

Cornwall Mammal Group AGM 2022

Cabilla, Bodmin Moor

Sunday 27th November, 10:30 to 16:00

Reconnecting nature—experiences and ambitions for rebuilding ecosystems in Cornwall

Guest speakers Merlin Hanbury-Tenison and Tom Shelley

Tickets which include CMG membership for 2023: £15

Student tickets £12*

Tickets are ordered and paid for through our Eventbrite link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cornwall-mammal-group-agm-2022-tickets-429884705727>

**note that due to the limitations of our Eventbrite account all tickets will be charged at £15 and a refund of £3 will be given at the event.*

Programme

10:30 Welcome tea and coffee

11:00 Speakers

12:30 AGM and presentation of CMG Award

13:00 Lunch—home-made vegetable stew with sourdough bread followed by baked fruits and cream*

14:00 An opportunity to explore the Cabilla site and see the beaver ponds or a chance to search for harvest mouse nests in the nearby fields. Bring waterproofs, suitable footwear and gardening gloves (if harvest mousing).

15:00 Tea and coffee and raffle draw

Everyone in the Mammal Group will be aware of the drive to reintroduce vanished mammal species to Cornwall—from the high profile beaver projects, through the humble water vole, to the apparent reappearance of pine martens under their own steam. Why are these species so important, how do they fit into our crowded country and what will they do to rebuild our damaged ecosystems? Perhaps we need to take a step back and look at the bigger picture. And 'bigger' is a key word here—there is a move away from protecting fragments of habitats or fragile remnant populations and towards an understanding that nature works at a landscape scale, robust and resilient ecosystems need space and time. How do we recalibrate our relationship with wildness in a world under pressure from development, population growth and agricultural intensification? Merlin and Tom will discuss approaches and experiences and hopefully answer some of your questions and stimulating a conversation on this vitally important subject.

After lunch reconnect with some of that nature by helping us look for harvest mice nests or exploring the woodland valleys of Cabilla

There will be a raffle to raise funds to support the Group's work

**Enquiries to Dave Groves:
cornwallmammals@btinternet.com**