



## Crofty Coastal Crew

### Agenda

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Attendees:** Archie (Paradise Park Keeper), Treloweth, Portreath, Rosemellin, Pennoweth, Sithney, Parc Eglos, Illogan, Lanner, Halwin, Garras, Godolphin, Trannack, Porthleven, Roskear, Mrs Collins, Mrs Andrews

Welcome		Notes and actions
Review of actions	<p>At the last meeting, we discussed schools creating a 1 page fact file / information sheet regarding interesting things about our coastline. Please can these be sent through to Mrs Andrews if not done so already?</p> <p>Share news about the Coastal Crew with your class / year group / school - on the school newsletter or in assemblies</p> <p>Badges - did everyone receive their Coastal Crew badge?</p>	<p>Thank you those schools who have already sent their 1 page fact sheet - they are looking great!</p> <p>Please could all schools submit their sheet to Mrs Andrews or Mrs Collins by Easter. Thank you!</p> <p>Some schools have spoken in assemblies or put information on their newsletters. Please speak about the Coastal Crew in your school if you can - and see if you can add something to your newsletter.</p> <p>Lanner do not have their badges; Mrs Collins to help with this.</p>
Welcome to Archie!	<p>Archie to share brief overview of his role.</p> <p>Archie works at Paradise Park. We met Archie when we visited with the Eco council and listened to him explaining the work he does with the penguins and otters.</p>	<p>We are very grateful and excited that Archie was able to join our meeting!</p> <p>Archie explained a little about the work he does. He is a keeper at Paradise Park mainly working with birds - for 5 years - mainly penguins and otters.</p> <p>Archie gave us different examples of the work that Paradise Park has done to look after birds on our coastlines. He told us that in 2001, only 5 Cornish Chuffs (a Cornish emblem) were left; now there are over 100 individuals on our coastline. Archie challenged us all to look for them when we are out and about. A chuff is a black bird with an orange beak and orange feet. Birds such as the chuff, and others, could have died out if conservation work wasn't taking place. Baby chuffs bred in Paradise Park are released on the White Cliffs of Dover in Kent as part of a joint conservation project.</p> <p>Archie was asked which is his favourite bird at Paradise Park. Archie said that was very difficult to answer but told us about Peaches, a penguin.</p>

		<p>Peaches was hand reared by Archie and other keepers at Paradise Park. He explained how this was tricking as it meant blending up fish and hand feeding the penguin, sometimes in his own home. He explained that Peaches remembers Archie and always comes to see him when he is in the enclosure.</p> <p>Mrs Collins thanked Archie very much for all the information he had shared. We agreed we would love Archie to join us at other meetings and that we could think of some focused things to ask him about.</p>
<p>Questions for fishermen</p>	<p>We are able to interview a working fisherman in the next few weeks and would like to collate questions you would like to ask!</p>	<p>We took a few minutes in the council meeting to have some thinking time in our schools and added lots of questions to the chat for us to ask the fishermen!</p> <p>How much (weight) of fish do you catch daily?          What's the number one spot for fishing off the coast of Cornwall?          What is the most common fish around our coasts          Which type of fish do you catch the most of?          What is the rarest fish you've ever caught?          How do you catch the fish? With a rod or a net?          What type of fishing tool do you use most. and how sustainable is it          How many fish do the fishermen catch every year in average?          How long have you been a fisherman for          What is the rarest fish you've ever caught?          Is plastic waste a issue?          How many people go out on a boat at a time?          How long are you away at sea for?          Were your families fishermen?          How do you fish sustainably? What happens if you lose your net - does it get collected or does it become a pollutant?          What happens if you catch an endangered fish?          Do you fish solo or with other fishermen?          What do you do with the fish you don't want?          Who do you normally supply to? Local or national?          do you make any profit sithney          Weeth: What is the best part of the sea to fish in?          What is the weight of the largest fish you have caught?          What are the most common fish you catch?          What's the rarest fish you've caught?          Have you eaten any of the fish you have caught?          How do you make sure that you do not catch too many fish?          What do you do with any plastic pollution you may catch?          How do you know when the net is full? What do you do with the plastic? and how much do you collect?          What are the most common fish you catch?          What are you doing to stop over fishing?          What's your favourite fishing rod?</p>

		<p>What's the best beach you've been to?</p> <p>Have you ever had to steer your boat through a storm?</p> <p>What is the biggest fish you have caught?</p> <p>Have you ever had to leave ghost gear?</p> <p>Do fishermen think about how fishing can be reducing the amount of fish being caught, reducing food for sea creatures?</p>
AOB	Are we having a trip?	<p>Mrs Collins explained that we are going to do something similar to the Eco-summit for our Coastal crew and that we will be having a meeting altogether in the summer. This will be based from Porthleven school and will include a beach clean.</p> <p>Thank you to everyone for such a great meeting and to all the adults in school supporting the meeting to happen.</p> <p>See you next time.</p>