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Welcome to the 17th issue of Llygad Llŷn - the Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty's annual newsletter.

2023 is an important year for the Llŷn Peninsula because the Welsh National Eisteddfod is being held here. The Eisteddfod has not been in this area since 1955 when it was located near Pwllheli – a lot has changed since then! Significant work has been done to prepare for the Eisteddfod locally – committees have been busy arranging events and collecting money and Cyngor Gwynedd and other authorities have been planning for the event.

There is plenty to see and enjoy here in Llŷn and hopefully visitors to the Eisteddfod will venture to see interesting sites and buildings and also walk some of area's many paths. A map and some information is included within this publication – more information is available on the AONB website and sites by Gwynedd Council, Snowdonia Mountains and Coast, National Trust and others.

In this issue of Llygad Llŷn you will find information on environmental projects, undergrounding electricity lines, Dark Sky designation, Friends on the AONB, rural skills training and the Sustainable Development Fund. There are also articles on the Tir a Môr project, the Climate Emergency, the Nature Recovery Action Plan and information on the latest photography competition.

We are very keen to hear your views on Llygad Llŷn and the work of the AONB Unit. We would also like to hear your ideas for new projects that would benefit the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty or things that you think need attention. Contact us by all means by email, website, telephone or letter.

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The Project Officer leads on AONB projects, deals with the Sustainable Development Fund, and promotes the AONB.

### AONB Countryside Warden Kevin Roberts

The AONB Unit has received support from Welsh Government for the appointment of a Countryside Warden. The Warden will lead on access and nature projects within the AONB.

# Allwedd – Key

- Rheilffordd Railways
- Rhydwath Beicio Cycle Routes
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- Abaty/Eglwys Abbey/Church
- Golygfann Viewpoint
- (hygyrth â char) Car Park
- Maes Parcio Museum/Gallery
- Amgueddfa/Oriel Ancient site
- Safle hynafol National Trust
- Ymddinedolaeth Genedlaethol National Trust



# The Dark Sky

## Light Pollution

Inappropriate night lighting is now recognized as a form of environmental pollution. Too much lighting affects the character of areas, the well-being of people and wildlife. Reducing lighting can reduce energy use and save money.

Plants and animals depend on the earth's daily cycle to control their lifestyles and artificial light at night has a negative effect on these species. The following species in particular are affected by lighting:

Bats – bats are nocturnal mammals. They hunt and eat at night and sleep during the day. Strong light at night confuses some light-sensitive bat species. They think night is day, and to avoid being hunted, they don't eat.

Owls – owls eat mice and rodents that are awake in the dark. Owls have incredible eyes that allow them to see and hunt prey in total darkness.

Birds – many birds use the sun, moon and stars to get from place to place. Artificial light can confuse them and disrupt their migration patterns.

## Dark Sky Designation

For some time the AONB Joint Advisory Committee has been considering the possibility of applying for Dark Sky Park status for Llŷn's Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. It was seen that there were benefits in terms of such a designation but there were some concerns.

The International Dark Sky Association (IDA) deals with applications for Dark Sky designation. Applying for a Dark Sky designation would not mean that street lights are switched off and there would be no need to spend large sums of money. Instead emphasis is placed on having more environmentally friendly lighting, raising awareness and promoting the dark sky.

Snowdonia National Park was designated as a Dark Sky Reserve in 2015, seeing the environmental and economic benefits of doing so. This is what Dani Robertson, The Dark Sky Officer had to say about the designation–

"There are advantages to being in an area designated as a Dark Sky Reserve. The area's wildlife will be protected, the quality of the environment will improve, and there will be a new natural attraction to attract visitors at quiet times of the year."



### **Enlli Dark Sky Sanctuary**

Ynys Enlli (Bardsey Island) was designated a dark sky sanctuary on the 23rd of February 2023. Enlli is the first site in Europe to receive this certification, thanks to the island's low light pollution.

Ruskin Hartley, executive director of the IDA, praised Ynys Enlli and the whole of Wales, who work hard to keep the night sky dark. "Wales is fast becoming one of the leading nations in protecting dark skies as a valuable resource that benefits people and wildlife," said Hartley.

### **Night Partnership**

Llyn AONB Unit has joined forces with Anglesey AONB, Clwydian Hills and Dee Valley AONB and Snowdonia National Park to establish a Night Partnership to act for the benefit of the dark sky. As well as organizing events, assisting with applications and promoting the Dark Sky, Prosiect Nos has published Good Practice Guidelines on Lighting. A copy of the complete Guidelines can be obtained from the AONB Unit but a summary of the key principles can be seen below:

- **Does the light have a clear and necessary purpose? If not, they should be removed or turned off permanently.**
- **Is the light only thrown where it is needed? Try aiming lights downwards, or use cover.**
- **Is the strength of the light suitable for its purpose? Use adequate but not excessive lighting for the purpose in question.**
- **Is there control over the light? There should always be a switch, timer and/or sensor to control external lighting.**
- **How white/bright is the light? When possible, use light that is not too white/bright as it is less intrusive and less harmful to wildlife.**

# Rural Skills Training 2022

Field boundaries are a prominent and important part of Llŷn's special and unique landscape – and traces of a way of life and farming for centuries. The boundaries – which are stone walls, banks and hedges – also offer shelter to livestock and are an important habitat for all kinds of creatures.

The AONB Unit, with the support of Natural Resources Wales, has been organizing free rural skills training courses for years. These are courses that provide training on how to restore and maintain traditional boundaries. These courses are the perfect opportunity to socialize in the outdoors and learn a craft that has shaped our landscape for hundreds of years!

During the summer of 2022 cloddiau (stone faced earth bank) training was held at Porth Gwylan farm in Tudweiliog with Dilwyn Williams at the helm. The training was organized in collaboration with the National Trust which owns the farm. Porth Gwylan farm is a tranquil spot that shares its name with a lovely beach close by, which is a haven for all kinds of wildlife. It was very hot on the days of the training – close to 30 degrees Celsius, but the course was very successful, and we managed to raise 40 meters of bank.

In September 2022 a dry-stone wall restoration course was held in Rhiw. They were originally built over hundreds, if not thousands of years ago. The instructor Dilwyn Williams, and Kevin Roberts – Warden of the AONB taught the course attendees how to build a solid dry-stone wall, and the techniques needed to achieve a strong wall. It is vital that we continue to learn how to maintain these traditional boundaries, otherwise the skills will be lost.

We advertise the rural training courses through Llanw Llŷn, the AONB Website and social media or you can register your interest by sending an email to [ahnellynaonb@gwynedd.llyw.cymru](mailto:ahnellynaonb@gwynedd.llyw.cymru)



# Undergrounding Electricity Cables



In 2006 a scheme was launched by OFGEM\* which gave an allowance to the electricity supply companies and the National Grid to underground wires and electrical equipment in National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Since the start of the scheme many schemes have been conducted throughout Britain and the landscape of the Parks and the AONB's have benefited significantly from the scheme. In the Llŷn area we have been working together with Scottish Power Energy Networks (SPEN) to underground electric wires in places such as Cilan, Nant Gwrtheyrn and Sarn Bach.

One of the latest schemes to be completed at Llŷn AONB was on Foel Gron, Mynytho. As well as being in the AONB Foel Gron is a Site of Special Scientific Interest and common land. The AONB Unit noticed that the wires were an eyesore on the landscape and the possibility of undergrounding them was discussed with Scottish Power (SP). Through the co-operation of the landowners the undergrounding scheme was completed by SP in 2021, improving the appearance of the area and the surrounding views. One interesting aspect of this work was that a horse was used to remove the old poles from the site in order to save traversing with machines.



We have also been assessing new sites for undergrounding wires with Scottish Power. At the moment consideration is being given to undergrounding electrical equipment in Bychestyn, Cilan, Rhiw and Uwchmynydd.

\* OFGEM: Government body responsible for gas and electricity markets.



# Friends of the AONB

The Friends of the AONB group was established back in 2021 to give volunteers the opportunity to assist with practical work in the Area of Beauty here in Pen Llŷn. The group meets regularly to do work such as cutting vegetation, maintaining/reopening paths, and litter picks. 20 people have registered, and we are lucky to have a good crew who turn up regularly. We are very grateful to the group for their effort and time to maintain and improve the features of the AONB.

During the winter storms of 2022 a large bundle of plastic washed up at Porth-Wen beach near Porthdinllaen. The plastic was terribly hard and very difficult to cut. With the help of the volunteers, Porthdinllaen Golf Club on the Maritime Unit we managed to clear everything. It was extremely hard work, and it was estimated that around 120 rubbish bags full of plastic had been collected all together. If it wasn't for the efforts of the Friends of the AONB to clear up this mess, it is quite likely that the plastic would be on the beach for years to come slowly polluting the beach and the sea. Porth Wen is a Site of Special Scientific Interest with a wealth of wildlife such as red-legged crows, oyster catchers, and seals. Also, the sea nearby is part of a Special Conservation Area.

Another project that was accomplished by the friends of the AONB, was to re-open part of a path in upper Clynog. Complaints had been received about the poor condition of the path. Way markers were placed along the path – gorse, grass and thorns that had grown across the path were cleared, a gate that had been broken was also re-installed. Two AONB Unit staff members and seven volunteers were present for this work.





Ffynnon Fyw, Mynytho – 5 Friends of the AONB volunteers assisted in clearing vegetation at Ffynnon Fyw back in July 2022. Due to the vast overgrowth on the site it was impossible to see this special well. The origin of the name Ffynnon Fyw is not clear, some believe that it was originally Ffynnon Dduw (God's Well) although there is no clear evidence of this. The site has now been tidied and cleared thanks to the volunteers, and the well can be seen in all its glory.

During the Winter of 2022 the Friends of the AONB reopened a path on the slopes of Garn Boduan. The path had been closed for many years and tons of vegetation had to be cut along the path. Six days of work were spent here in total, with clear progress to be seen on the route after each day. In addition to the volunteers, help was received from two refugees who were staying on the nearby farm. The path is now open, very easy to walk, with new gates installed.

### Benefits of volunteering

- A new challenge. By volunteering you can challenge yourself to try something different, gain new experience and practice using your practical skills.
- Have fun! Enjoying and having fun is a part of volunteers as well as the work itself.
- Contribute to the community. By volunteering you can feel part of something outside of normal life.
  - New skills. Volunteering can help you learn skills and gain new experiences.

# Sustainable Landscapes, Sustainable Places

Under the Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places scheme Llŷn AONB, and the other 4 AONBs in Wales, have received funding from the Welsh Government towards environmental projects. The grant is specifically for supporting projects related to decarbonisation, sustainable tourism, nature restoration and supporting communities/green restoration. Following receiving guidelines for the Fund, an application was submitted for a number of projects in the Llŷn AONB area for the years 2022-25. The projects that the AONB Unit worked on during 2022-23 were:

## Gyrn Goch Circular walk

This particular path was closed in 2022 because the old bridge crossing the river “Hen” had rotted and was impossible to cross. The main focus of the project was therefore to install a new bridge over the river in order to reopen the circuit and create access to the nearby forest and the open access land of Gyrn Goch. Other improvements were also made to the journey by exchanging a stile for a gate and resurfacing part of the path. This is a fairly short walk but it provides an opportunity to walk through various landscapes including forest and unimproved land with various wild plants.



## Common Land

Another exciting project by the Unit is to assess and improve common lands in Rhos Botwnnog, Foel Gron Mynytho, and Horeb/Mynytho. In the financial year 2022-23 ecological surveys were carried out on the common lands in question. In the coming years we will implement measures to restore/improve the condition of the lands (e.g. improving habitats, removing invasive species), improving management, reducing fire risks etc. The project also aims to improve access and interpretation to these lands.

## Traditional Boundaries

This is a joint project with other designated areas of north Wales. Its purpose is to maintain and restore traditional boundaries – stone walls, banks and stone faced earth banks. As well as being interesting features on the landscape these boundaries are important wildlife habitats. As part of the project the Llŷn AONB Unit collaborated with the Snowdonia National Park to offer grants to maintain and restore traditional boundaries in the Madryn area.

## Y Ganolfan, Llithfaen

The community centre is an important building in the village of Llithfaen and the surrounding area. Until recently various meetings and activities were held here and there were two snooker tables that were in constant use. During the lockdown period a problem developed with dry rot in the community center and it became clear that significant improvements were needed before the building could be re-opened. In year 2022 capital funds contributed to a thorough condition survey of the Center and drawing up a Business Plan for the future.



## The Dark Sky

Again, this was a joint project with other designated landscapes. A lot of work has already been done to raise awareness about the importance of the dark sky through the Night Partnership. This project builds on that and includes appointing consultants to carry out an inspection of lighting in areas and identify opportunities to install new lights, less harmful to the dark sky. Following that the project will move on to realize the improvements for the benefit of the dark sky and the environment in general.

## The AONB Warden's electric van

As part of the effort to decarbonise the services of the AONB and Gwynedd Council, a portion of the capital grant was used to buy an electric van for the Warden of the AONB. This meant getting rid of the old diesel van and thereby reducing the service's carbon footprint. Charging Points in the Cob Road, Pwllheli offices are used to charge the van and occasionally those of the National Trust (With thanks to the NT!).



# Nature in Llŷn

There is no doubt that Llŷn is an amazing place to come and enjoy being out and about in nature, the AONB and the Council's Biodiversity team are working hard to present a Nature Recovery Action Plan for Gwynedd. Both organisations have been working on several projects to improve habitats in Llŷn.

Some of you may have noticed scraping and seeding on the side of the main road between Clynog Fawr and Llanaelhaearn and again between Abererch and Hafan y Môr. This is a pilot scheme through the work of the Nature Partnership project to see the effect of changing the roadside management system and creating wildflower meadows on the side of the road.

Not only will this create corridors for wildlife, they will also be a colourful welcome to visitors coming to the Eisteddfod. As part of this work, every primary school in the Eisteddfod's catchment area has been offered a wildflower meadow as part of this wildflower welcome scheme. Hundreds of animals use this roadside network - from pollinators such as bees and butterflies, to hedgehogs and bats.

It's nice to see projects making a big difference to habitats and the animals that depend on them, but sometimes you have to ask the question - is it possible to do more? or what could he do?

Everyone has a part to play when it comes to protecting and improving nature, and there is a very interesting project underway with our local records center called Cofnod, and it's easy for you to get involved.

Cofnod's work is to gather together all the individual records of nature species in the area in one central database so that we can have better information about the environment in which we live.

Cofnod is one of four Local Records Centers (LRCs) in Wales and forms part of the first national network of LRCs in the UK. The name was chosen to reflect the importance of observing and recording wildlife, and creating a 'record' is the starting point for all the data we have.

The only thing you need to do is use the link from this QR code

And use the app to record what you see when you're out and about, maybe you're wandering the coastal path and see a chough or a seal - use the app to record this, or maybe you're lucky enough to see an otter or a hedgehog going about their business,, or that there is a robin in your garden - each one counts, and remember to share the information with Cofnod.

"The more information we have about the wildlife and nature of the area, the better we can work to protect their habitat and create projects" " says Lea Connelly, leader of the Gwynedd Biodiversity Team, "every single record is important, and contributes towards the AONB and Gwynedd Nature Recovery Action Plan."



# The Llŷn AONB Sustainable Development Fund

## ..... What is it .....

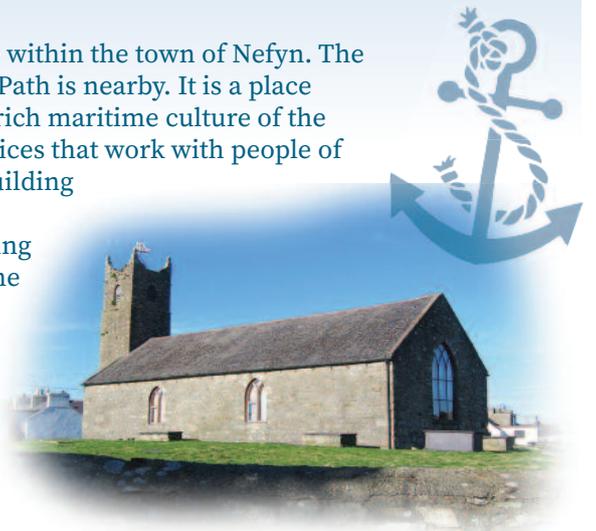
This is a Welsh Government Fund, and each AONB in Wales receives this money to allocate it to various projects in the community. Successful projects need to encourage sustainability, and contribute positively to communities in ways that are environmental, economic, social and cultural.

For further information regarding the fund please contact [ahnellynaonb@gwynedd.llyw.cymru](mailto:ahnellynaonb@gwynedd.llyw.cymru)

## ..... Projects 2022-23 .....

### Llŷn Maritime Museum

The Maritime Museum is a very important community resource within the town of Nefyn. The town centre is a designated Conservation Area, and the Coastal Path is nearby. It is a place where visitors and residents can receive information about the rich maritime culture of the area. The Museum collaborates a lot with schools and local services that work with people of all ages and backgrounds. It is also important to note that the building itself is the old St Mary's church - and this is an example of a project that is part of the preservation and protection of a building of historical importance. The Fund's grant was used to pay for the extra hours for the 1st mate at the museum. As a result of these arrangements, it was possible for the Museum to open as usual (five days, 10-4pm) throughout the summer. A number of children's activities, walks and social events were held during this time. With the help of the Fund the post of 1st mate will continue over the next two years, a post which provides essential support to the Museum.



### Melin Daron

The impressive Melin Daron building is located in the village of Aberdaron within a designated Conservation Area. The Mill is listed by Cadw (Grade II) and dates back to the early 19th Century. A committee has been established locally in order to restore the existing building and machinery to produce Welsh flour once again from wheat that comes from local crops. The Mill will operate as a social enterprise, providing education, training and volunteering opportunities as well as creating jobs that are needed in the area.

The Fund from 2022-23 went towards rebuilding the walls of the stables at the back of the building, which had collapsed. The walls of the stables are behind the Mill. The intention is to have Electric Vehicle charging points by the stable walls which will create its own income.

### Llŷn Fflecsi Bus

The coastal bus has been running for several years now, and it is a service that gives AONB visitors and residents the opportunity to enjoy Llŷn's impressive coastline. In the past the coast bus worked as a normal service bus, but it has now evolved into a Fflecsi service. It is possible to book the bus for a specific time and from a specific location in Llŷn. This gives the users much more flexibility, as well as offering a wider service. It is a great opportunity for people who do not have access to a vehicle to discover Llŷn's impressive coastline, to visit a local shop or business, or for those who want to walk the coastal path, and inland routes such as the Mariners trail - a trip from Abersoch to Nefyn. O Ddrws i Ddrws is responsible for running this service. The bus is a very important for the community and is a valuable economic resource for Llŷn, especially since the change of service to Fflecsi. It connects rural villages where public transport does not exist, and it gives rural businesses the opportunity to get more customers. The bus provides a higher level of access within the AONB, by ensuring that residents can overcome barriers such as lack of transport and social isolation.





## Plas Carmel Black Shed Project

There are four parts to the Plas Carmel site; Carmel Chapel and the Plas, the chapel house; The Plas Shop; and The Black Shed. In the Plas Shop there is a café and space for the community to meet and socialise, learn about the history of the project and buy goods and local produce. The Black Shed is the interpretation centre that gives attention to the historical elements of the area. The Black Shed is a central and key part of the plan to present the heritage of the project to the public, and the purpose of the interpretation exhibition in the Shed, is to tell the history and stories in an entertaining way to encourage children and their families to take an interest in the history of their local area. Considerable effort has gone into developing and putting together an entertaining and imaginative exhibition to help people learn about their heritage.

The history covered is as follows:

- Dic Aberdaron
- Anne Griffith, Bryn Canaid Physician
- The Pilgrims' Route
- Carreg Plas Potato Farm
- Chwarel Iasbis Carreg Plas
- Explanation of some elements of the large map on the site
- A screen with drone videos showing the local area, history videos

## Llithfaen Playground

This project was supported in order to improve the environmental aspects of the Playground at Llithfaen. It is a popular site in the village, and the



community has worked hard to ensure the success of the project, establishing a committee specifically to restore the playground, which is a key social resource for Llithfaen. It is a place for children and young people to gather to play, socialize and keep fit. As a result it is a place for the parents and other family members to meet and socialise. The field borders the Fic community pub, another initiative set up by local people.

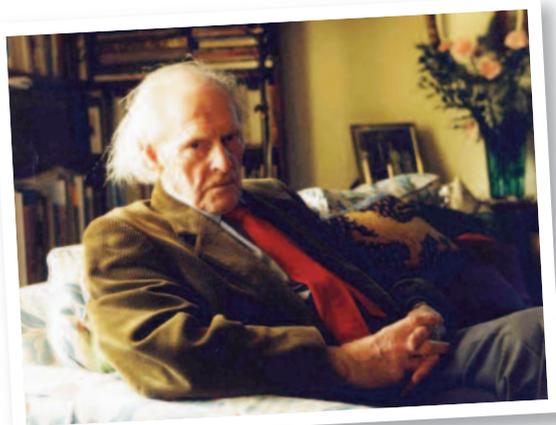
The Playground recently received £100,000 from the Lottery Fund towards new equipment, the new equipment has now been installed and the park is open to the public. The Fund went towards a battery-powered lawnmower, new football goals, and a nature corner.



## RS Thomas Festival

This Festival is held in Aberdaron - to celebrate the work of poet RS Thomas and his wife Elsie Eldridge. RS Thomas was vicar in the parish of Aberdaron for many years. This Festival celebrates their contribution by holding a series of arts and cultural events and inviting guest speakers to hold lectures. All the events are held around the village including St. Hywyn's Church, Crud y

Werin school and Porth y Swnt Centre. Funding from the Fund contributed towards hiring costs, the costs of guest speakers and entertainment such as a local boys' choir and marketing costs. A special walk was also held following routes used by RS Thomas discussing his literature and drawing attention to the special wildlife while wandering.



# Gwynedd Council's Climate and Nature Emergency Plan

Climate change is one of the greatest challenges of our time and action is required locally as well as nationally and globally. Gwynedd Council has clearly stated its intention to play a part in the fight against climate change and the natural world crisis by declaring a Climate Emergency and proceeding to draw up the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan.

By implementing the Plan the Council aims to significantly reduce its carbon emissions and increase the amount of carbon that is absorbed in order to reach the goal of being carbon neutral (net zero). Trying to reduce global warming is only one side of the coin; it is necessary to give equal attention to the crisis facing the natural world as they run so closely together. The Climate and Nature Emergency Plan therefore includes steps that the Council will take in order to protect and improve the natural world and landscape in Gwynedd, for the sake of future generations.

The Plan lists a number of projects or activities that have already started, or are being planned. Some plans that are already underway are to install solar panels on the roofs of buildings owned by the Council, eg. schools, residential homes and offices. The electricity that is produced will save carbon and energy bill costs. It is also intended to install charging points in some of these places in order to maintain the Council's fleet of electric cars and vans. Charging points will be installed in public areas for the use of residents and visitors as well.

The work of the AONB, Biodiversity and Rights of Way Unit is important in terms of protecting landscape, biodiversity and paths contributing to the goal of being 'ecologically positive'. Projects from local organizations and communities also contribute to this goal. Together we can make a difference. Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn, Leader of Gwynedd Council, in his presentation to the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan said:

*I consider the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan to be one piece in a large jigsaw which will help protect the future of our land and our children . It is nothing less than our legacy for the Gwynedd of the future.'*



To view the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan go to the Gwynedd Council website – [www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru](http://www.gwynedd.llyw.cymru) – and click on 'Climate and Nature' at the bottom of the home page. If you would like to contact directly you can email [bethanrichardson@gwynedd.llyw.cymru](mailto:bethanrichardson@gwynedd.llyw.cymru)

# Tir a Môr

Between April 2018 and March 2022, the Llŷn Land and Sea project was implemented by a number of environmental agencies and agricultural unions led by a small team of officers in the Environment Department in Gwynedd Council. Two partnerships were brought together (Llŷn Landscape Partnership and Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau Special Conservation Area Partnership) which had been responsible for implementing projects on land and sea that surround the Llŷn Peninsula for almost twenty years with the intention to implement a project that adopted alternative methods to manage habitats and species effectively.

The project encouraged an ecosystem approach to action among beneficiaries, fostering a culture of co-production at all levels to try to get the best results for the environment, the economy and the local community. By working on a landscape scale across designations and artificial boundaries the project was able to achieve much more than usual in a relatively short period of time.

The main projects that were implemented during the life of the Tir a Môr Llŷn project were:

- Maintain and expand a continuous strip of diverse habitats around the coast, working with farmers to create connectivity corridors that run parallel to the Welsh coastal path, improving the recreational opportunities, and health benefits for local people and visitors.
- Develop good practices in river catchment management and invasive species management, leading to significant economic and social benefits in relation to agricultural improvements and access.
- Investigate and pilot the concept of 'paying for results' with the help of three National Trust farms. The ultimate goal was to trial a new model to pay farmers to farm in a way that brought environmental and economic benefits to the farm.
- Involve the wider community in the work program by holding local engagement events working closely with Llŷn schools to raise awareness of the project.

There is continuous evidence throughout the project that the partnership has developed a collaborative and collaborative approach to working at a local level, enabling everyone who has been involved in the project to engage, develop and implement practical work plans.

Despite the challenges of Covid 19, the project was a resounding success and has set a precedent for the implementation of projects that look to manage coastal areas that try to bridge the Land and the Sea, something that will require continued attention as we go into the grip and problems that will arise as the climate changes around us.

For more information visit –

**Tir a Môr | Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau ([penllynarsarnau.co.uk](http://penllynarsarnau.co.uk))**



# Llŷn AONB Photography Competition

2023

Once again the Llŷn Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Unit is holding a photography competition. This is your chance to show your skills with a camera and you might win a top rate prize!

The theme for this year's competition is the Historic Environment. The Llŷn area has a wealth of historic buildings, structures and remains and the area's unique historic environment has been identified and one of its special qualities.

Photos can be of houses, chapels, churches, farm buildings, mills, bridges, burial chambers, standing stones, old quarry workings, stone walls etc.

A maximum of two photographs are permitted for each entrant. This is an opportunity to win the following great prizes :-

1st – A £120 gift voucher to stay at Nant Gwrtheyrn

2nd – Afternoon tea for two at Caffi Ni, Wern, Nefyn.

3rd – A £25 gift voucher at the Tonnau shop in Pwllheli

Send your photo(s) by e-mail to:  
[ahnelynaonb@gwynedd.llyw.cymru](mailto:ahnelynaonb@gwynedd.llyw.cymru) and state your full name and where the photo was taken.

Closing Date – Friday, 1st September, 2023.

**Good luck!**

## ..... Competition Rules .....

- Winners will be decided by an independent panel, selected by the Llŷn AONB
- A maximum of two photos allowed per entry
- Individuals cannot apply more than once
- The competition is open to all ages
- The competition is not open to anyone directly associated with arranging the competition
- The competition is not open to professional photographers
- The AONB Unit has the right to use photos entered, unless the applicant states differently
- By entering the competition, all applicants agree to the competition rules