

The second reading of the **English Devolution and Community Empowerment Bill** took place and was debated on Tuesday 2 September 2025

In this four of Kernow's six MP's took part putting forward powerful arguments in support of devolution for Kernow.

- 🚩 Perran Moon - (Camborne and Redruth) (Lab)
- 🚩 Ben Maguire (North Cornwall) (LD)
- 🚩 Noah Law - (St Austell and Newquay) (Lab)
- 🚩 Andrew George - (St Ives) (LD)

Too long to include here these are available on the Celtic Nation Kernow website as a downloadable printable PDF.

<https://celticionkernow.org/heritage-of-the-celtic-nations/cornwall-heritage/cornish-identity/>

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The late Queen Elizabeth II acknowledging Kernow's status as a nation of the UK with the Baner Sen Peren flying alongside those of all the other nations of the UK on the royal barge in 2012

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Devolution

Why Kernow should have devolution

- 🚩 Cornish people have equal minority status in law to those of the other Celtic nations of the UK and Ireland
- 🚩 Kernow has an ancient border respected by the crown of Britain and the United Kingdom for over 1,000 years
- 🚩 The creation of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1337 recognised the distinct history, identity and territory of Cornwall, unique and exceptional constitutional settlement
- 🚩 Increasingly larger numbers of people identify as Cornish not English. (*census 2021*)
- 🚩 The Council of Europe framework convention for the protection of national minorities, Article 16 states: *'The Parties shall refrain from measures which alter the proportions of the population in areas inhabited by persons belonging to national minorities and are aimed at restricting the rights and freedoms flowing from the principles enshrined in the present framework Convention.'* Surely being infringed by UK government housing policy
- 🚩 The leader of Cornwall council should be given full permission to attend ministerial meetings of the British-Irish Council, much like the other Celtic nations and the Channel Islands.
- 🚩 The 1973 Crowther and Kilbrandon report of the royal commission on the constitution acknowledged that the creation of the Duchy of Cornwall in 1337 *'established a special and enduring relationship between Cornwall and the Crown. Use of the designation on all appropriate occasions would serve to recognise both this special relationship and the territorial integrity of Cornwall'*.

A short summary of some of the many reasons Kernow should be treated as a devolved Celtic nation. The UK's fifth nation.



CELTIC NATION KERNOW

Supporting and promoting Cornish culture and heritage, maintaining friendship and appreciation towards the cultures of all the Celtic nations

Celtic Nation Kernow hold not hold any political views other than those standing to promote Kernow's cultural identity and unique heritage. We believe in supporting policies that helps protect Kernow and its people and heritage. Celtic Nation Kernow encourages greater interaction between the peoples of all the Celtic nations and supporting the culture of those nations.

- ❖ **Celtic Nation Kernow** believes that a strong meaningful devolution deal is important for Kernow and its people and culture without imposition of an English mayoral system.
- ❖ **Celtic Nation Kernow** believes that the borders of Kernow which have stood along the eastern bank of the River Tamar since CE936 are inviolate and that any cross border political or administrative union is non-negotiable.
- ❖ **Celtic Nation Kernow** works at sharing and promoting use of Kernewek, the Cornish language, and all aspects of Kernow's culture. This includes music, dance, history, oral traditions and expressions (dialect), social practices and traditions. The same can be said of its support for these from the other Celtic nations encouraging sharing of wider Celtic history and culture

One and All who value Celtic heritage are welcome to Join Celtic Nation Kernow with **FREE** membership and support Cornish and Celtic culture from all the Celtic nations.

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Kernow needs meaningful devolution

- ❖ Kernow continues to be overlooked by the UK's Westminster government, remaining one of the most deprived areas of the UK, despite apparent superficial wealth held by people coming from England
- ❖ There is a housing crisis led by continuous building of houses that are far from affordable for ordinary Cornish families and single people. Kernow needs to be able to control amount and type of building to meet needs of Cornish community not 2nd house owners and Airbnb's
- ❖ It also has a distinct economic profile, with the lowest output in the whole of the UK, which is exacerbated by the centralised nature of the UK state. [MK]
- ❖ Kernow lacks the powers to make important political, economic, environmental and social decisions for itself. UK government quangos and agencies with control of policies are external to Kernow and frankly don't understand the needs of Cornish communities.
- ❖ Kernewek does not enjoy the highest level of protection for its language as do the other Celtic nations of the UK
- ❖ Kernow needs to better control and protect its own important agricultural and fishing sectors.
- ❖ Given the age demographics, Kernow needs to have better control over its health service.
- ❖ Kernow needs to better control its economy with over reliance on mass tourism which causes undue pressure on residents lives and Kernow's infrastructure.

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