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August e-news

On 24th June, the nation woke to a referendum result that came as a surprise to many. But what does this mean for rewilding? Leaving the Common Agricultural Policy may present opportunities to develop more progressive land management policies which provide landholders with payment in return for public benefit, including large-scale ecosystem restoration that improves water quality, mitigates flood risk and increases carbon storage in biomass and soil. But we will also need to work to ensure we retain the important protection for nature currently provided by EU legislation.

The Brexit vote leaves a divided Britain, and an uncertain future for all. The variations in voting across Britain may lead to different approaches in each country. But whatever happens in the months and years ahead we will work through the changes and promote the benefits of rewilding.

White Stork – why they’re an uplifting opportunity



What would the reintroduction of the iconic White Stork mean to Britain - and the very idea of rewilding itself? We caught up with ecologist Derek Gow to find out more.

[Read Derek Gow's insight](#)

UK youth call for rewilding



The UK's youth nature group A Focus On Nature (AFON) has put rewilding at the heart of its Vision For Nature manifesto. Matt Williams, associate

director for AFON, explains why.

[Read Matt's views on rewilding landscapes](#)

Working with nature stems the flooding in Somerset



The prize-winning Holnicote river project in Somerset shows how letting nature do its thing brings a world of benefits – not least helping to end the misery of flooding.

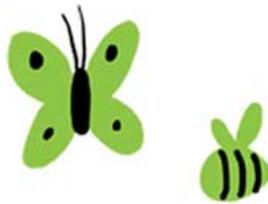
[Read more about this river restoration project](#)

Five brilliant facts about beavers



Inspired by the River Otter Beaver Trial in Devon, environmental campaigner Brenda Pollack rounds up five reasons to be a beaver believer.

[Read more about these mighty rodents](#)



A call for volunteers

Could you help grow the movement to rewild Britain? We're looking for volunteers to help manage our growing image library, to develop fundraising applications and support our

communications activity. If you have experience in any of these areas and could give a few hours of your time please send your CV to info@rewildingbritain.org.uk. Thank you!

In the news...

- Could Brexit herald more [farms turning to rewilding](#)?
 - The [Dartmoor lynx](#) has 'rewilded' itself. Should Britain follow suit?
 - How [sea otters](#) help save the planet
 - [Young people](#) want more action to protect nature
 - A recipe for ocean health: add [10 million oysters](#) to salty water
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Events...

- **Thursday 4th August** - George Monbiot will be at [Countryfile Live](#) at Blenheim Palace for the debate

'Rewilding Britain: Is it time to return land to nature and bring back beavers, boars and lynx?'. Later that day George will share his 'Vision of the countryside in 2030'.

- **Friday 19th August** - Our Director, Helen Meech, will be joining a panel to be interviewed by Chris Packham at [Birdfair](#), exploring what Rewilding Britain means to them, for conservation and how to get involved.

'Momentous times in our national life call for great vision, including on the future of our environment'

Keith Kirby

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