



Friends of Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve

Annual Report to Saltash Town Council, March 2026

Owned by Antony Estate, Churchtown Farm Nature Reserve, situated within the Tamar Valley National Landscape, spans over 150 acres of diverse habitats, including grasslands, mudflats and woodlands.

The past year has been a significant and transformative period for the reserve and the Friends of Churchtown Farm. Following the decision by Cornwall Wildlife Trust not to renew its long-standing management agreement, extensive discussions took place between the Friends, Antony Estate and Saltash Town Council to secure the future of the reserve. This has resulted in the establishment of a new three-way partnership, with Antony Estate resuming management of the site, supported by the Friends and with financial backing from the town council.

This agreement represents a significant milestone in securing the long-term protection and accessibility of Churchtown Farm for the community. The Friends would like to record their sincere thanks to Saltash Town Council for its financial support and strong commitment.

The Friends, set up in 2001, remains a voluntary organisation, working collaboratively with Antony Estate and other partners. Our updated Constitution, formally adopted at the 2026 AGM held on 19th March, reflects this role and reaffirms our core purpose: to support the conservation, protection and enhancement of the wildlife, landscape and heritage of Churchtown Farm, while encouraging responsible public enjoyment and involvement.

Officers 2025/26

- Chair: Bob Austin
- Vice Chair: Keith Rawlings
- Secretary: Hilary Frank
- Treasurer & Membership Secretary: Jackie Austin
- Event Organiser: Judith Allen
- Wildlife Survey: Dr. Phil Jordan
- 4 Wardens: Judith Allen, Peter Chappel,
Geoff Mawson and Keith Rawlings

Committee members 2025/26

Rachel Bullock, Shojiro Frank, Rachel Hamilton, Steve Tait, David Orton, Dave Waters, Debs Whitehouse

2025 Event Calendar

- January Winter Waders Walk
- February Skylark Awareness
- March Litter Pick
- April Spring Birds Walk
- May Wild Flower Walk
- June Bee Walk
- July Butterfly Walk
- August Bat Walk
- August Litter Pick
- September Geology Walk
- October Fungus Walk
- November History Walk
- November Celebration Evening at Saltash Guildhall

Website: [Churchtown Farm Community Nature Reserve Saltash - Home](#)



Celebration Evening at Saltash Guildhall, November 2025

People shown in the photo include:

Tremayne Carew-Pole, Antony Estate

Philip Hygate, Chair of the National Association of National Landscapes

Peter Kent and representatives of Cornwall Wildlife Trust

Cllr. Rachel Bullock, Mayor of Saltash, and town councillors

Bob Austin, Chair, and members of Friends of Churchtown Farm

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