

In Touch

with Environmental Non-Governmental
Organisations in Wales

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An introduction to Wales Environment Link
and its member organisations



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Why have you received this document?

This document has been produced by Wales Environment Link (WEL) for the purpose of informing the National Assembly for Wales and the Welsh Government about organisations working in the Environmental NGO (eNGO) sector in Wales, their current activities and policy priorities.

As part of its information provision services, WEL produces guides to the Welsh Government, National Assembly for Wales and Assembly Members for its member organisations. WEL thought it would be useful to reverse this information flow and produce a guide to the network and its member organisations, specifically for the benefit of Assembly Members and civil servants.

We hope you find this document informative. Please feel free to contact us if you require any further information.

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www.waleslink.org

Please also feel free to contact our member organisations as a source of information to support your work, to find out more about their work, or to arrange a visit to a site or project.



Wales Environment Link

WEL is a coordinating and facilitating body. It unites a diverse range of environmental and countryside NGOs in a network, to work for a better quality environment for Wales. WEL's vision is to increase the effectiveness of the environmental sector in Wales in its ability to protect and improve the environment through facilitating and articulating the voice of the environmental sector.

What WEL does for its member organisations

As an umbrella body WEL helps represent the shared interests of its member organisations. It does not seek a public profile, its role is to support the many exciting and varied environmental organisations already working in Wales to help them achieve their collective aims. WEL does this by facilitating collaborative working amongst its members and with like minded partner organisations; and by presenting their opinions to government and key decision makers in Wales. Consequently, WEL is officially designated the intermediary body between the government and the eNGO sector in Wales. WEL also provides a range of information services for our members.

WEL is ...

- a mechanism and framework which enables its members to work together to achieve collective goals
- an advocate of the memberships' collective views and a voice for the environmental movement in Wales
- a route of communication and dialogue between members and government
- a facilitator for the representation of a diverse range of organisations on governmental and other national fora
- an information provider

WEL – providing a link to the eNGO sector

WEL hopes that this document will help readers become more aware of the role that WEL plays within the sector and encourage readers to consider WEL as a point of contact in their daily work.

WEL can...

- respond to queries about environmental policy issues - by sourcing information, or by directing you to the most relevant organisations
- arrange for feedback and comment to be provided on a wide range of policy areas
- facilitate meetings with our member organisations
- inform you of sites and projects in your constituency



WEL's Working Groups

WEL has several Working Groups which are set up to provide a forum for joint working on particular issues of importance to members. These groups meet to discuss and agree policy positions which we then advocate to Assembly Members and Ministers.

There are currently seven Working Groups supported by WEL staff covering the following areas:

Advocacy: meets to create, plan and deliver opportunities to engage with Assembly Members.

Biodiversity: promotes the conservation and enhancement of biodiversity, and identifies approaches that will enable the Welsh Government to achieve the 2020 target to halt biodiversity loss.

Climate Change: supports the work of WEL's Climate Change Commissioner, and also covers matters relating to energy and transport.

Land Use: covers Glastir, the Common Agricultural Policy, woodlands, forestry and access issues.

Marine: focuses on the sustainable management of Welsh Seas, particularly through the swift and effective implementation of the Marine Act in Wales. More information is available at www.waleslinkmarine.org.uk

Natural Environment Framework: covers A Living Wales and issues relating to the proposal to create a Single Environment Body for Wales.

Planning: covers all aspects of planning, including the Wales Spatial Plan and Networked Environment Regions project.

Task & Finish Groups are also set up within WEL at different points throughout the year, to work on specific, time-bound pieces of work which do not fall into the remit of an existing Working Group.

If you would like to get in touch with any of these Working Groups please contact WEL's Advocacy Officer, Raoul Bhambral, on 029 2049 7509 or raoul@waleslink.org.



WEL's member organisations

Membership requirements

WEL's member organisations include some of the most dynamic, innovative and practical NGOs in Wales who, in turn, represent approximately 236,500 subscribing members.

Any eNGO working within Wales whose principal purpose is complementary to the charitable objectives of WEL is welcome to apply for membership. Full Membership is open to eNGOs working nationally within Wales who seek to influence national debate or policy on environmental matters and are able to demonstrate independence from government or commercial interests in their decision making.

Other eNGOs or 'not for profit' organisations (e.g. organisations that do not operate at a national level) who wish to benefit from the services and information WEL provides, and are also established for purposes complementary to WEL's charitable objects, may apply for associate membership.

Information on each of our member organisations can be found in the following pages.

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AFONYDD CYMRU

www.afonyddcymru.org

'Caring for Welsh Rivers'



Who we are: Afonydd Cymru is the umbrella body for Rivers Trusts in Wales and the sister organisation of The Rivers Trust (formerly the Association of Rivers Trusts, a registered charity representing Rivers Trusts in England, Wales and Northern Ireland).

What we do: Afonydd Cymru acts as a lead body for many of the Rivers Trusts across Wales, co-ordinating the network and Welsh activities. In parallel with The Rivers Trust, Afonydd Cymru supports local Rivers Trusts and other bottom-up community driven river improvement initiatives to deliver real change on the ground, and promotes practical & sustainable solutions to environmental issues, including sustainable fisheries management and river restoration. Like The Rivers Trust, we work on the principles of integrated whole catchment management, the Ecosystem Approach, and sustainable development. Afonydd Cymru seeks to influence national environmental policy on issues such as land management, forestry, agriculture and pollution for the benefit of inland waters and their ecology. Responses have been submitted to key consultation reports prepared by the Welsh Government and its agencies including "Living Wales", "Woodlands for Wales" and the Environment Agency's consultation on Hydropower.

Current priorities:

- Supporting member Trusts: in their development, education, delivery of activities and securing of funding
- Expanding the Trust network across the whole of Wales
- Through the Trust network: a) Delivery of WAG's Inland fisheries strategy with others; b) Meeting "Good Ecological and Favourable Conservation Status" under the Water Framework & Habitats Directives
- Supporting Blueprint initiative with Wildlife and Countryside Link and Partners

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BAT CONSERVATION TRUST

www.bats.org.uk

'Bats – the real stars of the night'

Ymddiriedolaeth Cadwraeth Ystlumod (Cymru)
 Bat Conservation Trust (Wales)

Who we are: The Bat Conservation Trust (BCT) is the only UK organisation solely devoted to the conservation of bats and their habitats.

What we do: With the dedicated support of our members, volunteers and the local bat groups, BCT helps bats through practical conservation projects and research, by supporting and educating people who find bats in their property, and by encouraging everyone to appreciate and enjoy these fascinating animals.

Current priorities:

- Continuing urban and industrial development inevitably places increased pressure on, and even loss of, roosting sites and habitats
- Changes in agricultural and forestry practice provide both opportunities and threats to our bat populations
- Issues such as bat crime (destruction, damage to resting places as well as unlawful killing of bats) are becoming ever more worrying
- Training and support for bat groups and bat workers
- Attracting new audiences

For further information on our activities please go to:
www.bats.org.uk

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BRITISH MOUNTAINEERING COUNCIL

www.thebmc.co.uk

'The national representative body for climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers in England and Wales'



Who we are: The British Mountaineering Council (BMC) is a national representative body promoting the interests of climbers, hill walkers and mountaineers in England and Wales with over 79,000 members.

What we do:

- Negotiate access improvements and promote cliff and mountain conservation
- Promote and advise on good practice, facilities, training and equipment
- Support events and specialist programmes including youth and excellence
- Provide services and information for members

Current priorities:

Issues as broad as improving support for our volunteers; removing barriers to participation; the BMC child protection policy; climbing and mountaineering competitions and awards; the BMC better bolts campaign.

The BMC is also:

- Campaigning for better coastal access and working towards developing a Green Coastal Climbing Guide
- Developing a joint MOD and BMC publication on climbing on MOD land
- Ensuring that the BMC Environment Policy is put into place
- Raising awareness of access and conservation issues, and promoting the BMC Access & Conservation Trust

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BTCV CYMRU

www.btcvcymru.org

'Inspiring people, improving places'



Cymru

Who we are: The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV) is a registered charity whose mission is to create a more sustainable future by inspiring people and improving places.

What we do: BTCV turns global environmental ideas into local ideas. Our vision is a better environment, where people are valued and involved. Each year we successfully deliver thousands of projects and activities across the UK, and in dozens of countries across the world.

Current priorities:

During the next four years we will maintain four key areas of activity in the UK and overseas:

- Connecting people with places
- Building healthy and sustainable communities
- Increasing peoples' life skills
- Investing in employment and skills for the future

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BUTTERFLY CONSERVATION

www.butterfly-conservation.org

'Saving butterflies, moths and their habitats'



Butterfly Conservation Wales
Gwarchod Glöynnod Byw Cymru

Who we are: Butterfly Conservation is the largest insect charity in Europe. We have over 1000 members and supporters in Wales and a small team of five staff is based in Swansea.

What we do:

- Advise landowners & managers on conserving and restoring important habitats
- Purchase and manage land for threatened butterflies, moths and other wildlife
- Carry out surveys, monitoring and other essential research
- Lobby government and its agencies to influence land use policy

Current priorities:

- Threatened species conservation
- Training and support for new and existing volunteers
- Developing and promoting recording and monitoring schemes

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CAMPAIGN FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL WALES

www.cprw.org.uk

'Look and learn; Care and keep; Influence and improve'



Who we are: CPRW is one of Wales' foremost countryside campaigning charities. We aim to protect the variety and distinctiveness of all Wales' landscapes and seascapes. We also value the importance and quality of rural ways of living and the need to safeguard the integrity of those who depend on and enjoy the rural areas of Wales.

What we do:

- Safeguard the diversity and distinctiveness of Wales' wide range of landscapes and seascapes and seek to enhance the quality of life in the communities of rural Wales by influencing change in these areas for the better
- Promote the unique culture and distinctiveness of rural Wales and celebrate these qualities
- Inform, advise and influence the public and decision makers of the importance of the landscapes as living resources and increase awareness of the huge range of benefits they provide for public well being

Current priorities:

- Raising the public and political profile and relevance of all Wales' landscapes and seascapes
- Promoting the sustainable use of Wales' natural resources in a responsible and integrated manner
- Making landscapes and the values of Welsh rural life important and relevant to all sectors of society
- Reconnecting people with their local landscapes and promoting the concept of Place making
- Promoting responsible landscape stewardship as the central driving force for the delivery of the Living Wales approach

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CAMPAIGN FOR NATIONAL PARKS

www.cnp.org.uk

'Campaigning to protect and promote National Parks for the benefit and quiet enjoyment of all'



Who we are: The Campaign for National Parks (CNP) is the only national, voluntary sector organisation dedicated to National Parks. CNP is an umbrella of over 40 environmental and amenity groups across England and Wales. It aims to protect National Parks from developments which have the potential to impact adversely on the landscape and promote access to National Parks for all sections of society.

What we do:

- Work in partnership with National Park Authorities, the Association of National Park Authorities, CCW, National Park Societies, private companies and community groups
- Lobby decision-makers in Westminster, Whitehall, the Welsh Government and the National Assembly for Wales
- Undertake research and campaigns on National Park issues
- Comment on changes to planning guidance and monitor and respond to planning applications
- Provide a voluntary speakers service, publications and educational materials
- Promote good practice by companies within National Parks
- Champion closer links between ethnic minority communities and National Parks through the Mosaic Partnership

Current priorities:

Minerals, Energy, Transport, Military, Planning, Green Lanes and the management of the delivery of ecosystem services in Wales and England.

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COED CADW (THE WOODLAND TRUST)

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/wales
and www.coed-cadw.org.uk/cymru



'We want to see a country rich in native woods and trees enjoyed and valued by everyone'

Who we are: The Woodland Trust is the UK's leading charity championing native woods and trees. It has 300,000 members and supporters across the UK.

What we do: The Trust has three key aims: i) to enable the creation of more native woods and places rich in trees; ii) to protect native woods, trees and their wildlife for the future and; iii) to inspire everyone to enjoy and value woods and trees.

Established in 1972, the Woodland Trust now has over 100 sites in Wales in its care, with a total area of 1,580 hectares (3,900 acres). It offers free public access to nearly all of its sites. The Trust's Welsh language name "Coed Cadw" is an old Welsh term, used in medieval laws to describe protected or preserved woodland.

Current priorities:

The four priorities for Coed Cadw's Public Affairs work in Wales are to:

- Adopt a target of doubling native woodland cover in Wales over the next fifty years
- Create a National Forest Park throughout the South Wales Valleys
- Protect ancient woods and trees and wildlife for the future
- Inspire everyone to enjoy and value woods and trees

For more on this see: www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/actionwales

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COUNCIL FOR BRITISH ARCHAEOLOGY www.britarch.ac.uk/cbawales

'Promoting archaeology in Wales'



Who we are: A national amenity society. We aim to promote the interests of archaeology and the historic environment throughout Wales by means of:

- research
- conservation
- education
- interpretation and
- publication


What we do:

- Produce an annual publication describing all recent archaeological work in Wales
- Organise two seminars a year
- Run 5 Young Archaeologists Clubs
- Statutory consultee on listed building consent and scheduled monument consent
- Organise annual National Archaeology Week
- Lobby within governmental and non governmental sector on historic environment matters

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KEEP WALES TIDY www.keepwalestidy.org

'A beautiful Wales cared for and enjoyed by all'



Who we are: Keep Wales Tidy is an independent National Voluntary Organisation with charitable status. It is a partner in Environment Wales.

What we do: Keep Wales Tidy works to encourage local action to protect and enhance our environment, contributing towards a sustainable future. Our programmes support communities, groups, schools and individuals throughout Wales, aiming to influence behaviour change through policy development and campaigns, environmental education and engagement.

Current priorities:

- To make a contribution to the delivery of relevant Welsh Government strategies
- To work with local authorities on using Local Environment Audit and Management Systems to calculate the Street Scene Performance Indicator
- Managing and promoting the Eco Schools and Young Reporters for the Environment programmes in Wales
- Managing and promoting the Blue Flag Award, Green Coast Award and Seaside Award programmes in Wales
- Empowering communities through the Tidy Towns project
- Promoting and delivering the Tidy Wales Awards

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MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY www.mcsuk.org

'Protecting our seas, shores and wildlife. Now and for future generations'



Who we are: The Marine Conservation Society is the UK charity dedicated to protecting our seas, shores and wildlife. For too long people have treated the sea as a bottomless source of food and an endless watery dustbin that needed no protection. Our work gives a voice to the public to challenge governments and organisations who can make a difference to the way the sea is treated.

What we do:

- Information: Through research, education and promotional activities, MCS gathers and disseminates information to raise awareness of the marine environment and the threats it faces.
- Involvement: Through public involvement and engagement with partners and stakeholders, MCS encourages active participation and support of our marine conservation objectives.
- Influence: Through effective lobbying and policy development, MCS influences decision makers at the national, regional and local level to implement legislation and policies that support the delivery of MCS objectives.

Current priorities:

- Seeking to influence national policy and existing practices through consultation and correspondence
- Campaigning for clean seas and beaches, sustainable fisheries, protection of marine life and their habitats, and the sensitive use of our marine resources for future generations
- Awareness raising through education, community involvement and collaboration
- Promotion of individual, industry and government action to protect the marine environment

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NATIONAL TRUST / YMDDIRIEDOLAETH GENEDLAETHOL www.nationaltrust.org.uk

'Looking after special places for ever, for everyone'



Who we are: The National Trust works to preserve and protect special coastlines, the countryside, historic properties and their contents and gardens.

What we do:

- Practical caring and conservation of countryside, coastline and the historic environment
- Enable millions of people to visit and enjoy their national heritage, and encourage learning and discovery about the importance of the environment and of our heritage
- Work to demonstrate leadership in the countryside and promote the understanding of cultural heritage
- Help to shape public policy and issues of public debate through policy and campaign work
- Undertake research and pilot new ideas, publishing and publicising the results
- Aim to inform public attitudes and stimulate debate

Current priorities:

- Inspiring people to eat local seasonal food and grow their own
- Climate Change and the historic environment
- Getting people outdoors and closer to nature

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OPEN SPACES SOCIETY

www.oss.org.uk

'We create and conserve common land, village greens, open spaces and rights of public access, in town and country, in England and Wales'



Who we are: Britain's oldest national conservation body.

What we do:

- Commons: Protect common land against encroachment
- Village Greens: Advise on how to get land registered as a village green and protected from development
- Rights of Way: We are unique in representing all categories of recreational user on all types of public right of way. We are informed of all proposals to alter the routes of these ways. Our local representatives oppose any applications for change which are not to the public benefit

Current priorities:

Our 12 point Action Plan for Wales (available at www.oss.org.uk/wales) which includes a better deal for Wales's common land as well as action points for village greens, open spaces and public paths, including the Wales Coastal Path, to be opened officially in 2012.

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PLANTLIFE

www.plantlife.org.uk

'Speaking up for the nation's wild plants'



Who we are: Plantlife is the charity that is speaking up for the nation's wild plants. We work hard to protect wild plants on the ground and to build understanding of the vital role they play in everyone's lives. Wild plants are essential to life – they clean our air and water, provide food and shelter for our insects, birds and animals and are critical in the fight against climate change. For conservation of plants in the wild to be successful, Plantlife believes that it must become the responsibility, willingly accepted, of all sectors of society: businesses, institutions, landowners, farmers, individuals, and the wider community.

What we do: Plantlife carries out practical conservation work across the UK, manages nature reserves, influences policy and legislation, runs events and activities that connect people with their local wild plants and works with others to promote the conservation of wild plants for the benefit of all. It has 7900 members and owns 23 nature reserves. Through its habitat conservation programme Plantlife works towards the recovery of priority species, for many of which it is Lead Partner. Species recovery is achieved through survey, research, practical action and advice, in partnership with other key players.

Current priorities:

- Recovery of over eighty S42 priority species for which we are Lead Partner by undertaking a habitat conservation programme focused on woodland, heathland, grassland and arable habitats. Species within the programme include vascular plants (flowers & ferns), lichens, mosses, liverworts and fungi
- Providing a forum for plant conservation organisations in Wales through Plant Link Cymru and reporting our progress towards the 16 targets of the Global Strategy for Plant Conservation
- Addressing the three key challenges facing plant and fungi conservation through the Ghost Orchid Declaration, Plantlife's manifesto for plants.
- Raising awareness of the 24 Important Plant Areas (IPAs) in Wales and encouraging their long-term protection and improvement through the adoption of an 'ecosystem-based' conservation approach
- Encouraging participation in Wildflowers Count, a unique, easy-to-do annual survey that aims to record the health of our more widespread wildflowers

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RAMBLERS CYMRU

www.ramblers.org.uk

'The Charity working for walkers'



Who we are: Ramblers' Cymru is the leading organisation speaking for walkers

What we do:

Ramblers Cymru works to secure its aims:

- to promote walking
- to protect, open up and develop the definitive path network in Wales
- to secure, promote and protect responsible freedom to roam on all open country
- to protect the outdoor environment and maintain its health and sustainability
- to increase and extend our membership, so that the Ramblers can engage with and represent all sectors of society

Current priorities:

- To develop coastal access, and support the All Wales Coastal Path containing high quality routes for walkers and other quiet users, and improving biodiversity and landscape value
- To improve the condition of public paths in Wales, including responding to Local Authority Rights of Way improvement plans
- To help local communities protect their footpaths by offering advice to the public on public path issues
- To promote sustainable transport as part of our led walks programmes
- To engage with planning issues affecting the walking environment and the wider landscape
- To support our volunteers to organise a range of walks and activities, including short community focussed walks

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RSPB CYMRU

www.rspb.org.uk/wales

'Nature's Voice'



Who we are: The RSPB is Europe's largest wildlife charity, with over one million members, over 51,000 of them living in Wales. RSPB Cymru is part of the RSPB, which speaks out for birds and wildlife, tackling the problems that threaten our environment. We work to protect and enhance habitats such as upland and lowland farmland, heather moorland, coastal heath, wet grassland, estuaries and reedbeds, and our reserves help to protect rare and threatened wildlife.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) is a registered charity: England and Wales no. 207076, Scotland no. SC037654.

What we do: Birds do not exist in isolation, to conserve them we must conserve the whole environment. The RSPB works on many levels ranging from the protection and management of important areas for wildlife to working with policy makers on issues which affect our environment. This covers almost every area of the National Assembly's policy remit – from agriculture, climate change, planning and energy generation, to education, nature conservation and sustainable development.

Current priorities:

- Restoring biodiversity: Wales along with other nations missed the EU target to halt biodiversity loss by 2010, It is crucial that the Welsh Government now works towards the new 2020 target to halt the loss of biodiversity. RSPB Cymru is calling for the Welsh Government to ensure that a clear, funded, action plan to stem the loss of wildlife and restore degraded habitats is in place as part of the developing Natural Environment Framework. We are also calling on the government to ensure that any changes to environmental governance in Wales (i.e. the possible creation of a new single environmental body) result in a strong champion for Wales' wildlife
- Agriculture: Changes in agriculture have had a dramatic effect on wildlife. RSPB Cymru urges the Welsh Government to ensure that Glastir delivers for biodiversity and that a sustainable Common Agricultural Policy provides mechanisms to ensure the habitat management that is needed to bring priority species such as lapwing and curlew back from the brink
- Climate Change: This is the greatest long term threat to wildlife and is already affecting the life cycles of birds and other wildlife. RSPB Cymru is calling on the Government to ensure the delivery of emissions reductions in a sustainable way, and the adoption of policies to help biodiversity adapt to change

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SUSTRANS CYMRU www.sustrans.org.uk

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JOIN THE MOVEMENT


‘Our vision is a world in which people choose to travel in ways that benefit their health and our environment’

Who we are: Sustrans makes smarter travel choices possible, desirable and inevitable. We’re a leading UK charity enabling people to travel by foot, bike or public transport for more of the journeys we make every day. We work with families, communities, policy makers and partner organisations so that people are able to choose healthier, cleaner and cheaper journeys, with better places and spaces to move through and live in.

What we do:
 We’re a catalyst – we make smarter travel choices possible
 We campaign – we make smarter travel choices desirable
 We influence – we make smarter travel choices inevitable

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WWF CYMRU www.wwf.org.uk/cymru



Who we are: WWF Cymru is the Welsh office of WWF-UK. The global mission of WWF is to stop the degradation of the planet’s natural environment and to build a future in which humans live in harmony with nature, by:

- conserving the world’s biological diversity
- ensuring that the use of renewable resources is sustainable
- promoting the reduction of pollution and wasteful consumption

What we do:
 Our team of 7 focuses on policy work, lobbying and communications by:


- Establishing partnerships with other environmental and countryside organisations
- Proposing solutions for Governments and businesses to introduce policies and products that reduce Wales’ carbon emissions
- Ensure that environmental and sustainability issues are high on the political and media agendas

Current priorities:

- Working to safeguard the Welsh marine environment through the Marine Act to ensure Welsh seas are sustainably managed by a comprehensive system of marine spatial planning
- Calling on the Welsh Assembly Government to reduce Wales’ carbon footprint by at least 3 per cent per year
- Ecological Footprint - stabilise and reduce Wales’ ecological footprint to a ‘One Planet’ level

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WILDLIFE TRUSTS WALES www.wildlifetrustswales.org



‘An environment rich in wildlife for everyone’

Who we are: Wildlife Trusts Wales facilitates the work of the six Wildlife Trusts in Wales – Brecknock, Gwent, Montgomeryshire, North Wales, Radnorshire and South and West Wales. It speaks on behalf of the Welsh Trusts on areas of national interest and drives forward a programme of all-Wales work best delivered from a national platform. The six Wildlife Trusts in Wales work together in partnership to achieve our common aims, and we are a charitable Trust set up to assist their activities and act as an interface with public bodies, including the Welsh Government and key stakeholders.

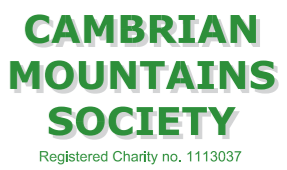
What we do: Our strategic objectives are to:

- Lead the engagement of the six Wildlife Trusts in Wales with key decision makers in Wales, to influence policy development
- Lead on national, UK and European initiatives to increase influence, profile and resources
- Lead on national initiatives on behalf of the Wildlife Trusts in Wales
- Liaise between TWT and the Wildlife Trusts in Wales when appropriate
- Maintain a sustainable and efficient organisation

Current priorities: Wildlife Trusts Wales are working to create living landscapes and to secure living seas in Wales, recognising these as an aspirational end-point where our environment, society, and economy coexist for the benefit of wildlife and people. We want to foster the connectivity that links our urban and rural areas, our freshwater and coast, our land and sea. We aim to help create ecologically functioning areas that can adapt to climate change, provide resilience and connectivity for wildlife, access and enjoyment for people. We recognise the need for a sustainable economy and are promoting the development of the green economy in Wales through new ecosystem services markets in Wales. Our priorities are therefore ensuring a robust Natural Environmental Framework and suitable governance structures of any future environment bodies in Wales.

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CAMBRIAN MOUNTAINS SOCIETY www.cambrian-mountains.co.uk



‘Working for a better future for the communities, environment and landscape of the Cambrian Mountains’

Who we are: An unincorporated registered charity with a membership of 250-300, governed by a committee of trustees.

What we do:

- Campaign for greater recognition and protection for the Cambrian Mountains
- Work to inform the public and policymakers about the Cambrian Mountains, through lobbying, press work, publications and a website
- Promote and support measures which will enhance or sustain the landscape, environment, biodiversity, geodiversity, culture and heritage of the Cambrian Mountains
- Organise indoor talks, guided walks and field trips
- Liaise with the Welsh Government, local authorities, public and voluntary sector organisations on matters of relevance to the Cambrian Mountains

Current priorities:

- Promoting the creation of a Cambrian Mountains Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty
- Supporting measures to control use of off-road motor vehicles in the Cambrian Mountains
- Developing and promoting an environmentally responsible renewable energy policy for the Cambrian Mountains

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ELAN VALLEY TRUST

www.elanvalley.org.uk

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Who we are: The Elan Valley Trust was established by Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water in 1989 to protect the flora and fauna of the Elan Estate and to encourage public access and environmental education, and to safeguard against inappropriate developments affecting the Estate. The organisation is responsible for the administration of the majority of the 70 square mile Elan Valley Estate.

What we do:

- Conservation, promotion of access, education
- Landlord to 28 farms and 38 houses, farms 7 blocks of in hand land, public facilities, holiday cottages, estate maintenance in the Elan and Claerwen Valleys, Mid Wales

Current priorities: Maintenance and prosperity of the Elan Valley Estate.

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ENVIRONMENT WALES

www.environment-wales.org

**'Grants and support for a better Welsh environment'**

Who we are: Environment Wales is a Welsh Government initiative in the voluntary sector delivered by the following core partners; BTCV Cymru, Cylch, Groundwork Cymru Wales, Keep Wales Tidy, National Trust, Ecocentre Wales, Cynnal Cymru – Sustain Wales, WCVA, and Wildlife Trusts Wales

What we do: Environment Wales contributes to sustainable development through supporting voluntary action to protect and improve the environment of Wales. It offers a dedicated development service, and a range of grants to support practical environmental action. It also runs the Supporting Sustainable Living Grant scheme to help groups achieve long-term changes in behaviour or lifestyle to reduce Wales's greenhouse gas emissions or build community resilience to climate change.

Current priorities:

- To enable community groups and other third sector organisations to make a real difference to how the people of Wales live in and perceive the environment and their impact upon it
- To provide support for volunteers to take action for the environment and sustainable living
- To act as a hub that networks small voluntary sector groups enabling them to share learning and promote best practice in running successful groups and projects

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OXFAM CYMRU

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Be Humankind

'Working with others to overcome poverty and suffering'

Who we are: All our work is based on the belief that everyone has the right to: life and security, a sustainable livelihood, basic social services, equity and the right to be heard. We work at all levels from global to local, including international governments, global institutions as well as with local communities and individuals, to ensure that everyone's rights are fulfilled and protected. We work closely with others to implement the most appropriate, effective solution in any particular situation. The size of our network, combined with our knowledge, experience, resources and collaborative approach, enable us to have both an immediate impact and lasting change to be realized.

What we do:

We are a catalyst for overcoming poverty. To achieve the greatest impact, we work on three inter-linking fronts:

- Saving lives by responding swiftly to provide aid, support and protection during emergencies
- Developing programmes and solutions that empower people to work their way out of poverty
- Campaigning to achieve lasting change

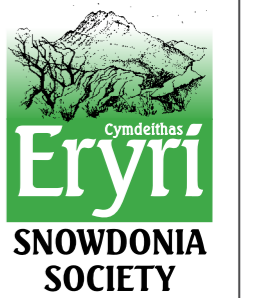
Current priorities:

Our number one priority is climate change.

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SNOWDONIA SOCIETY

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**'Protecting, enhancing and celebrating Snowdonia'**

Who we are: The Snowdonia Society is a registered charity working to protect, enhance and celebrate Snowdonia National Park, its landscape, wildlife and heritage. Formed in 1967, the charity now has nearly 1700 members. Through practical conservation work and campaigning on policy issues, the Society seeks to ensure that the beauty and diversity of Snowdonia's landscape and wildlife and its distinctive cultural identity remain for present and future generations to enjoy.

What we do:

- Host a wide variety of events to celebrate and raise awareness of all aspects of Snowdonia
- Campaign against inappropriate developments
- Lobby (and respond to consultations from) local, regional and national agencies to ensure the highest level of protection for the Park
- Contribute to development of policies for management of the Park
- Work with volunteers to carry out a wide range of conservation activities
- Seek and exploit opportunities to enhance the landscape in practical ways

Current priorities:

- Expanding the volunteering programme, especially among young people, local communities and disadvantaged individuals and groups who would benefit from increased access to volunteering opportunities
- An exciting project to turn the Society's former Headquarters, the Ugly House, into a visitor and interpretation centre for the Welsh Honey Bee, with queen rearing hives for *Apis mellifera* in the extensive grounds – due to open summer 2012
- Building up our membership, donations and legacies and improving direct involvement of members in our work

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WYE AND USK FOUNDATION

www.wyeuskfoundation.org

'Action for Fisheries'



Who we are: The Wye and Usk Foundation (WUF) is a registered charity and Company limited by guarantee. It has a board of up to 15 trustees and its stakeholders and partners are Wye and Usk riparian owners, EAW and CCW.

What we do:

WUF works on a variety of proven and innovative techniques that restore riparian habitat and water quality, ultimately restoring fisheries to a sustainable level and thus contributing to the rural economy. WUF's projects and work outputs contribute substantially to SAC and BAP for species and habitats in relation to the Usk and Wye.

Current priorities:

- Continuing our current and future project development and implementation
- Delivering measures under the Water Framework Directive
- Managing and eradicating invasive weeds and other invasive species
- Linking environmental improvements with the rural economy
- Defending the rivers, their fish and fisheries against adverse development
- Resolving riverine access issues

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YOUTH HOSTEL ASSOCIATION

www.yha.org.uk

'To help all, especially young people of limited means, to a greater knowledge, love and care of the countryside, and an appreciation of the cultural values of towns and cities, particularly by providing hostels or other accommodation for them in their travels, and thus to promote their health, recreation and education'



Who we are: It is a charitable not for profit organisation that provides accommodation through a network of youth hostels, bunk houses and camping barns. It is assisted by a large number of volunteers and administered by a Board of Trustees.

What we do: YHA provides accommodation in line with its objectives to a variety of users. It is involved in charitable work with deprived groups, ethnic groups and provides summer activity camps for children. It aims to provide sustainable tourism by making hostels energy efficient and encouraging visitors to use public transport.

Current priorities:

- Mosaic Partnership with Council for National Parks to encourage disadvantaged groups to visit Welsh National Parks in Wales
- Open Roads to encourage visitors to use public transport; and Open Access promoting the new rights and opportunities
- Do it for Real Summer Camps for young people
- Making the Youth Hostel Network fit for purpose with reinvestment and developing new franchises

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