

The Tongue of the Land project

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The most visible evidence of the Cornish language is in the continued presence of historical place names and family names. In the former, development of the language is preserved in field and settlement names in which principal features of the landscape, what used to happen there, or who owned the place are recorded; while family names can inform us about former occupations, physical characteristics and connections to places. In June 2014, Kowethas an Yeth Kernewek were awarded Heritage Lottery funding in order to carry out a two-year project in Cornwall using local volunteers to examine this evidence and present our findings to the wider community. This presentation describes the opening stages of the project.