

January 2025 Newsletter

Our next Winter Zoom Talks



Tom Bowser
Camp Wilder - Rewilding a Scottish Estate
12th January - 8pm

Morgan Humphreys
A Camp & Cycle trip around the UK
26th January - 7pm



Hello and Happy New Year everyone!

Welcome to your January Newsletter. I'm sure you are all recovering from a wonderful festive season and looking forward to welcoming the adventures of 2025!

Enjoy the read!

NEARLY WILD CAMPING AGM



2024 AGM

Wednesday 4th December 7pm on Zoom Last year's AGM took place on Wednesday 4th December, after an extremely entertaining and interesting talk From Martin Dorey, our guest speaker. More information on the AGM will be posted shortly on the community page including minutes from the meeting and the recording of the AGM. Martin's Talk is available to watch now on the community page by following the link below. Thank you to everyone who attended, and we hope you are as excited about our plans for NWC as we are!

Nearly Wild Camping Strategy Meeting



The whole of The Nearly Wild Camping Team, including all The Board, met recently for a face-to-face strategy planning session, where we were busy working out the direction the organisation will be taking in the future. It was so nice to all meet in person and spend a couple of days together getting excited about what's to come. Oh, and very excited about the beautiful snow we had during our stay despite some staying in tents and vans!



Keeping us well fed and motivated was Pete, from <u>Embered</u>, with his delicious meals cooked on the open fire with his <u>Firechef Grill</u>. We quite literally all rolled out the door back to our various locations around the UK.

Meet the Team in the Members Community.

NWC Volunteers and Ambassadors

Call for Nearly Wild Camping volunteers and ambassadors

You may know that Nearly Wild Camping has a group of volunteers and Ambassadors who help with some of our activities. Following the excellent response to the recent questionnaire and other offers of help we are keen to expand this group of volunteers.

Some of the main roles of NWC volunteers are to:

- Help with producing content blogs, photos, etc
- Supporting on stands at events or giving talks
- Hosting informal club socials or supporting members new to camping
- Helping find and support new locations
- Becoming a representative for your area
- Board members

Everyone is different, so we will discuss the exact mix of tasks with you to suit your skills and interest. Getting more involved can be very rewarding, expand your own skills, build your social networks and of course, we will give support and other benefits to those who get more involved.

If you would like to get more involved volunteering with us, please contact Michelle at hello.goog.org

NWC Location Gold Win at the Devon Tourism Awards



We were delighted to hear from one of our locations recently that they had won Gold at the Devon Tourism Awards - Celebrating Ethical, Responsible, and Sustainable Tourism, adding to co-owner Michelle's recent Devon Women in Business' Eco-Friendly Business Award win just 2 weeks earlier. They were also awarded Bronze in both the B&B and Campsite categories, further solidifying its reputation as a premier destination for eco-conscious travellers seeking a unique and immersive experience. Congratulations on your well-deserved awards!

Read the full story in the Members Community.

Members Winter Zoom Talks Calendar

We've enjoyed two very entertaining talks so far on our Winter Zoom Talk Series and if you sadly missed them live, you can still watch the recording in the <u>Past Events</u> section of our Community Page. The next talks will be **Tom Bowser** on rewilding his family estate and **Morgan Humphreys** on her cycle trip around the UK. Booking information for these free members events can be found on our <u>community page</u>. We have a very exciting and varied line up for you!

Blogs

We have a number of resources and information blogs that you will find helpful when it comes to choosing and understanding the right equipment and building your knowledge for wilder camping trips...

DOWNLOADS

Don't forget, you can **download the Nearly Wild Camping passport** to record where you have been, what you did and learnt and some of your special experiences. A great way for the children (or adults) to build up their Nearly Wild Camping Club experiences and prompt new challenges. See the **downloads section** of the Community page along with **activity badges** for younger children.

For general enquiries and member communications email hello@nearlywildcamping.org

