



Hello!

Now that the schools have broken up and the sun is shining, summer is certainly now in full swing. With the coronavirus restrictions, it's safe to say that it hasn't been the dune event-filled summer that we had planned for the project, so instead we've been working on other ways to help you connect with the dunes and their amazing willdife.

Some of these you can do from home - like our [#DuneArtChallenge](#) activity series, but if you're able to visit your local sand dunes then the [Dune Discovery John Muir Award](#) could be great for you and the family. Both of these experiences are a great way to entertain kids during their summer holidays!

Scroll down to find out more, and also to find out what our conservation teams have been up to, meet our Cornwall Engagement Officer and read some of our favourite blogs from this month.

And don't forget to keep safe and follow to the [Countryside Code](#) while you're out this summer.

Best wishes,

The Dynamic Dunescapes team

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**We're launching the Dune Discovery John Muir Award!**

Are you looking for something exciting to do this summer?

The John Muir Award is an environmental award focused on wild places, helping people connect with, enjoy, and care for wild places.

**It's perfect for families during the school holidays!**

Dynamic Dunescapes is partnering with The John Muir Trust, so that you can complete the award with us! We've created a range of exciting activities that you and your family can explore and protect your local sand dunes as you work towards getting your award.



[Find out more and download the activity pack](#)

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**What we've been up to:**

**Invasive species removal**

Some of our team have been able to visit our sand dune sites to undertake socially distanced work. In Cumbria, John Osborne from Natural England tackled some of the fast-growing *Rosa rugosa* on Walney, which is an invasive species and smothers the dunes such that native plants are pushed out. In Cornwall Jon Cripps from Cornwall Wildlife Trust put up some new fencing to protect an area of the rare scrambled egg lichen from trampling.

**Our Dune Dens have arrived!**

Our Engagement Officers have had some very special deliveries this month: our dune dens have arrived! Watch out for these large dome tents on the dunes in the coming months, as when we're able to do so we'll be running events and activities in them! They'll also be filled with postcards, maps of the local area and kids activity sheets that you can take away!



## [Explore our upcoming events](#)

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### Meet the team: Andy Nelson

People Engagement Officer, Cornwall Wildlife Trust



[Watch Andy's Intro Video](#)

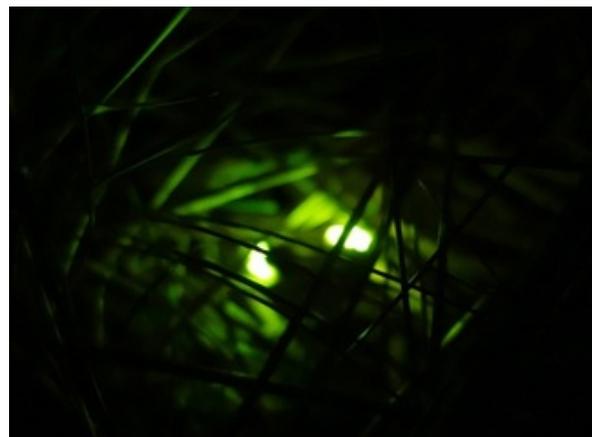
"Having worked and volunteered in various environment and education-focused roles, I'm very excited to be involved in this ambitious project.

I'm looking forward to engaging with a variety of people in Cornwall - a county where the coastline is such an important part of its identity. Penhale Dunes and The Towans are such beautiful sites; I love visiting them and want to encourage more people to explore, enjoy and protect these dynamic dunes!"

### Did you know that some sand dunes are home to glow worms?

One calm summer evening, Andy Nelson joined the Rumble family to explore the dunes at The Towans in Cornwall by night, in search of some of its smallest but most striking wildlife.

[Read the blog](#)



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[Are you up for the Dune Art Challenge?](#)

Throughout history, nature has inspired artists, writers and creatives of all kinds. Now, with the help of our new Dune Art Challenge, it's your turn to create some sand dune-inspired art!

We've put together a range of eight fun arts and crafts activities that you can do from home, with guided video tutorials and downloadable activity sheets.

Share your creations using #DuneArtChallenge.

Here are some of our favourites so far!



[Show me the activities](#)

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**Featured blog:**

**Painting dunes: Art inspired by Studland**



Dorset artist Nina Squire has written an article about her fantastic art, inspired by the beautiful sand dunes at Studland in Dorset. She's also filmed a timelapse so you can watch her create!

[Read the blog](#)

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**Do you have a story to tell?**

Whether you're a creator whose work is inspired by our sand dunes, a local expert who knows all about a particular coastal species, or you've got some wonderful photos that you'd love to share with us - [get in touch!](#)

For more information on how to pitch an article,  
email [dynamicdunescape@naturalengland.org.uk](mailto:dynamicdunescape@naturalengland.org.uk) or use [this page on our website](#).

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