

## REPORT OF EXTERNAL FUNDING MANAGER

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### **SUBJECT: PEMBROKESHIRE COAST NATIONAL PARK TRUST – OUR FIRST YEAR 2019.2020**

#### Purpose of Report

An update and review of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust's (PCNPT) first year in operation, including a presentation of the funds generated and the projects they will be supporting across the National Park.

#### Introduction/Background

As part of the Memorandum of Understanding between PCNPT and PCNPA the Trust committed to sharing with the Authority an update on an annual basis of its progress to date. Please find this below for Members information.

In April 2019 the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust launched to the public with the following charitable aims:

- Promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and surrounding areas including wildlife within the National Park.
- Advance the education about the importance of the National Park, the wildlife within and the natural landscapes.
- Advance the physical and mental health of the general public, including encouraging people to walk and take exercise within the National Park.
- To promote, for the provision of the facilities for recreation or other leisure time on the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the conditions of life.

Over the last 12 months it is has begun its journey as a new charity to grow support for the National Park as a 'cause' and start to generate income to further it's charitable aims.

Appended to this report is PCNPT's Annual Impact Report 2019.20 which outlines details of the projects that the Trust has supported with the funds it's raised to date. This document and the presentation in the meeting act as an update to Members of the charity's achievements so far.

#### Financial considerations

No additional/new financial considerations at this time.

#### Risk considerations

No additional/new risk considerations at this time.

#### Compliance

No additional/new compliance considerations at this time.

#### Human Rights/Equality issues

No new human rights or equality issues at this time.

#### Biodiversity implications/Sustainability appraisal

N/A

#### Welsh Language considerations

PCNPT as a charitable body is not legally bound by the Welsh Language Standards, however the charity has put in place a Welsh Language Policy, outlining its commitments to the Welsh language. The charity has both an English and Welsh website, produces bilingual materials and commits to responding to the donor in the language of their preference, as well as noting their language of preference.

#### Wider implications

N/A

#### Conclusion

This report, appended document and presentation act as a summary of the achievements of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust in its first full year of operation for Members information.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**To note the report providing an overview to Members of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust's achievements to date.**

#### Background Documents

Anything published previously in relation to this report (e.g. previous reports to Authority/Committee, consultation reports, related publications, etc.)

- NPA – REPORT 05/18
- NPA - REPORT19/18

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# ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

## 2019/20



PEMBROKESHIRE COAST  
CHARITABLE TRUST



# Annual Impact Report 2019/20

The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust launched in summer 2019 to champion conservation, community, culture and coastline. We want to enable everyone to make the most of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and support the best projects delivered by the best people.

## Our charitable objectives are to:

- Promote the conservation, protection and enhancement of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park and surrounding areas including wildlife within the National Park.
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**In order to deliver on our aims and charitable objectives we have supported five projects that were identified as priorities for the National Park in 2019/20.**

## Our Supported Projects:

- Stitch in Time
- People, Paths and Pollinators
- Pembrokeshire Outdoor Schools
- Gwreiddau Roots
- Coastal Path Storm Damage Restoration







5

projects supported



£58,246

income raised



2

footpaths restored

14

hectares of Invasive Balsam  
currently classed as 'Control  
Underway'



200

metres of bee bank created



25

miles of Coast Path surveyed  
for pollinators



5

Primary schools engaged in  
the Roots Education project





# Project Name: Stitch in Time - Supporting conservation by combatting invasive non-native species

## Project Summary





The Trust is working in partnership with Community groups, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority (PCNPA) and the Friends of the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park to work on a large 3 year project combatting invasive non-native species.

Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) are a key driver of biodiversity loss globally and locally. The Stitch in Time project pilots top-down catchment control of three target INNS, Japanese Knotweed, Himalayan balsam and Rhododendron ponticum. The project is currently focussed on the Cwm Gwaun catchment and Afon Clydach (a sub catchment of the Nevern) in North Pembrokeshire. Best practice control is coordinated on the ground using volunteers, contractors and staff time. Engagement with landowners and awareness raising is a key driver of the project.

Partners include PCNPA, Welsh Water, Natural Resources Wales, National Trust, Pembrokeshire County Council and Pembrokeshire Local Nature Partnership.

## Project Outcomes and Impact to Date

- The establishment of a South West Wales INNS Group 11 stakeholders, sharing learning and best practice
- Monitoring and maintenance plans produced for Porthgain Catchment and Gwaun Valley Catchment
- 14 hectares of Balsam currently classed as 'Control Underway' across the two catchments
- 42 small and medium sized enterprises and landowners/managers have been engaged in discussions about sustainable management of INNS.
- 440 volunteer hours contributed so far and nine community groups have engaged with the project.

	Total Project cost: <b>£150,000</b>
	Contribution from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust: <b>£10,000</b>
	Source of Funding: <b>Dŵr Cymru</b>
	Project Status: <b>Ongoing (3 year 2019-2020)</b>







# Project Name: People, Paths and Pollinators Pilot

## Project Summary:

The project is enhancing biodiversity along the Newgale to Abereiddi section of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path. This area falls within the Pembrokeshire Coast Important Invertebrate Area.

Placing biodiversity improvement at the heart of Coast Path maintenance will enable connectivity for species and support access and coastal grazing. Using the latest technology to map, create policy and guidelines as well as sharing skills and learning with National Park staff and volunteers working towards collaboration across the Wales Coast Path.

## Project Outcomes and Impact to Date

- 25 miles of Coast Path surveyed from Abereiddy to Newgale to identify key spots to improve connectivity and habitat opportunities.
- 200m of bee bank created by clearing patches of south-facing banks and walls.
- 200 volunteer hours contributed to the project, through bee surveys and scrub clearance.
- Five plots set up to monitor scrub invasion.
- Surveys carried out for bumblebees, oil beetles and autumn lady's tresses orchid. Oil beetles are incredible insects, but they are under threat. Three of Britain's native oil beetles are thought to be extinct, and the remaining five species have suffered drastic declines due to the changes in the way our countryside is managed. Four of them can be found in Pembrokeshire!
- Winter scalloping work ongoing - roughly 2000m of Coast Path 'wind tunnel' broken up. This creates sheltered areas just off the Path for insects and plants to avoid high winds.
- Pollinator plans have been written for Oriel y Parc, Porthgain and St Davids Airfield. The plans look at creating a more diverse habitat at each location by creating more nesting opportunities and a more diverse food source for insects.
- Fully electric van is on the road.

	Total Project cost: <b>£45,000</b>
	Contribution from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust: <b>£5,000</b>
	Source of Funding: <b>Stena Line Ferries</b>
	Project Status: <b>Ongoing (3 year 2019-2021)</b>

# Project Name: Pembrokeshire Outdoor Schools

## Project Summary:

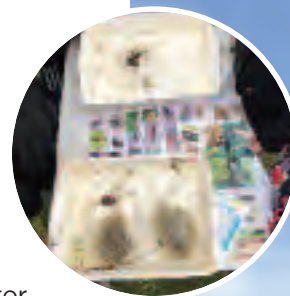
The Pembrokeshire Outdoor Schools (PODS) project is engaging with schools, teachers and pupils to help facilitate more outdoor learning aligned to the new Welsh Curriculum.

The project has recruited a part-time Pembrokeshire Outdoor Schools Project Co-ordinator who, with the PODS Partnership is delivering:

- Outdoor learning sessions for pupils, with the aim of showcasing new approaches to learning outdoors, highlighting opportunities for learning across the curriculum and in a range of settings from school grounds to the National Park.
- A programme of bespoke training for teachers that will support them to deliver learning outdoors in a range of topic areas; from numeracy and literacy to physical education, science and art.
- A range of supporting materials and resources for teachers. The materials produced will complement existing resources, be aligned to the new curriculum for Wales and have an emphasis on access to outdoor settings in Pembrokeshire.

## Project Outcomes and Impact to Date

- Planning and delivery of events at the first Children's Play Conference in Pembrokeshire 'The Great Outdoors - playgrounds, physical literacy and increasing resilience'.
- Delivered activities with student representatives from schools across the County designing and creating sustainable, naturally resourced play areas and playgrounds for their schools.
- Den building and toasting bread around a fire.
- Working with Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Education Ranger delivering river field trip 'from source to sea' and woodland field trip to Colby Woodland Garden.
- Plans are being adapted to create curriculum-linked resources.
- Creating and sharing online material daily about using the outdoors and nature for learning. This has been opened up to teachers, schools and parents.



	Total Project cost: <b>£48,000</b>
	Contribution from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust: <b>£16,000</b>
	Source of Funding: <b>People's Postcode Lottery</b>
	Project Status: <b>Ongoing (3 year 2019-2021)</b>







## Project Name: **Gwreiddau Roots - Exploring natural produce in rural communities**

### Project Summary

The project will be working with five Pembrokeshire junior schools, providing an interactive and engaging programme of learning that encourages exploration into natural produce and food chains within the context of Pembrokeshire's agricultural, coastal and rural communities. It is about the roots of growth, as well as those that bind us to a sense of place and belonging.

Each of the schools will develop a bespoke programme that reconnects children with the growth and harvesting of produce in the natural environment and the food chains that are evident within it. Engagement with local producers, farmers, suppliers and community groups will give an added dimension and the role that food plays in society – from supporting local economies to families coming together.

At the heart of Roots, are the core principles of the Welsh Curriculum. In an inclusive, active and experiential way, children will be encouraged to explore, question and engage with their environment – concepts of sustainability, ethical food sourcing, lifestyle choices etc. will be inherent topics in the wider delivery of the Project.

### Project Outcomes and Impact to Date

- Launched project at Coastlands St Ishmaels with a series of farm trips and cooking workshops and a visit from Kirsty Williams
- Established contact and developed a plan with all five schools. Activities ranging from school grounds improvement to class topics to school curriculum theme building.
- Helped all schools sign up to “Grow your own potatoes” – a national scheme that distributes growing kits and resources. Planted potatoes with Johnston and St Francis, liaised with other schools who planted potatoes themselves.
- Planted spring wheat, having prepared ground at St Francis. This was achieved just in time before schools closed and hopefully will provide an engaging learning resource as and when schools open. We plan to take the wheat to Carew Tidal Mill to learn how to process it into flour.
- Covid 19 - a shift in focus from growing in this season to working with schools in the autumn term.

£	Total Project cost: <b>£10,000</b>
🌱	Contribution from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust: <b>£10,000</b>
£	Source of Funding: <b>South Hook LNG</b>
📅	Project Status: <b>Ongoing (3 year 2019-2021)</b>



# Project Name: Coastal Path Restoration

## Project Summary

Supporting the maintenance of the Pembrokeshire Coast Path

## Outcomes and Impact

### Improvements to Public footpath PP16/38, Dinas

This footpath forms a link to the Pembrokeshire Coast Path from the hamlet of Brynhellau. It is a super walk that offers high elevation views of the nearby beaches of Pwllgwaelod and Cwm yr Eglwys and is promoted as part of a circuit walk on the National Park website. The route is 450 metres in length and over the years, due to footfall, it became narrower and developed a cross camber which made it more difficult to walk. The support from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust has enabled the path surface to be levelled and will ensure that the footpath will now remain in good condition for years to come and provide a comparatively easy walk out to the coastline.

### Public Footpath PP26/10, Haroldston Wood Broad Haven

This woodland footpath is 2km in length and forms part of a circuit walk on the edge of the village of Broad Haven. It is popular with residents and visitors alike. The stream at Haroldston Wood is crossed by a timber footbridge. In November 2018 exceptional flooding of the stream damaged the footbridge making it too dangerous to cross. The footpath was therefore closed while a new footbridge was constructed and a temporary protection was provided for the stream bank. Subsequent storms led to the loss of mature bankside trees. Since then flooding and windblown trees have resulted in the continued erosion of the bank near the footbridge abutments. The increased rate of erosion required a more permanent solution as a matter of urgency to stabilise the bank in order to protect the abutments of the new footbridge.

Work was undertaken to remove the root of a fallen tree and boulders placed in a low wall to provide ample protection for the footbridge. There is now a 2.3 metre minimum width between the abutment and stream whereas only 1.6 metre minimum width separated an eroding bank from the footbridge. The work will ensure that this footbridge stays intact for many years to come to facilitate this popular walk.



	Total Project cost: <b>£3,220</b>
	Contribution from Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Trust: <b>£2,000</b>
	Source of Funding: <b>British Mountaineering Council</b>
	Project Status: <b>Completed March 2020</b>



## Our plans for the year ahead...

At the end of 2019/20 we look forward with ambition and enthusiasm to 2020/21. We will continue to raise funds and identify the activities and projects that are required for our National Park landscape and communities to thrive and be enjoyed. In light of the current global pandemic we are keen more than ever to share and protect the National Park, its nature and people who live, work and visit. We will focus fundraising for projects such as the 'First 1,000 Days' and 'Discover the Beach', that support health and wellbeing and education. We will also be focusing on those projects that support conservation and the local economy such as 'Skills in Action' and 'Naturally Connected'.

We will continue with our Make more Meadows appeal as well as delivering on the appeal money raised from this year, which will enable us to protect, restore and create new meadows.

### With more support who knows what we could achieve next year?

A huge thanks to our supporters, funders and Trustees for their generosity and commitment. We couldn't have achieved all we have in the last year without them.





The Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority are kindly supporting our operating costs until 2023 , which means every donation will help much-needed projects across the National Park.



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