



Thank you to everyone who continues to support Friends of Par Beach. We really enjoy providing a variety of opportunities for everyone to engage with nature on Par Beach and the Local Nature Reserve. Besides leading our regular monthly work parties (4th Sunday of the month, 10.30-12.30, open to anybody to attend), we also hold education and training events, participate in various national wildlife surveys and link with other groups to provide more opportunities to engage with nature.

In January, we supported Friends of St Andrews Wetlands to put on an evening fund raiser talk by Ian McCarthy for the Wild Otter Trust. Ian's local and wider knowledge and films of these wonderful creatures is a real treat. Such a lovely evening.



Making Space for Sand have previously helped us run plant identification workshops and we are working with them to ensure the developing Par Dunes are the best they can be. To further support our work in controlling invasive plant species in the dunes, in February they offered additional tools and equipment. Not only did they provide multiple hand tools and gloves/gauntlets but also a battery operated brush cutter, associated safety gear and training! Three FoPB members have already undertaken training and can now work to ensure the mid and lower dunes remain dynamic.

Over 60 people attended the **Love Your Beach** and Love Your Bay event at Par Beach on 11th February. Some photos will be available to view elsewhere but the sand art was spectacular!

On Sunday 25th February, we hosted another bird walk/talk with Tim McGrath of WWT, Slimbridge, always a popular occasion and we are hoping that the rubbing posts outlined in the last edition of PL24 magazine will be delivered in Feb/March, so look out for those around the site!

Our Spring Quiz will be held on Wednesday 8th May at Par Scout Hut. This is a major fund-raising event for us so please do come to support us! To book a place (and your pasty!) contact Mike on 01726 816454.

We continue to support other local groups to challenge South West Water regarding their proposals for a desalination plant in Par. We are directing people to the Desalination Information Group Facebook group for regular updates and information. We must all strive to protect our precious marine and land environments and on Thursday 18th April 2024 Cornwall Wildlife Trust are hosting

an event in St Austell to announce results of recent Maerl surveys in St Austell Bay attended by experts in Seagrass, Maerl and related species. Please check CWT website for event details and how to book.

For up-to-date news and events, please see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofparbeach> or www.parbeach.com

If you'd like to join Friends of Par Beach, membership is £5/individual, £8/couple or family (see <https://www.parbeach.com/membership.php>).

Jenny Tagney, Chair, Friends of Par Beach.