

Restoration of Trevurvas Pond

Breage Parish Council is currently working on a project to restore the ancient village pond on Lower Trevurvas Common, first mapped in 1864. The restoration aims to help re-establish the once thriving pond life and visual amenity.

Once used as a water source for the hamlet, the pond used to be a thriving habitat for amphibians and aquatic insect life. Unfortunately, over the years this valuable local asset has silted up and grown over.

The restoration will also benefit many common species of bird that can be seen in the surrounding area, and it is hoped the moorhens that used to regularly breed will return when the water is cleared.

Due to the pond's location in a warm sheltered valley, it attracts overwintering warblers such as firecrests, chiffchaffs and blackcaps that feed off insects in the vegetation supported by the pond. Water rail, woodcock and grey herons have also been known to use the site during the winter months.

The Department of Ecology at Exeter University has expressed an interest in carrying out an ecological survey of the area and studying the re-colonization of the new habitat. Local primary schools have also expressed their interest in studying the pond life and newly established flora and fauna.

The pond sits beside the footpath running between Praa Sands and Rinsey, and it is intended that the improvements will benefit both local families and walkers.

To help with the restoration Breage Parish Council has received welcome donations from the new Rosudgeon Co-op and a Community Chest Grant from Cornwall Council both of which will help towards funding the cost of the work.

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