

Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust – Frequently Asked Questions

For Members, Donors & Supporters

1. Can I still become a Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust member or renew my membership?

No. We have now paused all membership schemes. As Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust begins the formal liquidation process, we are unable to take new memberships or renewals. We are deeply grateful to all our members, past and present, for their support in helping us care for Torbay's much-loved countryside and wildlife over the years.

2. Will these changes affect burial plots or memorial arrangements on Trust land?

We expect that existing burial and memorial arrangements will continue to be respected and maintained. The liquidators will aim to ensure these areas remain cared for appropriately.

3. What will happen to donations made to the Trust?

All donations already received have been used to support the Trust's charitable work. However, as the Trust is now entering liquidation, we are no longer able to accept new donations.

4. Can I still make a donation to support the Trust?

Unfortunately, no. As part of the liquidation process, we are not able to accept donations or new funding at this time. We want to sincerely thank everyone who has supported our work through donations over the years — your contributions have made a real difference to Torbay's natural heritage.

5. What will happen to planned events hosted by the Trust?

Some events may continue in the short term, where possible, but this will depend on operational capacity during the liquidation process. We will contact anyone with a confirmed booking directly if changes are required.

6. Will educational sessions continue?

We are working hard to honour existing education bookings where possible, but future sessions will depend on the ongoing liquidation process. We will contact schools and groups directly if there are any changes.

7. Why is Ocombe Farm closing?

Ocombe Farm is operated by Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust, which has sadly entered liquidation. Despite our best efforts to adapt and diversify, the Trust's financial position has become unsustainable due to the combined effects of COVID, rising energy and wage costs, inflation, and changing visitor habits.

8. What will happen to Torbay Coast & Countryside Trust's conservation work?

We are now working on the formal liquidation process, and the liquidators will be in touch with all relevant parties soon. It is hoped that arrangements can be made to secure the continued care and protection of Torbay's important natural spaces, such as Berry Head and Cockington Country Park, in the future.

9. How can I support the Trust during this time?

We are no longer able to accept new memberships or donations, but your messages of support mean a great deal to our staff and volunteers. Thank you for standing with us through this difficult period.