



ANNUAL REPORT

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This is the 13th annual report of Coetir Mynydd and covers the period 27 Feb 2016 to 15 Feb 2017.

During the period of this report the business of the company was directed by the board which comprised: Tim Radford (Chair), Gwen Griffiths (Vice-chair), Jenny Wong (Secretary), Bryan Dickinson (Acting Treasurer), Martin Daws, Sharon Sweeny, Gabe Wyn and Mike Vitkovitch.

Board meetings

Three full board meetings were held in 2016 with many meetings of the board members working on the hydro proposal (Tim Radford, Jenny Wong, Bryan Dickinson and Gabe Wyn).

Maintenance

Several of the trees lost large branches and a couple of trees blew over. Where these fell over the path they were cut and pushed to the side and branches falling onto neighbouring fields were cleared. Many thanks to John Sweeny and all others who helped clear the footpath at short notice.

Gwynedd Council footpath officer organised a team of volunteers to re-surface the top section of the path with slate waste. Remedial work on the footbridge is yet to be done.

Biodiversity

In June, Gabe and Martin organised a Pond dipping morning for the Ysgol Bodfeurig pupils at Ynys Uchaf. The children were split into two groups, one pond dipping and the other writing and drawing their reactions and really enjoyed themselves.



The Big Garden Bird survey in 2017 was on the 28-29th January. As in previous years people sent in their records to add to CM's bird records for the village. Chris and others have confirmed that the pied flycatchers have returned to nest in Parc yr Ocar.

Between July and Sept, Bryan, Cai Dickinson and Chris Allen did the annual sweep of the village for Himalayan balsam. A couple of new patches were discovered, but the amount needing to be removed each year continues to decrease.

Following the release of red squirrels close to our woodlands we are hopeful that we will be seeing them here soon!

Micro-hydro

With funding from Ynni Lleol and the Community Investment Fund (Mantell Gwynedd) it was possible to undertake the surveys required to complete a first set of documents describing a possible hydro scheme on the Galedffrwd. The surveys undertaken were:

- Otter survey
- Bat survey
- Phase I habitat mapping
- Bryophytes (mosses)
- Archaeology survey
- Tree survey
- General biodiversity impacts

The results of these surveys and the layout of the scheme will be presented to the community for comment on the 26th February 2017.

Parc y Bwlch

Discussions with NRW on community inputs into the Resources plan for the conifer forestry continued. Plans were drawn up for students from Bangor University and Glynllifon College to help with surveys of trees and extraction routes for smaller scale operations in the lower part of the forest.

Treasurers report

A separate detailed report is available at the AGM. The Co-op bank requested a substantial amount of information from the CM board in order for us to meet new legal requirements on group accounts. After almost 12 months this has now been completed.