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# Stay in Touch

Together for a carbon neutral Cornwall where everyone can start well, live well and age well

**Challenge Poverty Week 2023**  
16 - 22 October

<https://challengepoverty.co.uk> #ChallengePoverty

## Challenge Poverty Week

It's Challenge Poverty Week and council leaders have been visiting organisations across Cornwall to hear about the vital support they provide for some of the most vulnerable people in our communities.

Challenge Poverty Week's purpose is to raise awareness of local issues connected with poverty in all forms – fuel poverty, food poverty, housing poverty, community poverty, financial poverty.

If you're worried about money there's a range of support available on our [website](#).

[Find out more](#)



## Back garden forest free tree giveaways

Is there room to plant a tree in your back garden? If yes, then come along to one of the 'back garden forest' free tree giveaways being held at towns across Cornwall and supported by our Forest for Cornwall team.

Trees will be distributed this year in:

- Falmouth: 23 October at Falmouth Art Gallery from 10.30am to 3pm
- Truro: 24 October at Lemon Quay, from 10am to 3pm
- Penzance: 27 October, Morrab Library, from 10.30 to 3pm
- Newquay: 11 November at Newquay Community Orchard, from 10am to 3pm
- Camborne: 18 November in the town centre, from 10.30am to 2pm

Please come along to one of the giveaway events and share these dates with anyone you think might be interested!

[Find out more](#)

**Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly Sustainability Awards**  
**Could you be a winner?**  
Apply or nominate today!  
Closing date: 31 October 2023

[cornwallsustainabilityawards.org](http://cornwallsustainabilityawards.org)

## Could your project be an award winner?

Projects that have made an impact by cutting carbon emissions, restoring nature, improving the environment or promoting sustainable practices are invited to enter the [Cornwall Sustainability Awards 2023](#).

Categories for the Cornwall Council awards are:

- Most Sustainable Organisation**, sponsored by University of Exeter, Foot Anstey and Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Growth Hub
- Growing Greener: Planting trees in Cornwall**, sponsored by Forestry Commission, Cornwall Council's Forest for Cornwall and the Woodland Trust
- Circular Economy**, sponsored by Arca and Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Growth Hub
- Environmental Growth**, sponsored by Cornwall Association of Tourist Attractions, Cornwall Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Trust and Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Growth Hub
- Carbon Neutral**, sponsored by Truro & Penwith College and Cornwall & Isles of Scilly Growth Hub
- Overall winner** (chosen from the winners of all the categories), sponsored by Business Cornwall

Entries close 31 October 2023.

[Find out more](#)

# Report it

[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

## Help stop illegal tobacco sales

The illegal tobacco trade hurts local businesses and contributes to criminality and anti-social behaviour in our communities, while unpaid taxes on these goods mean less funding for public services.

Almost 1,000 people die each year in Cornwall from smoking-related illness. We know that price is an important motivator when a smoker decides to quit, so sales of cheap, illegal tobacco directly undermine quit attempts.

Anyone with information about the sale of illegal tobacco can make a report in confidence by emailing [report-it@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:report-it@cornwall.gov.uk) or go online to the Trading Standards Southwest Illegal Tobacco Reporting website. Find out more <https://www.swillegaltobacco.info/>

[Find out more](#)

**Join the 100 Hosts**  
Offer a Home for Ukraine

We're looking for 100 new hosts to support families fleeing the ongoing war in Ukraine.

If you have space in your home, please help.

[Take a look at our factsheet to find out more](#)

or [Register your interest here](#).

Hey wash-and-goers. When you're done shampooing, RECYCLE THOSE EMPTY BOTTLES.

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/recycling](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/recycling)

Join the nationwide Big Recycling Hunt and keep those bathroom bottles out of the rubbish bin

Whether it's bubble bath, shower gel, shampoo or conditioner, once they're empty put them in your red recycling bag for household plastic and metal packaging.

Join the [#BigRecyclingHunt](#) and find out what else you can recycle

### News in brief

People who volunteer can now be recognised and rewarded with Time Credits. For every hour you volunteer, you get a credit to use at local and national retailers and attractions. One hour of volunteering by helping to plant a tree, for example, will earn 2 Time Credits that you can exchange for a performance at The Minack Theatre. [Visit our Forest For Cornwall Time Credit page to register.](#)

Looking for work? Perhaps a job in care could be for you? Visit the [Proud to Care website](#) to see a variety of opportunities in care settings. If you live around Liskeard you could attend a free open event where you can talk to providers about the jobs on offer in your area. [The Liskeard event is on Thursday 2 November, 10-5 at the Elliot Hotel.](#)

Looking for half term activities? Kresen Kernow (Cornwall Centre), in Redruth, are holding a series of events and activities including: Spooky shadows, a free crafts session, Re-pair, a pop up exhibition with Make-a-mends, a hat workshop, scrapbooking and more! [Visit Kresen Kernow for more information.](#)

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