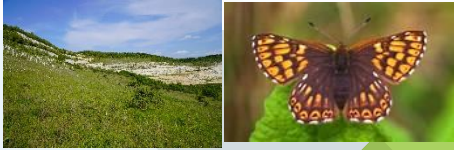


Welcome to our eighth edition of Nature around CEMEX Europe - Newsletter.

UK – Duke of Burgundy Butterfly

Restoration work at Kensworth Quarry has seen the creation of a Chalk Grassland Habitat. This area has also been converted into a nature reserve giving access for the public. Working with several NGO's including RSPB, the local Wildlife Trust and Butterfly Conservation the site has been seeded with a special blend of wildflower seeds and the area has become an excellent home for pollinators. Including some of the UK's rarest Butterflies. This includes species listed in the UK Biodiversity Action Plan and noted as a priority and of conservation concern. The most notable success is the establishment of a Duke of Burgundy colony at the site. One of the UK's rarest butterflies but the introduction of cowslip has allowed the insect to complete its lifecycle without disruption. It's important that we highlight this type of project, which shows how site restoration can help with nature recovery.



Germany – Protecting Endangered Birds

Working with regulators and trade bodies, Cemex Germany is helping with the recovery of endangered bird species. In the Elbe Floodplains (Rogätz) and along the Danube (Rosing & Weichering) our quarries both active and restored have helped with the recovery of populations of Northern Lapwing, Common Snipe, Curlew, and Western Yellow Wagtail. The sites are carefully managed to create the habitats they require. At Rogätz, Little Terns have returned to breed on specially created Islands in a restored lake. The species had been extinct in Saxony-Anhalt for over 50 years.



POLAND – Family Ecological Picnic

In May, Cemex Poland organized their fifth Family Ecological Picnic at the restored Lipówka quarry. The event was attended by nearly 300 representatives of the local community who live in the vicinity of the Rudniki Cement Plant.

There were many attractions waiting for the participants: an outdoor nature game, stands presenting the richness of the world of plants, animals and minerals, and a presentation of chemical experiments. There were also stands about health as well as art workshops, games and sports activities for children.

As souvenirs from the picnic, the participants received maps of the quarry printed on paper with seeds. We hope that most of them were used, and the blooming vegetation became a nice memory of the event and support for pollinators.

The event supported the European initiative European Minerals Days aimed at bringing the aggregates industry closer to the public and its role for the regional economy, sustainable development and biodiversity protection.



FRANCE – Sandmartin Initiative

Cemex France has had great success working with the LPO protecting Sandmartins who nest at quarries during the summer months. A joint project has been in operation since 2013 and sees site surveys and bird counts to make sure the species stays safe, and the populations are monitored. Some essential messages and figures concerning the initiative include - we have just finished the sand martin counting campaign of 2023 in the CEMEX quarries in France (from May 15 to June 15) - updated indicator : Nearly 60% of CEMEX quarries in 2023 (increasing number) - 6 new quarries have been newly identified as hosting sand martin - since 2013, more than 8,000 breeding pairs of sand martin have been counted in CEMEX quarries in France - summary report using all CEMEX data on sand martin since 2013 being prepared by the LPO.



SPAIN – Cemex and Gadma present their school awards for the environment

Cemex and the environmental group Gadma presented the Mallorca Natural 2023 awards at the Can Gelabert Culture Centre, awards that aim to bring nature closer to schoolchildren and show them the importance of caring for it.

With 18 years of history, this school competition this year saw the participation of some 1,000 pupils from 15 schools on the island, who during the school year went on a total of 15 outings with the environment as the main premise.

The pupils presented 500 essays and 550 drawings about the activities and lessons learned, of which 13 were selected as winners.

This year's campaign by Gadma and Cemex has been called "Balears i la Mar" (Balearic Islands and the Sea) where the months of April and May schoolchildren visited Son Serra de Marina as well as and the Binissalem lagoons.



Croatia: A plan to protect Nature

Sveti Juraj and Sveti Kajo, Cemex' two quarries in Croatia sit adjacent to habitats of high biodiversity value and which are included in the Natura 2000 Network. Cemex' own proximity survey also identifies the sites as being a high priority for Biodiversity. Cemex Croatia is working with the local NGO BIOM to develop a Biodiversity Management Plan for the sites. Initial work has included work to understand the biodiversity baseline. The initial results highlight the importance that quarries have in helping protect rare or endangered species and habitat. The results show that the site is used by 25 species of bird of which 14 are legally protected. The site is also home to protected Reptiles, Amphibians, and Mammals.

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Europe – Minerals day first for Lipówka Quarry.

European Minerals Days are an initiative supported by the EU Commission helping to highlight the European Raw Materials Initiative, European Partnership on Raw Materials and the EU Biodiversity Strategy. Working with Cembureau (European Cement Association) the Polish Sustainability & Operational teams incorporated the Family Ecological Picnic as part of the initiative. A first for Cemex and the European Cement Sector. Well-deserved recognition for the quarry at an EU level.

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