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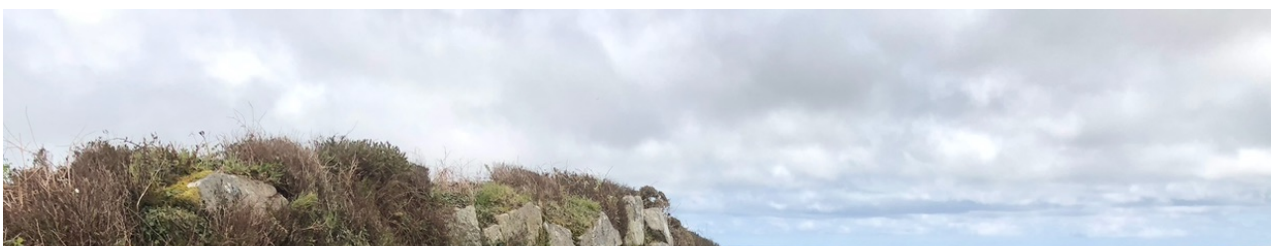
Dydh da,

I returned from the Cider Competition yesterday with a nasty heavy cold, so really don't know right now if I'll be leading the group this Thursday. Tired and achey - not thinking too well either (no change there then). We got a Silver in the Draught Sweet class by the way. Pretty good after a 5 year absence from that particular competition.

Anyway, here's some shots from last week up at Chûn Castle - the interior was looking pretty good - there were inevitably patches of brambles which were cleared, but we took the opportunity (and will continue to do so this week - all being well) to tackle the outsides of the 2 circular walls - which we've never had the time to do before. The walls at Chûn must have been very impressive when they were complete and there are still some surviving sections which deserve to be cared for and seen.



A section of the outside of the outer wall, looking south east - before





and after..



A little further around - before



And after





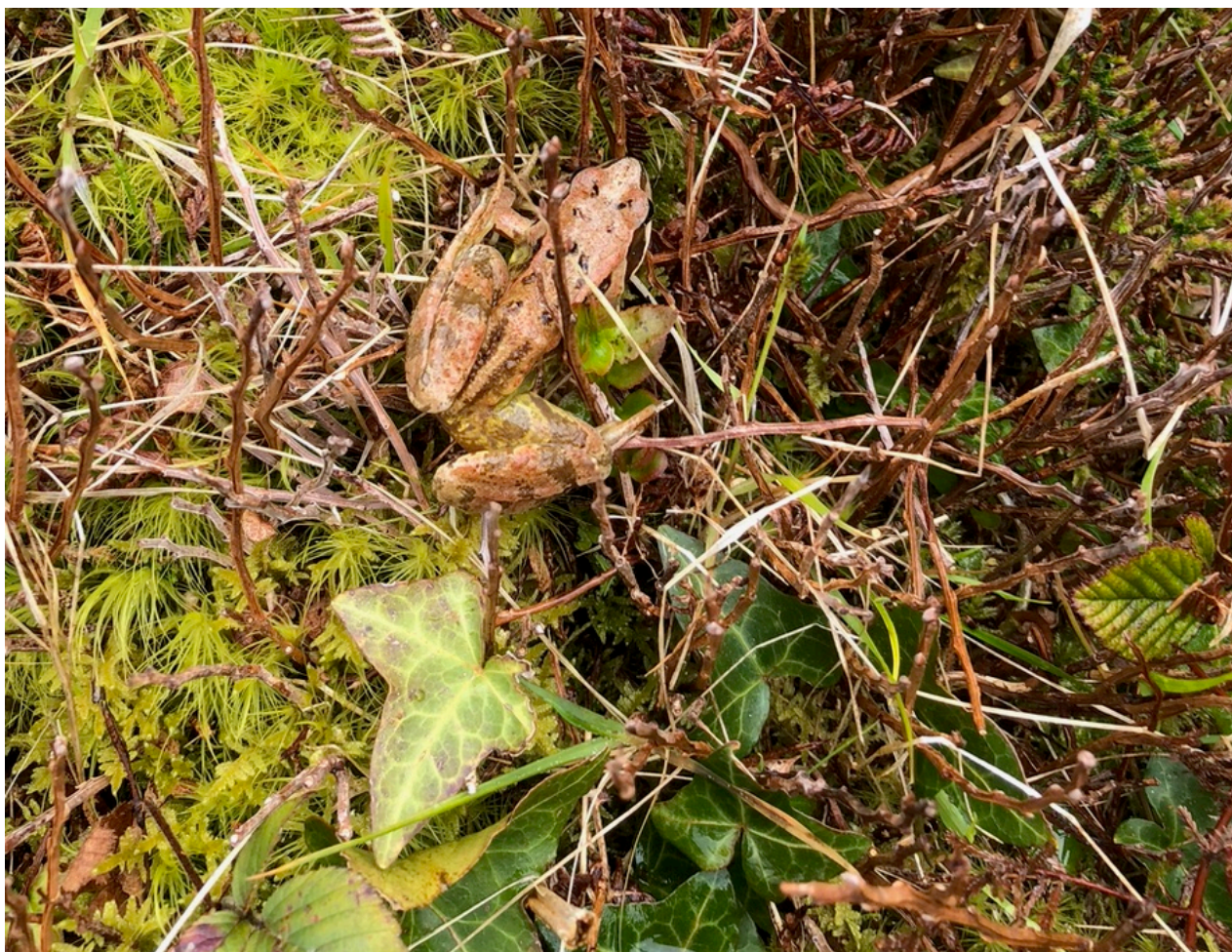
And around the other side -



Wildlife pops up regularly at this time of year - here's a pair of frogs!







Onwards -

Thursday 2nd May 2024 (Suggested forecast – cloudy but with no rain)

Place: Chûn Castle (continued).

Activity: Vegetation clearance inside and outside this impressive iron age hillfort and the paths around it. Scythes, shears, loppers, secateurs.

Time on site: 9.45am

Directions: BY CAR: Park at Trehyllys Farm, Newbridge, Penzance TR20 8NP. Grid Ref. SW409336. Coming up the road heading north between Madron and Morvah, pass Lanyon Quoit on your right, then past the track up to Men an Tol (also on your right) and turn left at the sign post to Great Bosulow (also says a dead end). (From the other direction, take the road to Madron from Morvah and after passing the sign to Garden Mine Cottage on your left, turn right at the sign post to Great Bosulow) Follow the road to the end and park on the left opposite Trehyllys Farm farmhouse. The site is a short walk up to the Castle.
BY BUS: Sadly, the nearest bus goes to Morvah which is about a 40 minute walk away from the site...
BY BIKE/FOOT: Yes please!

As ever, we break at 11 for tea and biscuits, 1 for lunch and finish up at 3pm. Please bring your own hot/cold drink, and packed lunch; wear suitable clothing for the weather. We supply gloves and all the tools.

Please let me know if you can make it.

I will email you all by Wednesday latest if I think I'm not going to make it.

HEDGING UPDATE

So, thanks to Isobel sorting it out, we are on for your 2 day hedging training on the 3rd and 4th July, following your feedback about possible dates. Thanks.

What you need to do now, if you still want to attend, is to email volunteering@cornwallheritagetrust.org to sign up, and all the relevant information will be sent to you. Great stuff.

NB- Melanie - Helen said you 'would still really benefit from the training as apparently it's much more comprehensive than the training she did with PLP back in the day' so if you can make it, it would be great if you went.

NB - Simon - Isobel will be sent some more training dates that you may be able to attend in the future.

BIRD ID TRAINING

You should have got this through the CHT, but Isobel also asked me to remind you about some Bird Identification training to support with bird surveying on CHT sites. It'll involve mostly bird song ID and other skills needed for surveying birds.

It's on Friday 17th May - 8 to 11.30am at Sancreed Beacon.

It will be led by Martin Rule, a consultant in wildlife surveying and identification. We hope that this training will support volunteers to help us conduct bird surveys on our sites.

Please email volunteering@cornwallheritagetrust.org to book your place.