural Community Charity</a> .
Fuel Poverty and Housing decarbonisation	<a href="#">Community Energy Plus</a>
<b>Impactful Projects solutions</b>	SEIP-C

Environmental value requirement	Cornwall Delivery Solutions
Net Positive Environmental Outcome & Improved Resilience	<a href="#">Cornwall LNRS + Marine Nature Recovery Framework</a> , <a href="#">Cornwall Wildlife Trust</a>
Investing in Nature Recovery	<a href="#">Cornwall LINC</a>
Co-ordinating sustainable coastal development	<a href="#">Cornwall &amp; IoS MCP</a>
<b>Impactful Project Solutions</b>	SEIP-C

# Appendix - Further Solution provider information

Please note that the following information is indicative and is intended as an introduction to social and environmental value solution providers in Cornwall. Direct introductions can be made to all potential solution providers to enable more detailed discussions to progress. Some providers are also subject to their own internal due diligence processes that may affect investment decisions and investment availability.

## Celtic Sea Power

### Solution focus areas

Social Value - Apprenticeship plans, Skills development plans, NEET's plans

### Celtic Sea Region Coverage

Cornwall, the SW UK and South Wales

### Introduction and background

Celtic Sea Power (CSP - [www.celticseapower.co.uk](http://www.celticseapower.co.uk)) is a strategic enabling organization working towards the sustainable development of Floating Offshore Wind (FLOW), in order to maximise the once-in-a-generation economic opportunity for Cornwall and the wider Celtic Sea region. Celtic Sea Power is an autonomous subsidiary of Cornwall Council, member of the Celtic Sea Alliance and Celtic Sea Cluster

Our aim is to enhance retention of social, environmental and economic benefits of FLOW and other low carbon energy opportunities for Cornwall and the Celtic Sea region. So far, we are in the early stages of supporting the roll out of FLOW through promoting economic and environmental opportunities across Cornwall and the Celtic Sea region. We provide a platform for stakeholder engagement, innovation, knowledge and data sharing.

### Key Services

FLOWMark is an umbrella term for CSP's collaborative work to build workforce capacity for FLOW. This builds on mapping of projected skills demand/supply in the region to guide a pilot programme in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. This pilot has now achieved positive impacts and our intention is to expand best practice across the wider Celtic Sea Region.

- FLOWMark is trademarked as a means to **recognise relevant qualifications and training** for FLOW.
- **Development and delivery of bespoke courses.** Including: 'bolt-on' FLOW awareness modules and specific skills training specifications to address current skills gaps in the nascent FLOW sector. Led by Celtic Sea Power, in collaboration with several partner including: Jobcentre Plus, Falmouth Marine School, Cornwall College Group, Cornwall Marine Network, Uni of Exeter and others.
- Now incorporates a **career pathway mapping tool** which allows users and careers guidance providers to explore routes into FLOW.
- FLOWMark **aligns with the Crown Estate's** strategic workforce targets as specified in their Information Memorandum published in December 2023.

The FLOWmark approach is to bring value to all of the stakeholders in the skills supply chain; individual learners who undertake skills training, through the schools, FE colleges, HE institutions, and independent training providers, the private sector and future employers.



Related reports available on request:

- FLOWMark concept design report
- Current provision of apprenticeships and support for people who are NEET in Cornwall
- Alignment of FLOWMark with broader skills strategies (end 2024)

## Measurable Impacts and metrics

Number of NEETS supported, Number of people supported to gain qualifications towards employment, Number of new apprenticeships initiated, Number of existing apprentices supported, Number of new courses provided.

## Investment case examples

If we assume that 4,300 jobs will be created in Cornwall based off the Missing Middle 'Ambitious' Scenario then NEETS and apprentices could be valued at approximately 430 NEETS (10%) and approximately 150 apprentices (3.5%) in Cornwall. These could then be split across developers.

The following activity is encompassed in the FLOWmark programme under development and delivery of bespoke courses. Celtic Sea Power has developed a close relationship with JobCentre Plus and the Department of Work and Pensions to ensure that people who are NEET receive career pathway guidance into jobs in FLOW and individual skills development through the delivery of targeted courses.

**Professional Skills for Floating Wind** - The Professional Skills for Floating Wind Course was developed to enhance sector knowledge on FLOW, explore the development of skills relevant to the sector and identify key individuals for further progression.

The course can be delivered over a day and build FLOW sector knowledge through teaching and research tasks alongside transferable soft skills e.g. communication. The course supports further progression through the signposting of individuals to next steps in their training by providing a list of free courses available in Cornwall and supporting their entry to the sector by paying for them to take a Working at Heights Course.

The success of this course and positive feedback from JobCentre Plus customers and work coaches has led to a planned roll out of the course across Cornwall and selected sites in Wales to enhance regional capacity of people who are NEET to work in the sector.

**Work Coach Training**- Celtic Sea Power is supporting career pathway guidance for people who are NEET by working with work coaches across Job Centres in Cornwall. Celtic Sea Power is delivering training sessions to work coaches on career opportunities in FLOW, growing industries, and skills development needs. By ensuring careers support for people who are NEET encompasses opportunities in FLOW, we are creating a pipeline of individuals with an understanding of the industry into the sector.

**Apprenticeship Scheme**- The *Provision for apprenticeships and people who are NEET in Cornwall* report produced as part of the FLOWmark programme, outlines the key training providers in the sector, the challenges facing the apprenticeship system and proposed solutions.

The solutions put forward in the report suggest that alongside investment opportunities, strategic interventions should be directed at the apprenticeship system via placement opportunities in subcontracting firms and support of the part-time release of skilled industry professionals for teaching and mentoring positions.

**Bolt-on Courses**- Celtic Sea Power have designed bolt-on courses for apprentices to deliver sector-specific knowledge and skills. The aim of these courses is to maximise existing resources delivering skills relevant to

FLOW whilst extending FLOW knowledge to unlock career opportunities in the sector. Celtic Sea Power have delivered a series of Geographical Information Systems to develop digital skills which use FLOW as a case study to contextualise learning. This maximises digital skills development and sector learning.

Celtic Sea Power have also co-developed a Level 2 Skills for Offshore course with Cornwall Marine Network to extend FLOW knowledge and have run this with Falmouth Marine School Learners to date.

## Investment Case example

The FLOWmark programme encompasses all activity listed above and has been successfully piloted across Cornwall. Indicative costs to develop and embed the FLOWMark programme across the south-west: £300k/year, over a minimum of three years.

Development of the FLOWMark programme includes the annual provision of 100 bolt-on courses to upskill the local workforce and provide CPD to training providers. The suite of courses available can be tailored to suit and are built on our successes with: Introduction to FLOW, STCW training, Working at Heights training, and GIS for Renewable Energy.

The success of the pilot study in Cornwall and interest it has generated across industry partners indicates that the programme is well received and scalable.

## Website :

[Our Projects - Celtic Sea Power](#)

## Community Energy Plus

### Solution focus areas

Fuel Poverty Reduction, Housing Decarbonisation

### Celtic Sea Region Coverage

Cornwall



### Introduction & background

Community Energy Plus – Cornwall’s energy advice charity. We help householders, landlords and communities in Cornwall use their energy better to enjoy warmer, energy efficient homes as part of a more sustainable, low carbon future.

Since 1998, we have worked in partnership with a wide range of public, private and third sector organisations to support a variety of innovative projects relating to energy efficiency and renewable energy, including community renewable energy ownership models.

A principal focus of our activities is to provide practical help, high quality advice and guidance to address issues faced by many householders living in cold, damp, and poorly insulated properties. We aim to help householders out of fuel poverty and reduce the consumption of unnecessary amounts of energy within the household.

Cornwall continues to experience high levels of fuel poverty; the latest data shows Cornwall’s fuel poverty rate at 15.4%, (DESNZ April ‘24), an increase of nearly 4% from the previous year, higher than

the English average of 13%. Official figures tend to under-report the actual levels and we estimate that approximately 50,000 households in Cornwall are struggling to heat their homes adequately.

We work closely with community groups to promote sustainability, promoting the benefits of collective action and to support established community groups and encourage the development of new community organisations.

We act as an information gateway, providing a reliable and trusted source of information through research, advice and guidance on the full range of energy and sustainability issues. Nearly half (47%) of Cornwall's residents live outside of towns, in settlements of fewer than 3,000 people, which means that greater effort is needed to contact harder-to-reach residents with details of support services, hence the clear role for our outreach team.

### Key Services –

We deliver a range of services and support across Cornwall but in this context the key ones are as follows:

Our main energy advice services support consumers of all types – our advisers assist clients across a range of energy related issues, from helping them understanding energy bills and consumption, providing guidance on low-cost energy saving measures, use of heating controls, through to assisting with fuel debt including repayment plans and access to funds to clear debts.

**The Cornwall Low Carbon Energy Advice Network** is designed to provide advice and support for households across Cornwall who want to improve the energy efficiency of their homes and start the transition to low carbon options. Working with the member groups of the **Cornwall Climate Action Network**, and other new, emerging climate action and community energy groups, we are assisting them in their work in their local communities. Our team of advisers promote energy efficiency and assist households in the transition to low carbon lifestyles, aiming to develop local resilience in the face of a rapidly changing climate. Our programme of advice and support activities aims to demystify and grow understanding that will lead to the adoption of low carbon technologies.

### Measurable Impacts and metrics -

Through the practical advice and guidance provided by the work of Community Energy Plus, we can unlock quantifiable savings on household costs including:

- Measured annual energy savings (kWh) through behavioural advice and measures installed.
- Actual energy bill savings (annual £ reduction, kWh reductions and CO<sub>2</sub>e saved).
- Annual financial gains from benefits advice, debt relief, efficiency improvements.
- Through access to capital funds, investment can be made
  - in smaller energy efficiency measures, e.g. LED light bulbs, draught proofing, etc., and,
  - in larger scale measures, e.g. heating system upgrades and replacements, loft and cavity wall insulation, internal and external wall insulation.

114,000 households in Cornwall are estimated to have an Energy Performance Certificate of E or below, of which 17% (19,000) are low-income households. 18% of privately rented and 19% of owner-occupied homes of dwellings are identified with one or more Housing Health and Safety Rating Scheme Category 1 hazards, particularly damp and mould, and excess cold. Work to raise the EPC rating of properties can provide quantifiable improvements to household energy efficiency, lifting homes out of fuel poverty and making affordable warmth an achievable outcome.

## Investment case examples

### Whole house retrofit

1 in 3 homes in Cornwall were built over 100 years ago. Therefore, retrofitting energy efficiency measures is challenging. Major government backed schemes have rolled out loft and cavity wall insulation programmes, which CEP has heavily promoted. However, these problems have tackled the relatively easy challenges, and the harder-to-treat properties have been overlooked and action has been delayed.

35% of domestic properties in Cornwall are of solid wall construction – built of granite, stone, brick or cobb. External or internal wall insulation is disruptive and costly. Whereas loft insulation on average costs approximately £500 for a three-bed semi-detached property and can be done in a few hours, fitting External Wall insulation costs on average £15,000 - £25,000 and installation is very weather dependent, typical taking 10-14 days to install, and can be more complicated given the history of adaptations in every home.

Heat loss through an uninsulated roof is about 25%, through windows and doors about 15% but heat loss through the walls is about 35%; any heat loss in domestic properties can be understood as contributing to direct carbon emissions. Making homes more thermally efficient is one of the most effective ways to reduce a household's carbon footprint.

According to the Government's reporting on the Boiler Upgrade Scheme, the major support programme promoting the installation of heat pumps, the average cost for an Air Source heat Pump is about £13,000. The BUS grant offers a £7,500 subsidy, leaving households to fund the balance. With concerns about the higher operating costs in homes that are thermally inefficient many households are reluctant to make the commitment to transition to low carbon options without greater subsidies, and with pressures on living costs are unable to consider drawing from savings to close the funding gap.

Alongside CEP's programmes to educate and grow confidence in the low carbon technologies, the main barrier remains access to subsidies and low-cost finance options to carry out energy efficiency works. Community Energy Plus is working with Cornwall Council and Lendology ([Lendology | Local Council Home Loans | Your Community Lender](#)) to promote the expansion of the [Green Home Improvement Loans - Cornwall Council](#). An injection of capital to expand this programme would enable to a larger take up of energy efficiency improvements.

## Website

[www.cep.org.uk](http://www.cep.org.uk)

# Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Marine Nature Recovery Framework



## Solution focus areas

Nature Recovery

## Celtic Sea Region Coverage

Cornwall and Isles of Scilly

## Introduction and Background

Cornwall Council (CC) recognises that the character and wildlife of Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly (CloS) is shaped by our seas

We recognise the value our communities, businesses, partners and the wider public place on the marine environment and this is reflected in the CloS Local Nature Recovery Strategy (LNRS).

Whilst it was not possible to include a voluntary marine extension to the LNRS, it was agreed with the Local Nature Partnership (LNP) and the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Marine and Coastal Partnership (CIOS MCP) that the LNRS would continue to reflect maritime nature of CIOS by including intertidal priorities and opportunities in the strategy, and that we would continue to propose terrestrial and intertidal actions and measures in the LNRS that will have a benefit on marine environment.

Additionally, CC is leading on a locally evidence-based, voluntary Marine Nature Recovery Framework (MNRF) with support from the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Marine and Coastal Partnership (CIOS MCP) in recognition of the importance of our marine environment to wildlife, people and communities.

## Key Services

The voluntary Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Marine Nature Recovery Framework (CIOS MNRF) is being led by Cornwall Council with support from CIOS MCP. The Partnership, which launched on the February 2024, is made up representatives from across the marine and coastal sector including economy, management, and conservation

The new voluntary MNRF will align with and compliment the statutory terrestrial Local Nature Recovery Strategy, enabling us to take an integrated approach around the coastal boundaries of CIOS, becoming a blueprint for the recovery of our marine nature priority species and habitats outlining:

- what we can do
- where are the best opportunities for doing it
- and considers how we can deliver it alongside wider environmental outcomes such as reduced flood risk and carbon sequestration.

The Framework will also provide organisations with a structure for developing marine nature recovery projects and will help prioritise funding and investment in marine nature's recovery.

After consultation with the MCP members, it was decided that the Framework would extend to the 12 nautical mile limit.



Figure 2 The voluntary C&IoS MNRF area extending to 12nm

A draft shortlist of marine priorities, pressures and actions has been identified. The work to determine those priorities in particular was driven by a long list of marine species and habitats derived from the results of extensive activity involving CIOS MCP surveys and workshops and nearly 3000 people who responded to earlier public and strategic Nature Recovery surveys which was then rationalised to create our draft top ten marine priority list which will be subject to further consultation later this year;

Now that we have identified these priorities, we are focusing efforts on building the marine priority chapters of the Framework (see Table 2 – priority statements) plus mapping existing areas which are important for these species and habitats and, if possible, opportunity areas where we can all focus our efforts to help maximise recovery. The target is for publication of a pre-consultation version of Marine Nature Recovery Framework by the 31st of March 2025 moving to a final adopted version in September 2025.

IOS Voluntary Marine Nature Recovery Framework	
Priority statements for stakeholder comments	
Species or habitat	Priority Statement
Seagrass	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suggestion:</b></p> <p>Existing seagrass sites will be well mapped and recognised by local communities and water users. They will flourish towards historical levels through better protection, increased water quality and reduced pressures, with expansion of beds in locations which can support it aided through active restoration schemes. These existing and new beds will be increasingly biodiverse, supporting commercial fisheries, and sequestering carbon.</p>
Maerl	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suggestion;</b></p> <p>Maerl beds are identified, mapped and fully protected across all sites with improved management within existing marine protected areas, and additional designation (voluntary or statutory) external to protected areas. In addition, the beds will flourish due to improved environmental conditions including water quality, increasing biodiversity reliant on this irreplaceable habitat.</p>
Mussel beds	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suggestion:</b></p> <p>The resilience of our wild blue mussel beds has been improved through the management of pressures such as poor water quality and coastal development, resulting in a thriving biodiverse coastal and subtidal habitat which is providing an essential food source for a range of species including wading birds.</p>
Native oyster	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suggested;</b></p> <p>We have created and restored key native oyster sites, so that new beds are self-sustaining and provide biodiversity, ecosystem services, sustainable fisheries and cultural benefits.</p>
Kelp reef	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suggested;</b></p> <p>Our kelp reefs remain resilient to changing climate and multiple stressors through ecosystem-based management, creating habitat at a seascape scale, supporting complex biodiversity; from invertebrates to marine mammals and providing multiple ecosystem benefits including coastal protection and fisheries provision.</p>

Cetaceans	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suggested;</b></p> <p>Cetaceans will thrive in our coastal waters with high numbers recorded across the region and '<i>restoration of numbers in depleted areas</i>', thanks to improved conservation efforts including a decline in disturbance and a significant reduction in bycatch.</p>
Sharks and rays	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suggested;</b></p> <p>Shark and ray populations will be rebuilt thanks to rigorous fisheries management including catch limits which align with scientific advice and strict protections for endangered species which visit and use our Southwest coast and seas.</p>
seals	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suggested;</b></p> <p>Atlantic grey seal population abundance and distribution has increased thanks to a reduction in bycatch, entanglement and disturbance, resulting in a healthy ecosystem supporting biodiversity and the environmental economy alike.</p>
Tuna and cod	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suggested;</b></p> <p>Tuna and cod stocks have recovered to safe levels thanks to appropriate fisheries management measures and sustainable fishing practises, which is in turn supporting a diverse local fishing industry.</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Suggested;</b></p> <p>Polychaetes are thriving in a wide range of marine habitats thanks to improved habitats on which they depend, playing a vital role in our oceanic food web.</p>

**Table 2: Marine priority statements which have been drafted and shared with the marine working group for consultation.**

### Measurable Impacts and Metrics

Biodiversity gain, Carbon Sequestration, At risk species/habitats supported, £ invested into local nature recovery priorities

### Investment case examples

Please see the Cornwall LINC project in the following section

### Website

[Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Marine Nature Recovery Framework | Let's Talk Cornwall](#)

# Local Investment in Nature Cornwall – LINC



## Solution focus areas

Investing in Nature Recovery

## Celtic Sea Region Coverage

Cornwall

## Introduction and Background

Established in 2023, Cornwall Council, in partnership with Defra and the Environment Agency, is one of four Local Authorities across England selected to pilot approaches to catalysing private funding into natural capital projects, helping meet Cornwall's target of 30% of land, rivers and seas to be well managed for nature by 2030 and is a key delivery mechanism for the emerging Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

With a dedicated team Project Development Officers, LINC provides expert support for creators and sellers of natural capital projects in Cornwall, enabling them to become investment-ready and their projects promoted to potential investors, buyers and funders.

LINC's online platform – LINC: Cornwall's Natural Capital Exchange, showcases a portfolio of high-integrity projects that have been assessed by a professional panel. These projects can assist in meeting buyer's voluntary and regulatory environmental commitments, provide an outlet for philanthropic funding, or provide a return on investment.

Working closely with the Local Nature Partnership (LNP) and key partners, such as Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Landscapes, the LINC Platform currently showcases 20 nature recovery and natural capital projects with a combined funding / investment requirement of over £10m, with projects across the marine and terrestrial spectrum, including the creation of BNG units, Seagrass restoration and carbon storage, large scale catchment projects and species reintroduction.

## Key Services

As a key component of Cornwall Council's groundbreaking Nature Recovery Team, the LINC Programme bridges the gap between local nature recovery projects and private funding. We deliver a range of services to support these transactions:

- Project development support and investment readiness qualification – ensuring that only viable, high integrity projects are presented to potential funders and delivered by trusted partners
- Close working with Cornwall Council Planning – providing the register and expert assistance for Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) offsite units
- Qualified team ecologists able to support emerging projects determine their feasibility and offer expertise in the emerging BNG market
- Wilder Carbon voluntary carbon code certified project developers
- Online capital exchange, showcasing the best natural capital and nature recovery projects in Cornwall to local, national and international buyers. All projects are presented in an easily accessible and engaging format
- Staff expertise and capital support to help develop emerging projects, approaches and markets

## Measurable Impacts and Metrics

Carbon sequestration, biodiversity gain, social impact.

## Investment case examples

**Love Where You Are** – An innovative ‘place based’ approach which aims to galvanise local business support for nature recovery projects in their area, whether transforming an unloved green space, planting trees, working with communities and providing volunteering opportunities for those businesses and communities. Businesses will be able to select high integrity projects from a menu of options, either fully funding an element in its entirety, or contributing to a central fund which will support local projects.

**Making Space for Nature** – A £1.5m project to support the transformation of 15 to 20 undervalued, underused, low natural value spaces in our most deprived and nature depleted areas into a green oasis where nature and communities thrive. Proposals are co-designed with the local community and offering volunteering opportunities to help take pride and ownership of the improved spaces.

**Fal Rivers to Reef** – An ambitious £5.5m land and sea scape scale nature recovery project in the Fal River catchment. The project is working with landowners, land and sea managers and communities to co-design and implement a catchment wide initiative that bolsters biodiversity, increases connectivity and enhances nature across the land and sea. The key objectives of the project is to realise opportunities to improve water quality, enhance and restore biodiversity, promote sustainable agriculture and fisheries and increase climate resilience.

**BNG** – Discussions and feasibility studies with almost 30 landowners and habitat banks, helping to develop the potential for over 1,000 BNG offsite units across a range of habitats with a conservative estimate of over £20m of units. The team are also in negotiation to create the first voluntary ‘Wilder Carbon’ units and both these and the BNG units will be promoted through the LINC Platform.

**Blue Recovery – A Falmouth Seagrass Restoration Project** – An ambitious £500k project to restore 10Ha of seagrass meadows in waters managed by Falmouth Harbour. This activity will restore and protect the meadows, whilst undertaking vital research into its potential to absorb and store carbon whilst improving coastal biodiversity and continuing essential blue natural capital research. Ocean Conservation Trust, University of Exeter and Falmouth Harbour are key partners.

## Website

[LINC | Cornwall's Natural Capital Exchange \(linc-cornwall.com\)](https://linc-cornwall.com)

If we can offer any further information, please contact Mark Hanmore, Project Manager for Environment and Climate Change, [Mark.Hanmore@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Mark.Hanmore@cornwall.gov.uk)

## Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Marine and Coastal Partnership (MCP)

### Solution Focus Areas:

Environmental Value, Community Engagement Plan

### Region Coverage:

Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly



## Introduction/Background:

The MCP, hosted by Cornwall Wildlife Trust, is a collaborative network of 47 member organizations launched in February 2024. MCP is a cross sectoral partnership dedicated to protecting and enhancing marine and coastal communities and ecosystems. MCP supports conservation efforts, facilitates networking, and aids in project development, aiming to create resilient ecosystems that benefit both the environment and local communities.

The CloS MCP welcomes membership from organisations that are working within the estuarine, coastal and/or marine sectors. The purpose of the partnership is for members to share knowledge and expertise; enhance cross-sector understanding; facilitate informed decision-making; and foster collaborative solutions, ultimately contributing to the well-being of the marine and coastal environment.

## Key Services:

- **Strategic Coordination and Collaboration:**

MCP aligns stakeholders across the region for cohesive marine and coastal management. It supports policy development and drives action on shared challenges like climate resilience and biodiversity loss.

- **Project Development and Support:**

MCP is developing a project pipeline with members, focusing on projects such as restoration, resilience, and community projects. It provides guidance and oversight, ensuring project success and ecosystem health.

- **Data and Research Support:**

Through the Cornwall Coastal Data Hub, MCP offers access to local marine data to aid research, policy, and projects, promoting data-driven decisions and a thorough understanding of environmental conditions.

- **Community Engagement and Education:**

MCP connects communities with the marine environment, raising awareness and fostering stewardship through educational programs and projects focused on sustainable coastal management.

## Measurable Impacts and Metrics:

- **Strategic Coordination and Collaboration**

*Metrics:* Active partnerships, number of events, and stakeholder satisfaction.

*Impacts:* Enhanced alignment and efficiency, stronger partnerships, and capacity for climate and biodiversity initiatives.

- **Project Development and Support**

*Metrics:* Number and type of projects, funding secured, and project impact data such as biodiversity net gain and nature recovery metrics.

*Impacts:* Improved environmental outcomes, expanded funding, and a broader project scope.

- **Data and Research Support**

*Metrics:* Data access requests, stakeholder feedback, and data-sharing agreements.

*Impacts:* Better access to data, increased data-driven decisions, and expanded research.

- **Community Engagement and Education**

*Metrics:* Number of engagement events, social media metrics, and volunteer hours.

*Impacts:* Increased public awareness, community participation, and sustainable development support.

## Investment Case Examples:

Investment options vary based on the level of engagement and support required, enabling developers to choose between a range of services. For instance, a basic investment of around £10,000+ could cover strategic consultations and community engagement planning, offering insights into local needs and aligning projects with regional goals. More comprehensive packages, in the £100,000+ range, could support full-scale collaborative initiatives, including multi-stakeholder workshops and detailed project planning that facilitates sustainable and impactful marine and coastal projects and development.

Through MCP, FLOW developers gain access to a robust network of marine and coastal experts to community organisations and businesses ensuring projects are not only environmentally responsible but also strategically coordinated with local and regional objectives. This approach not only amplifies the positive impact on coastal ecosystems but also strengthens community relations and bolsters long-term project success.

## Website:

For further information, please visit the [MCP page on the Cornwall Wildlife Trust's website](#).

## Cornwall Wildlife Trust

### Solution focus areas

Environmental Value

### Celtic Sea Region Coverage

Cornwall and a National Network

## Introduction and background

As custodians of Cornwall's diverse wildlife, Cornwall Wildlife Trust is dedicated to safeguarding the region's natural heritage. By working with developers, we expect floating offshore wind projects to minimize their impact on wildlife and maximise their potential to enhance conservation efforts whilst also providing us with renewable energy.

In principle, Cornwall Wildlife Trust supports the growth of renewable energy generation, however, each development needs to be assessed on its own merits in terms of avoiding, mitigating and as a last resort compensating for, associated negative impacts on terrestrial and marine habitats and species. We also expect developers to aim for a net gain in biodiversity, even where not mandated, and for this to be achieved as early as possible in the development's timescale.

## Key Services

As a Trust, we remain committed to working collaboratively with businesses, government bodies, and stakeholders to achieve sustainable development in the Celtic Sea region. We believe that by following this approach we can contribute to the responsible and environmentally conscious implementation of FLOW projects while safeguarding the unique marine environment for future generations.



**Cornwall**  
Wildlife Trust

## Measurable Impacts and Metrics

Investment provided by developers could safeguard crucial projects for future generations. Each of the initiatives highlighted below play a vital role in monitoring, preserving, and enhancing Cornwall's marine environment and its diverse wildlife as well as empowering and inspiring our local communities.

### Investment Case Example(s)

Currently, we rely heavily on short-term funding opportunities, such as grants and lottery bids, to support our crucial conservation work. While these funding sources have enabled us to make significant strides in protecting Cornwall's natural habitats and wildlife, they inherently lack stability and can present challenges for long-term planning and sustainability.

By establishing a lasting funding partnership, the Trust could not only secure financial stability but also gain the ability to engage in comprehensive long-term planning. A dependable and consistent funding source would enable us to safeguard conservation initiatives, invest in long-term habitat restoration projects, and implement impactful educational programs. With the assurance of ongoing financial support, we could strategically allocate resources, prioritize conservation efforts, and explore innovative approaches to address emerging environmental challenges.

Moreover, a long-term funding partner would contribute to job creation within the local community enabling us to employ skilled conservation professionals, and foster collaboration with researchers, educators, and volunteers. This increased capacity would enhance the trust's effectiveness in protecting Cornwall's unique ecosystems, while simultaneously providing valuable employment opportunities that contribute to the region's economic growth.

Should a partnership be agreed, below are some of the projects that funding through the development of FLOW in the Celtic Sea could safeguard for future generations, helping us to ensure that our amazing wildlife, both at sea and on land is protected and enhanced.

#### a) **Seasearch Cornwall**

Seasearch is a national project for volunteer divers who have an interest in what they are seeing underwater, who want to learn more and who want to help protect the marine environment. Cornwall Wildlife Trust is responsible for coordinating all Seasearch activities in the county. The aim of Seasearch is to record marine habitats and species found around our coast, and to use the information to identify sites of specific conservation concern or interest. The data collected helps us with our conservation work and raises public awareness of the value of our marine environment.



Since its creation, our Seasearch program has trained hundreds of divers to help us document and record Cornwall's marine environment. The data collected helps us to understand the health of our oceans so we can campaign for changes to manage and mitigate threats for the future. [2021 Seasearch Cornwall Annual Report](#)

## b) Shoresearch

Shoresearch is a national scheme using friendly and fun methods of exploring the shore and recording the species and habitats found there. Shoresearch Cornwall has been run by Cornwall Wildlife Trust since 2012 and in this time, we have carried out hundreds of surveys and have trained over 200 volunteers.



Cornwall Wildlife Trust provides Shoresearch training at specific events. And once trained, volunteers can come along to organised survey events and are also encouraged to carry out their own Shoresearch surveys of their own patch and to send in their findings to add to our collective knowledge and understanding of our coast and shoreline.

Shoresearch are currently training up local marine groups across Cornwall to run their own Shoresearch surveys, harnessing the powers of local communities. [2021 Shoresearch Annual Report](#)

## c) Marine Strandings Network

Cornwall Wildlife Trust's Marine Strandings Network is the only licensed recorder for all marine strandings in Cornwall, working in partnership with the national (Defra funded) Cetacean Strandings Investigation Programme.

The Marine Strandings Network is a flagship project of Cornwall Wildlife Trust and has been recording and monitoring dead marine wildlife strandings in Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly for over 20 years.

We train and support over 100 volunteers who man the dedicated 24/7 Strandings Hotline, attend and record all reported strandings of marine organisms around Cornwall's coastline. The team of MSN volunteers record and photograph all stranded dolphins, whales, and porpoises (collectively known as cetaceans) as well as seals, basking sharks, and turtles, and facilitate postmortem examinations of suitable animals to determine causes of death.

A total of 207 cetacean strandings were recorded in Cornwall during 2021 alone. Postmortem examinations concluded that accidental entanglement in fishing gear, known as bycatch, was the cause of death for 36%. There were also 291 seal strandings reported during 2021, the highest number of stranded seals since recording began.



These findings give us an understanding of the threats marine wildlife are facing, so we can campaign for changes to manage and mitigate these threats for the future.

## d) Your Shore Network

Set up and coordinated by Cornwall Wildlife Trust, the unique 'Your Shore Network' consists of 18 community-led marine conservation groups across the county. These groups work together sharing data, ideas, and resources to present a united voice advocating for better protection for our coast.

The groups run surveys, beach cleans and events, training their own Beach Rangers and young volunteers to take part in Cornwall Wildlife Trust citizen science projects such as Shoresearch, Seasearch and Seaquest. The data they collect help monitor the health of Cornish waters, providing evidence of the threats to our valuable marine life and the need for



better protection. Local marine groups also help raise awareness of key issues within their communities, engaging wider audiences and businesses with our conservation aims.

All groups are distinctively different, catering their marine work to their unique marine environment and often running interactive, fun, and educational public events and talks, raising awareness of and campaigning on behalf of their local marine life and habitats. [A Guide to the Your Shore Network](#)

### e) **Seaquest Southwest**

Seaquest Southwest is a citizen science marine recording project aimed at better understanding, conserving, and protecting marine wildlife through a dedicated sightings scheme. It uses public events, surveys from clifftops and boats, and activities to engage with volunteers and members of the public to achieve its three main aims:



- To engage people with the marine environment
- To collect data on marine wildlife
- To better understand and conserve marine wildlife

Each year Seaquest Southwest run a series of events across Cornwall, collecting sightings data on the abundance and distribution of marine megafauna around the Cornish coast.

As a result, there has been a steady stream of data over the years giving us a fantastic insight into our Cornish cetaceans, basking sharks, and other large marine animals.

In 2021 alone we ran 36 public events, trained 115 volunteers, conducted 178 surveys reporting over 2050 sightings and engaged with 1095 people. [2021 Seaquest Southwest Annual Report](#)

### f) **Marine Restoration and Recovery**

In addition to the long-term projects detailed above, we also have emerging areas of work including seagrass restoration trials and marine nature recovery pilots focusing on enhancing both the biodiversity but also carbon sequestration potential of our valuable marine habitats.



## Website

[Cornwall Wildlife Trust | Cornwall Wildlife Trust](#)

## **Volunteer Cornwall**

### Solution focus areas

Community Engagement Plan, Volunteering Plan and Environmental Value

### Celtic Sea Region Coverage

Cornwall

### Introduction & background

We are a charity dedicated to building social capital and developing the wellbeing of individuals and communities in Cornwall. We do this by working in collaboration with a wide range of organisations to



promote and support active citizenship and voluntary action covering the emotional, social, environmental and economic needs and opportunities in Cornwall.

From our Head Office in Truro, and our outreach teams across Cornwall, we provide support to all aspects of volunteering across the county.

We were the first VCS organisation in Cornwall to declare a climate & ecological emergency and develop and implement an action plan to move towards becoming a net zero organisation. We passionately believe in the triple bottom line approach and that you cannot have sustainable economic growth unless you address social and environmental concerns.

## Key Services –

We deliver a range of services and support across Cornwall but in this context the key ones are as follows:

Facilitating and supporting social action. We act as a broker for the voluntary sector (much like the jobcentre of the VCS) to match people who want to volunteer with organisations that need volunteers. We also provide advice and support to organisations on all aspects of volunteer recruitment, support and training. This work covers a wide range of activities including shaping the places in which people live, nature and the environment, young and older people, animals and biodiversity, culture, arts and heritage and overall wellbeing, particularly those most marginalised from mainstream society.

Working with the health & care system locally to help improve the overall health and wellbeing of the population by moving the system away from a focus on treating illness towards one of early intervention, prevention and ultimately, health creation. We do this through a combination of targeted projects and place-based infrastructure through a network of 51 community hubs across the County.

([www.volunteercornwall.org.uk/hubs](http://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk/hubs)). We work with the hubs building expertise and capacity and improving grass-roots collaboration. We focus on allowing people to recognise their capacity to help develop their communities and be involved in shaping a better future for themselves and their neighbours.

Addressing climate resilience within institutions and communities enables us to create connections in people's minds, and work, between climate, health, resilience and equity. We bring climate resilience into the conversation by talking about health, sickness, and health inequalities, working through primary care and across into acute and secondary care. Our work majors on mitigation, adaptation and health creation, which enables the health system begin to invest in communities as the sources of health. As such, volunteering on community projects, from cycling/walking schemes, creating green spaces for health, or supporting community food growing schemes, delivers human and community health, reduces sickness and contributes to climate and ecological thriving.

## Measurable Impacts and metrics -

We can support the creation of Volunteering Plans, developing metrics to include number of volunteers engaged, hours of volunteering undertaken and economic value of activity.

We can support the engagement of communities through the Community Hub network, developing metrics around number of communities engaged, co-design and co-production events and quantifying tangible benefits arising from engagement.

We are actively supporting the development of physical infrastructure including green spaces and community growing schemes, both of which are extremely keen to have more volunteers. We can create processes to connect volunteers to green spaces and community growing schemes, either across the health estate (eg hospitals or primary care) and within the community. We can measure in both qualitative and quantitative terms the social impact of the volunteers, and assess the environmental benefit.

## Investment case examples

### **Volunteering Plan**

#### **Stage One**

We can work with providers to develop an outline volunteering plan at the cost of £500 per day of consultancy. (Typically 5 days required). This would assess opportunities and signpost to potential contacts.

#### **Stage Two**

We can then work with partners to deliver the volunteering plan, brokering connections and opportunities between the client and the local community, and developing an impact metric to assess the social, economic and environmental value of the volunteering activities across multiple site. This would cost between £10,000 - £30,000 per annum depending on levels of activity and scale of volunteering ambition.

### **Community Engagement Work**

Engagement work with communities would typically cost around £2,000 per community for a basic consultation event and up to £15,000 per community for a long-term investment, developing a deeper relationship with a lasting legacy. We recommend a more substantial engagement to ensure future issues are resolved early and would want to clearly assess the pros and cons of more superficial engagement.

### **Website**

[www.volunteercornwall.org.uk](http://www.volunteercornwall.org.uk)

**Cornwall Community Foundation, Devon**  
**Community Foundation, Community Foundation**  
**Wales, Somerset Community Foundation**



### **Solution focus areas:**

Apprenticeship/skills development/NEET, Community Impact Plan, Volunteering Plan, Environmental value

### **Celtic Sea Region Coverage:**

Cornwall, Devon, Somerset, Wales

### **Introduction & background**

Cornwall Community Foundation, Devon Community Foundation, Somerset Community Foundation, and Community Foundation Wales are four of the 47 Community Foundations across the UK that harness the power of local philanthropy to address local problems. Community Foundations are grant awarding charities, supporting thousands of local voluntary groups in our areas, with grants averaging £5,000. Covering all shores of the Celtic Sea, we focus on supporting grassroots, community organisations that help those experiencing the challenges of poverty and social isolation. Together, we have awarded over £95.5m to vital projects across the region since 1996. Collectively, we hold endowments worth £52.4m, meaning we are reliable, long-term funding partners and well established to support communities for generations to come.

## Key Services

More than 20 years of expertise means that we know how local giving can make a huge difference in addressing the urgent and often overlooked areas of need. Through grant making to grassroots groups, we can deliver:

### *Community Impact Plan & a Celtic Sea Fund:*

The Celtic Sea Fund would be designed in collaboration with the wider VCSE sector, ensuring that the funding meets the needs of our most disadvantaged and marginalised communities. This would provide a transformational fund, supporting preventative measures alongside crisis support, trusting grassroots community and voluntary groups who are best placed to meet local needs. This includes supporting those experiencing extreme hardship through vital community services, foodbanks and hardship support. Together, our partnership has unparalleled reach and impact across diverse communities and the most in need in Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Wales. We work in partnership with infrastructure organisations that help us to reach out into areas that other funders can't reach. We also have the most comprehensive database of community organisations, meaning we have the deepest reach into communities across the country, with a particular expertise around small, grassroots groups who often face the biggest challenges in sustaining their work. Through our community outreach work, we have a visible presence at targeted local events as well as through our online channels. We promote our funds and their impact online and through print communications and marketing routes, ensuring that our charitable partnerships have enhanced visibility across all our regions.

### *Funding priorities*

Our 28 years of expertise means that we know how local giving can make a huge difference in addressing the urgent and often overlooked areas of need. Our research with local communities has identified the following key priorities for funding:

- Poverty and hardship: Supporting those in extreme hardship through vital community services, food banks and hardship support. This includes supporting local groups addressing homelessness, alongside tackling the lack of affordable housing.
- Building opportunities: Improving social mobility and economic opportunity. This includes supporting disadvantaged individuals who have fallen outside education, training or employment, through youth work and holistic community services to build confidence and employability skills.
- Stronger communities: Supporting often overlooked communities through local, volunteer-led initiatives to address rural isolation and lack of access to vital services.
- Environmental action: Supporting community-driven prevention, adaptation and resilience projects to tackle the impacts of climate crisis.
- Health creation: Supporting community wellbeing, physical and mental health through a wide range of grassroots interventions such as surf therapy, accessible counselling, peer support groups and outreach to our most vulnerable communities.

### *Apprenticeship/skills development/NEET:*

Enhancing Celtic Sea Power's skills development offer through collaboration with key community groups that are best placed to support targeted skills development across Cornwall's often-overlooked communities. This includes young people, care leavers, those at risk of criminality, those at risk of homelessness and other key groups not in employment, training or education. Supporting grassroots, voluntary organisations drives

real impact in soft employability skills and ensuring people have the confidence to begin exploring career opportunities.

### *Volunteering Plan*

Our funded partners are largely volunteer led. Through an annual grant fund of £2m, we'd anticipate this would benefit around 4,000 volunteers.

### *Environmental value*

All our funding streams consider environmental impact as key assessment criteria. We could deliver environmental value through supporting community-driven prevention, adaptation and resilience projects to tackle the impacts of climate crisis.

## Measurable Impacts and Metrics

An annual fund of £2million could reach over 90,000 people across Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Wales every year, prioritising communities experiencing high levels of deprivation. This would benefit around 4,000 volunteers. We will provide flexible impact monitoring options including:

- Annual data capture, including total number of beneficiaries, number of volunteers engaged, alongside data that has been broken down geographically, thematically and demographically as required.
- Detailed outcomes monitoring, such as improved mental health, increased resilience, improved social networks.
- Individual case studies that bring these life-changing stories to life
- Project visits to meet funded community groups and understand first-hand the difference you are making.
- Convening learning events with funded groups to better understand impact and inform continuous learning for funding community-based approaches to tackling systemic issues.

## Investment Case Examples

Our community investment model is scalable depending on funds available, and we would be happy to distribute funds upwards of £440,000.

- £440,000 would be the minimum viable amount to enable each Community Foundation to reach local communities in a meaningful way. This includes distribution of £100,000 per year in each region, with 10% administration fee. This would reach around 18,000 people each year, as well as benefitting around 800 volunteers.
- £2,200,000 would enable us to reach over 90,000 people across all four regions, as well as benefitting around 4,000 volunteers. This also includes 10% administration fee for all partners.

## Websites

<https://www.cornwallcommunityfoundation.com/>; <https://devoncf.com/>; <https://www.somersetcf.org.uk/>;  
<https://communityfoundationwales.org.uk/>

We'd love to welcome you to our movement working to overcome the challenges of disadvantage, exclusion and poverty across Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Wales. If we can offer any further information, please contact; Fund Development Manager, [sophie.griffiths@cornwallfoundation.com](mailto:sophie.griffiths@cornwallfoundation.com)

# Cornwall Rural Community Charity

## Solution focus areas

Social Value; Apprenticeship plan, Skills development plan, NEET's plan, Community Impact Plan, Community Engagement Plan, Volunteering Plan, Social Method statement and/or Environmental Value



## Celtic Sea Region Coverage

Cornwall

## Introduction & background

Cornwall Rural Community Charity (CRCC) is an organisation dedicated to supporting and strengthening Cornwall's Communities to improve quality of life.

CRCC has been helping rural communities since 1947 to thrive and to continue to be sustainable places where people want to live and work together because they have the support, services and opportunities required to lead full and contented lives.

## Key Services

### **Rural & Coastal**

- Community engagement, working to identify need and find solutions to rural issues.
- Providing sustainable support to fishing communities in Cornwall and beyond.
- Supporting voluntary and community groups to reduce litter and its impact, protecting our landscape, promoting the importance of keeping our county litter-free and promoting zero waste solutions.
- Working to influence policy change to better support rural communities.
- Undertaking rural housing initiatives.
- Working with rural communities to assess need, identify gaps and recommend solutions in relation to rural transport.
- Supporting the voluntary and community sector to demonstrate their impact through use of the Social Value Engine and data impact evaluations

### **Education & Training**

- Delivering an Adult Education funded programme for young people aged 16- 24 who have an Education, Health & Care Plan.
- Providing information, advice and guidance to young people with special educational needs.
- Adult Education funded programme for young people aged 16-24 with learning disabilities who have an Education, Health & Care Plan.
- A mixture of classroom and work experience over 3 days per week to gain qualification and work experience as part of the programme.
- Preparation for employment including personal skills development and Individualised work placements.
- <https://www.learnyourway.org.uk/>

### **Carers & Wellbeing**

- Providing a range of high-quality support services for unpaid carers throughout Cornwall.

- Providing information and advice to increase wellbeing and connection to an individual's community.
- Supporting adults to build their confidence with digital skills.
- Services include, emotional support, information, advice and guidance, statutory assessment, access to grants, community support, carer specific training and dedicated services for Young Adult Carers (16–25-year-old Carers) and Young Carers.
- <https://www.cornwallcarers.org.uk>

## Measurable Impacts and metrics

CRCC takes care to always measure the impacts of projects. Measurable outputs include:

- Numbers of volunteers engaged with.
- Numbers of learners/apprentices engaged with and outcomes.
- Litter and waste statistics across Cornwall.
- Numbers of communities and individuals engaged with and supported.
- The social value of our work in financial terms. – we are the approved agent for the 'Social Value Engine'.
- Amount of grant funding secured for communities and individuals.

## Investment case example(s)

We run many different projects across different areas as detailed above. Project costs currently range from around £40,000 annual running costs for Clean Cornwall to in excess of a million for the Carer Service Project. The rural and Coastal team have secured funding for community groups from various sources amounting to over £300,000 over the past six months. CRCC's fishing amateur team raise significant funds for projects across Cornwall and England which amounted to around £7 million over the past 12 months.

## Website

<https://cornwallrcc.org.uk/>