



Roborough Rewilders Newsletter

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Autumn/Winter Round-up

Greycliff Project No. 2

In January we returned to Greycliff to continue work on rewilding another field. Greycliff is a fabulous 83 acres right on the North Devon Coast owned by Sam and Sue Samuel. The field we were working in - Eleven Acre Field - looks out over the sea to the island of Lundy and also across to the Hartland peninsula and Clovelly.



Nick Jones and Nick Bengé were working on the land with an 8T digger for 9 days.

They dug five ponds, put up two barn owl boxes and a “sky table” in the hopes of one day attracting a sea eagle. At the moment, the offal we put up is attracting buzzards (as pictured) and ravens.



They created 770m of hedge-row banks with 1,400 willow cuttings in them and created 6,500m² of wildflower scrapes. The work was paid for by a Farming in Protected Landscapes grant and added £1,000 to the coffers of Roborough Rewilders.



New Trustee

We are delighted to welcome a new Trustee on board by name of Louis Duddridge. Louis is an expert in livestock management and regenerative farming generally and has worked at the Lost Gardens of Heligan, the Sharpham Estate rewilding project plus has a BSc in Conservation Biology. We are incredibly lucky to have him join us.

Upcoming talks, show and Open Day

This year we are planning a presence at the Groundswell Festival in Hertfordshire, the Mid Devon show, the Dunster Agricultural Show, the Wiveliscombe Horticultural Fair and the South Molton Eco Fair. Nick is also booked in to do three talks on our Roborough project, plus we will hold our annual Open Day on May 30th to which you are all welcome. If you would like to come to this, please get in touch with Nick. The fields are five years into their rewilded journey and are well worth a visit.

Weather

Down here in the south west we have gone from drought conditions last summer to widespread flooding this winter. At the time of writing it has rained every day since the turn of the year.

Roborough Rewilders - achievements to date in numbers

Since we began the Roborough project we have:

- Dug 46 ponds, many of which were empty by the end of last summer and are now full again. That is a lot of stored water not flooding into our towns!
- Worked on 53 acres of land
- Put up 5 barn owl boxes, 4 kestrel boxes and a sky table
- Built 2.5km of hedgerow banks
- Planted nearly 4,000 hedgerow trees and shrubs
- Created 20,000m² of wildflower scrapes.

Thank you so much for supporting us and we hope to see you in 2026.

And do let us know of any rewilding projects you have been involved in. We might include it in our next Newsletter!

Best regards,

Nick and the Trustees

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