



Friends of Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve

Annual Report to Saltash Town Council, March 2025

Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve spans over 150 acres of diverse habitats, including grasslands, mudflats, wetlands and woodlands. Owned by Antony Estate and managed by Cornwall Wildlife Trust under a 25-year lease, the land is farmed using traditional Cornish methods.

The Friends of Churchtown Farm is a community group of volunteers set up in 2001. We collaborate with Cornwall Wildlife Trust and its expert Reserves Office, Stuart Mathieson, to protect and enhance the reserve's diverse habitats, supporting conservation efforts through regular volunteer activities and community engagement.



In 2024, Cornwall Wildlife Trust changed their approach to working with local groups, and instead of being *affiliated*, the Friends of Churchtown Farm are now '**working in association**' with Cornwall Wildlife Trust.

The 12 members of the Friends of Churchtown Farm committee have met regularly over the last year, once every six weeks.

Committee members:

- Chair: Bob Austin
- Vice Chair: Keith Rawlings
- Secretary: Hilary Frank
- Treasurer & Membership Secretary: Jackie Austin
- 4 Wardens: Jo Allen, Peter Chappel, Geoff Mawson and Keith Rawlings
- Event Organiser: Jo Allen
- Committee members: Rachel Bullock, Shojiro Frank, Phil Jordan, Steve Tait and Debs Whitehouse

The 25-year lease is due for renewal in 2025, and the Friends of Churchtown Farm have already been in talks with Antony Estate, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and Saltash Town Council to explore the possibilities for ensuring the Reserve's ecological richness is maintained for future generations.

2024 Event Calendar:

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| ○ January | Winter Waders Walk |
| | Hedge laying |
| ○ February | Skylark Awareness Event |
| ○ March | Litter Pick |
| ○ April | Spring Bird Walk |
| ○ May | Wildflower Walk |
| ○ June | Tree Walk |
| ○ July | Butterfly Walk |
| ○ August | Bat Walk |
| | Bee Walk |
| ○ September | Photography event |
| ○ October | Geology Walk |
| ○ November | History Walk |
| ○ December | Litter Pick |

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