

# Parciau Cenedlaethol: Cefnogi Lles Economaidd

## National Parks: Supporting Economic Wellbeing



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## Cyflwyniad

Mae Parciau Cenedlaethol Cymru yn ardaloedd byw a gweithiol sy'n cefnogi cymunedau byrlymusr a thirweddau eiconig sy'n cael eu defnyddio i farchnata Cymru ar draws y byd. Maent hefyd yn lleoedd arbennig y mae'n rhaid eu cadw ar gyfer cenedlaethau'r dyfodol. Yn ôl adroddiad Gwerth ein Hamgylchedd mae Parciau Cenedlaethol Cymru yn cynnal 12,000 o swyddi, yn cynhyrchu cyfanswm incwm o £177miliwn ac yn cynhyrchu CMC o £205miliwn.

Er gwaethaf hyn, mae canfyddiad yn bodoli bod dynodiad Parc Cenedlaethol yn gweithredu fel rhwystr i ddatblygiad economaidd, gyda rôl Awdurdodau'r Parciau Cenedlaethol fel Awdurdodau Cyllunio yn darged penodol ar gyfer beirniadaeth. Nid oes llawer o dystiolaeth i gefnogi'r farn hon. Yn 2011-2012 fe gafodd dros 85% o geisiadau cynllunio a gyflwynir i'r Parciau Cenedlaethol eu cymeradwyo. Mae'r ffigur hwn yn debyg i'r cyfartaledd ar gyfer Awdurdodau Cyllunio ar draws Cymru.

Mewn perthynas â sectorau penodol rhwng 2007 a 2011 cytunwyd dros 85% o geisiadau cynllunio ar gyfer gosodiadau ynni adnewyddadwy yn y Parciau Cenedlaethol ac mae dros 85% o'r ceisiadau sy'n ymwnéud â thwristiaeth ac amaethyddiaeth yn cael eu cymeradwyo hefyd.

Oherwydd y diogelwch a ddarperir gan y broses gynllunio, mae llawer o'n trefi a thirweddau wedi dod yn atyniadau o bwys sy'n cefnogi diwydiannau twristiaeth bywiog ac yn creu miloedd o swyddi. Fodd bynnag, mae Parciau Cenedlaethol yn llawer mwyn na chyrchfannau twristiaeth, maent yn esiamplau o ddatblygu cynaliadwy ar waith. Ymhell o fod yn rhwystr ar ddatblygiad, mae'r system gynllunio mewn Parciau Cenedlaethol yn caniatáu i ddatblygiadau cyffrous gymryd lle. Mae'r cyhoeddriad hwn yn tynnu sylw at waith mewn Parciau Cenedlaethol sy'n cefnogi creu swyddi ac economi lleol bywiog.

## Introduction

The National Parks of Wales are living, working areas that support vibrant communities and iconic landscapes that are used to market Wales across the world. They are also special places that must be conserved for future generations. The Valuing our Environment report indicated that the National Parks of Wales support 12,000 jobs, produce a total income of £177million and generate a GDP of £205million.

Despite this, a perception exists that National Park designation acts as a barrier to economic development, with the role of National Park Authorities as Planning Authorities being a particular target for criticism. There is little evidence to support this view. In 2011-2012 over 85% of planning applications submitted in National Parks were approved. This figure is comparable with the average for Planning Authorities across Wales.

In relation to specific sectors between 2007 and 2011 over 85% of planning applications for renewable energy installations in National Parks were approved and over 85% of applications relating to tourism and agriculture were also approved.

Due to the protection provided by the planning process, many of our towns and landscapes have become major attractions which support vibrant tourism industries and create thousands of jobs. However, National Parks are far more than tourism destinations, they are exemplars of sustainable development in action. Far from being a block on development the planning system in National Parks allows exciting developments to be undertaken. This publication highlights work in National Parks that supports the creation of jobs and a vibrant local economy.



## Cymoedd Gwyrdd

Cafodd Cwmni Buddiant Cymunedol Cymoedd Gwyrdd ei sefydlu gan aelodau o'r gymuned ym Mharc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog a'r cyffiniau yn 2009, gyda chymorth Tim Datblygu Cymunedol Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog a'r Gronfa Datblygu Cynaliadwy (CDG). Roedd yr CDG yn un o noddwyr cyntaf y fenter gymdeithasol ac mae wedi rhoi grantiau o £48,294 rhwng 2008/09 a 2012/13 i gefnogi prosiect y Cymoedd Gwyrdd. Nod y Cymoedd Gwyrdd yw ysbyrdoli a chefnogi cymunedau i gydwethio i leihau allyriadau carbon, cynhyrchu incwm a sicrhau manteision cymdeithasol ac amgylcheddol yn y cymunedau hynny.

Mae'r Cymoedd Gwyrdd yn berchen nog llwyr ar is-gwmni o'r enw TGV Hydro Cyf, sy'n darparu'r arbenigedd technegol i hyrwyddo eu hamcanion. Mae hefyd wedi buddsoddi fel perchen nog rhannol yn Hydrolite Cyf, sef cwmni sy'n creu offer cynhyrchu ynni dŵr. Mae'r ddau gwmni wedi'u lleoli yng Nghymru.

Mae TGV Hydro Cyf yn cynnig gwasanaeth dylunio ac adeiladu wedi'i achredu'n llawn ar gyfer systemau hydro-electric ar raddfa fach, sy'n addas iawn ar gyfer topograffia a hinsawdd Cymru. Mae TGV Hydro Cyf wedi tyfu o ddim ac erbyn hyn mae'n cyflogi 6.5 o staff sy'n gweithio ar gynlluniau ledled Cymru. Yn ogystal, mae'r cwmni yn defnyddio 4 contractwr lleol i osod systemau ac yn gwario tua £300,000 y flwyddyn ar gyflenwadau, sy'n cael eu prynu mor lleol ag y bo modd.

Mae 2 berson arall yn cael eu cyflogi gan y Cwmni Buddiant Cymunedol ei hun sy'n helpu i sefydlu a datblygu grwpiau a phrosiectau cymunedol ar draws Parc Cenedlaethol Bannau Brycheiniog, gan gynnwys prosiectau sy'n gysylltiedig â bwyd a choetiroedd cymunedol.



## The Green Valleys

The Green Valleys Community Interest Company was set up by community members in and around the Brecon Beacons National Park in 2009, with the help of the Brecon Beacons National Park's Community Development Team and the Sustainable Development Fund (SDF). The SDF was one of the initial funders for the social enterprise and has supported The Green Valleys with grants of £48,294 between 2008/09 and 2012/13. The Green Valleys aim to inspire and support communities to work together to reduce carbon emissions, generate income and deliver social and environmental benefits.

The Green Valleys CIC wholly owns a subsidiary company, TGV Hydro Ltd, to provide the technical expertise to further their aims and has also invested in part ownership of Hydrolite Ltd, a manufacturer of hydro generation equipment. Both companies are based in Wales.

TGV Hydro Ltd. offers a fully accredited design and construction service for small scale hydro-electric systems, well suited to the topography and climate of Wales. From small beginnings TGV Hydro Ltd now has a staff of 6.5 people working on schemes across Wales. In addition the company is using four local contractors in the installation of systems and is spending circa £300,000 a year on supplies sourced as locally as possible.

A further two people are employed by the Community Interest Company itself helping to set up and develop community groups and projects across the Brecon Beacons National Park, including food related projects and community woodlands.

## Datblygiad Tai yn Stryd y Llew, Aberhonddu

Gofynnwyd am ganiatâd cyllunio llawn i godi 26 uned breswyl o dai cymdeithasol ar safle yn Aberhonddu, lle'r oedd hen orsaф heddlu o'r 1960au.

Mae'r safle wedi ei leoli o fewn ffin datblygiad anheddu Aberhonddu, Ardal Gadwraeth Aberhonddu ac ardal Gwerthuso Archaeolegol. Mae'r safle wedi ei amgylchynu gan nifer o adeiladau rhestedig ac mae o fewn Tirwedd Hanesyddol Aberhonddu.

Mae'r datblygiad hefyd wedi'i leoli yn ardal yr Heneb Gofrestredig a elwir yn Fur y Dref yn Watton Mount.

Cafodd yr hen orsaф heddlu a'r adeiladau cysylltiedig eu dymchwel ar ôl cynnal nifer o arolygon ecolegol o ystumod. Codwyd trï bloc o unedau preswyl a oedd yn cynwys 21 fflat a 5 tŷ datblygiad yn dai fforddiadwy. Mae pob bloc wedi'i orffen â thoeau llechi a waliau brics coch i gyd-fynd â'r Adeiladau Rhestredig cyfagos. Mae'r ffenestri a'r drysau yn arddull y cyfnod Sioraidd.

Codwyd adeilad yn arddull y cyfnod Sioraidd ym mhen blaen y safle i gyd-fynd â nodweddion Stryd y Llew. Fel rhan o'r cynllun dymchwelwyd adeiladau modern hyll nad oedd yn gydnaws â'r ardal gyfagos a disodlywyd hwy gan adeiladau sydd wedi eu cynllunio i weddu i'r ardal leol.

Mae'r datblygiad hwn yn hwb enfawr i'r ardal hon a'r cyffiniau ac mae'n ddatblygiad gwerthfawr o ran tai ffos diadwy ac archwiliadau archaeolegol.

## Housing Development at Lion Street, Brecon

Full planning permission was sought for the erection of 26 residential units of social housing on a site in Brecon which was occupied by an unsightly 1960's disused former police station.

The site is located within the settlement development boundary of Brecon, the Brecon Conservation Area and an area of Archaeological Evaluation. The site is also surrounded by a number of listed structures and is within the Brecon Historic Landscape.

The development is also located in the vicinity of the Scheduled Ancient Monument known as the Town Wall at Watton Mount.

The old police station and associated buildings were demolished following numerous ecological bat surveys. Three blocks of residential units were constructed comprising 21 apartments and five two-storey terraced houses. The development provides 100% affordable housing. All blocks are finished with slate roofs and red brick elevations to match the adjacent Listed Buildings. The windows and doors are of a Georgian style.

The proposal has introduced a Georgian style building at the front of the site to complement the characteristics of Lion Street. It has involved the removal of unsightly modern buildings which were out of character with the surrounding area and they have been replaced with buildings which have been designed to respond to local context.

This development is a huge design boost for the immediate and surrounding area and is a valued development in terms of affordable housing and archaeological investigation.





## Twristiaeth Gynaliadwy ym Manna Brycheiniog

Twristiaeth yw'r cyflogwr mwyaf yn y sector preifat ym Manna Brycheiniog. Mae'n cyfrannu dros £220 miliwn i'r economi leol ac mae'n helpu i gadw llawer o gyfleusteriau cymunedol ar agor - boed yn dafarnau, swyddfeydd post neu wasanaethau bws. Mae'n cyfrannu at bob cangen o gynaliadwyedd, boed economaidd, cymunedol neu amgylcheddol.

Mae Awdurdod y Parc Cenedlaethol wedi bod yn weithgar ers dros 10 mlynedd yn cefnogi twristiaeth gynaliadwy. Yn ddiweddar dyfarnwyd i'r ardal y Siarter Europeaidd am Dwristiaeth Gynaliadwy mewn Ardaloedd Gwarchodedig am ail gyfnod o 5 mlynedd.

**COLLABOR8** Prosiect a ariannwyd gan gynnllun Interreg yr UE oedd COLLABOR8 a ddaeth â grwpiau o fusnesau twristiaeth at eu gilydd i gymryd cyfrifoldeb am eu cyrchfan leol. Yn y Parc Cenedlaethol, cafodd 15 clwstwr eu cefnogi i ymgymryd ag ystod eang o weithgareddau, gan gynnwys gwyliau, taflenni teithiau cerdded, gweffannau, llwybrau marchogaeth, prosiectau bwyd lleol ac ati.

**Cynghreiriau Gwledig** Erbyn hyn mae grwpiau'r COLLABOR8 yn dechrau gweithio gyda'u cymunedau lleol o dan y prosiect Interreg olynol hwn. Yr APC yw'r Partner Arweiniol.

**Twristiaeth Werdd** Hyd yn oed cyn COLLABOR8, roedd yr APC yn gweithio gyda busnesau i'w helpu i fod yn fwy gwyrrd. Mae'r prosiectau Interreg wedi galluogi llawer mwy o waith ac erbyn hyn rydym yn cynnal 6 chwrs hyfforddi y flwyddyn. Mae gennym ymgynghorydd lleol a 40 busnes ardystedig – pob un ohonynt yn gweithredu rhaglenni gwyrrd i wella'u perfformiad busnes.



## Sustainable Tourism in the Brecon Beacons

Tourism is the biggest private sector employer in the Brecon Beacons. It contributes over £220million to the local economy and helps keep many community facilities open - including pubs, post offices or bus services. It contributes towards all branches of sustainability whether economic, community or environmental.

The National Park Authority has been active for over 10 years in supporting the development of sustainable tourism. The area has recently been awarded the European Charter for Sustainable Tourism in Protected Areas for a second five year period.

**COLLABOR8** COLLABOR8 was an EU funded Interreg project that brought groups of tourism businesses together to take responsibility for their local destination. In the National Park, 15 clusters were supported to undertake a wide range of activities, including festivals, walks leaflets, websites, riding routes, local food projects etc.

**Rural Alliances** The COLLABOR8 groups are now starting to work with their local communities under this successor Interreg project for which the NPA is Lead Partner.

**Green Tourism** Even before COLLABOR8, the NPA worked with businesses to help them become greener. The Interreg projects have increased local employment and now we run six training courses per year, have a local advisor and 40 certified businesses – all implementing green programmes to improve their business performance.

## Datblygiad Traeth y De, Dinbych-y-pysgod

Yn 2008 rhoddwyd caniatâd cynllunio a Chaniatâd Ardal Gadwraeth i ddymchwel hen gaffi Traeth y De yn Ninbych-y-pysgod. Yn ei le byddai datblygiad newydd fforddai'n cynnwys 19 fflat, ac ar lawr isaf y datblygiad byddai caffi a siopau sy'n gysylltiedig â'r traeth.

Roedd y datblygiad hefyd yn cynnwys newidiadau i'r fynedfa o'r Esplanade tua'r dwyraint a byddai cysylltiad drwy sgwâr cyhoeddus newydd i faes parcio Traeth y De.

Mae'r datblygiad, er mor ddatadleuol ydyw, wedi adfywio man a oedd yn dipyn o ddolur llygad ar y traeth ac o fewn yr Ardal Gadwraeth. Erbyn hyn mae'n darparu gwasanaeth i ddefnyddwyr y traeth, ymwelwyr a thrigolion.

Mae wedi creu nifer o swyddi, ac mae hefyd wedi galluogi defnyddwyr amrywiol i fwynhau'r traeth a defnyddio'r cyfleusterau yn y datblygiad newydd. Erbyn hyn mae modd i bobl llai abl fwynhau harddwch y traeth a chael mynediad hefyd at y cyfleusterau a'r darpariaethau yn nhref Dinbych-y-pysgod.

Mae'r datblygiad felly wedi dod â budd cymdeithasol sylweddol a phleser i'r man hwn ac mae wedi gwella'n fawr ran o'r traeth a oedd gynt yn ddolur llygad. Mae hefyd wedi gwneud cyfraniad economaidd i'w dref drwy ei gyflleoedd cyflogaeth a thrwy'r busnes a grëwyd gan y gwasanaethau y mae'n eu cynnig.

## South Beach Development, Tenby

Planning permission and Conservation Area Consent were granted in 2008 for the demolition of the former South Beach Café in Tenby and its replacement with a new development comprising 19 flats, and a ground floor providing café and beach related retail uses.

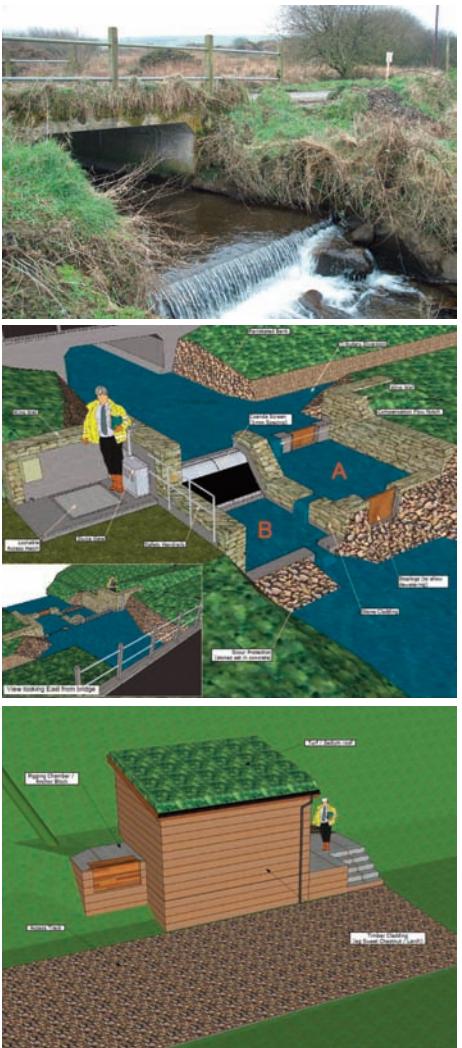
The development also included alterations to the access from the Esplanade to the east and its connection through a new public plaza area to the South Beach car park.

The development, whilst controversial, has regenerated a considerable eyesore on the beach and within the Conservation Area and now provides a service to beach users, visitors and residents.

It has provided several jobs, and also enabled multi-user access to the beach and the facilities in the new development, enabling those less able to enjoy the beauty of South Beach whilst also accessing the facilities and provisions within Tenby town.

The development has therefore provided a considerable social benefit to the enjoyment of this location whilst upgrading a seriously detrimental part of the beach environment. It has also provided an economic contribution to the town through its employment opportunities and through the business created from the services it offers.





## Cynllun Trydan Dŵr, Nant Pont-faen, Pontfaen

Yn ddiweddar, bu APCAP yn ystyried cais cynllunio a oedd yn ymwned â chynllun ynni adnewyddadwy yng Nghwm Gwaun. Roedd y cynllun yn cynnwys cynllun ar gyfer cynllun micro hydro ar hyd yr afon. Byddai'n cynhyrchu 100kW ar y mwyaf, a byddai'n allforio'r ynni yn uniongyrchol i'r rhwydwaith dosbarthu trydan lleol. Cyflwynwyd y cais cynllunio ar 11eg o Ionawr 2012 yn dilyn trafodaethau, a chafodd ei gymeradwyo gan yr Awdurdod ar 6ed o Fawrth 2012.

Tybir y bydd y prosiect yn cynhyrchu 275MWh bob blwyddyn, sy'n ddigon i ddiwallu anghenion trydan tua 80 o gartrefi ac arbed 150 tunnell fetrig o CO<sub>2</sub> rhag cael ei ollwng i'r aer. Bydd y cynllun yn tynnu dŵr drwy bibell o nant yn ymyl pont Tyryet i bwerdy to gwyrdd newydd yn ymyl Tŷ Pont-faen. Wedyn bydd y dŵr yn cael ei ollwng yn ôl i'r nant cyn iddi lifo i'r Afon Gwaun.

Yn ei gyflwyniad dywedodd yr ymgeisydd bod gan gynnlluniau trydan dŵr ar hyd afonydd gostau cyfalaф uchel o gymharu â thechnolegau adnewyddadwy eraill, ond yn y tymor hir bydd cynllun sy'n cael ei gynnal yn dda yn ffynhonnell lân a chynaliadwy o ynni adnewyddadwy am flynyddoedd lawer, ymhell y tu hwnt i'r 15-20 mlynedd sydd eu hangen i adennill costau cyfalaф y cynllun.

Gellir ystyried y cynllun hwn fel engraifft dda o'r cyfraniad y gall y gwasanaeth cynllunio ei wneud i hybu a darparu ar gyfer ynni gwyrdd ac adnewyddadwy yn y Parc Cenedlaethol.

## Hydro Electric Scheme, Pontfaen Brook, Pontfaen

PCNPA recently considered and determined a planning application proposing a renewable energy scheme in the Gwaun Valley. The scheme consisted of a proposal for a run-of-river micro-hydro scheme with a maximum generation capacity of 100kW which would export energy directly to the local electricity distribution network. The planning application was submitted on 11th January 2012 following pre-application discussions and approved by the Authority on 6th March 2012.

The project is estimated to generate 275MWh annually which would be sufficient to supply the electricity needs of approximately 80 homes and save 150 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> being emitted into the atmosphere. The scheme will pipe water from a brook at the intake near the bridge of Tyryet to a new green roofed powerhouse near the grounds of Pontfaen House before being discharged back into the brook before it joins the Afon Gwaun.

The applicant's submission identified that run-of-river hydro electric schemes have high capital costs compared with other renewable technologies but if a long-term view is taken, a well maintained scheme will provide a clean and sustainable source of renewable energy for many years beyond the 15-20 years required to recoup the capital costs of the scheme.

This scheme can be viewed as a good example of the contribution the planning service can make to promoting and providing for green and renewable energy within the National Park.

## Ailddatblygu Gwesty'r Cambrian, Saundersfoot

Ym mis Mawrth 2012 cafodd APCAP gais cyllunio yn cynnig ailddatblygu safle allweddol yn Saundersfoot drwy wneud defnydd cymysg o phrifysg.

Roedd y safle yn cynnwys hen Westy'r Cambrian, Adeilad Rhestredig Gradd II, a oedd â thir yn y cefn, sef hen faes parcio'r gwesty. Cyn cyflwyno'r cais bu trafodaethau rhwng yr asiant a swyddogion yr Awdurdod, a hefyd roedd ceisiadau wedi'u cymeradwyo yn y gorffennol i ddatblygu'r safle.

Mae'r Awdurdod wedi cydnabod bod y safle yn allweddol i'w ailddatblygu ac roedd yn cydnabod ei bwysigrwydd o fewn Ardal Gadwraeth Saundersfoot.

O dan y cynllun byddai newid yn nefnydd y safle a byddai estyniad i'r hen westy er mwyn creu 4 fflat a 2 ddefnydd manwerthu/bwyty. Byddai yno hefyd 4 uned manwerthu mewn bloc newydd gyda 13 fflat breswyl uwchben, 8 tŷ tref newydd a 3 fflat mewn bloc newydd ar y safle gyda garej.

Cafodd y cais ei groesawu'n frwd gan swyddogion ac aelodau'r Pwyllgor Rheoli Datblygu a chafodd ei gymeradwyo yng nghyfarfod y Pwyllgor ym mis Mehefin. Rhoddyd cymeradwyaeth ar yr amod bod yr ymgeisydd yn ymrwymo i gyntdeb Adran 106 i sicrhau bod 6 o'r 28 uned arfaethedig yn dai fforddiadwy.

## Redevelopment of the Cambrian Hotel, Saundersfoot

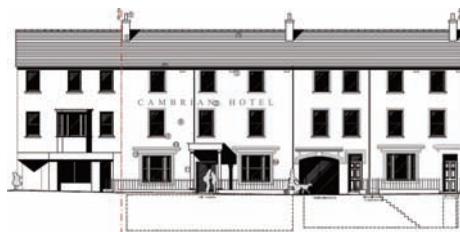
In March 2012 PCNPA received a planning application proposing a mixed use redevelopment of a key site in Saundersfoot.

The site consists of the former Cambrian Hotel, a Grade II Listed Building and its land to the rear which previously provided car parking to serve the hotel. The application was submitted as a result of pre-application discussions between the agent and officers of the Authority and following a small history of applications which approved development at the site.

The Authority has recognised the site as a key area for redevelopment and acknowledged its importance within the Saundersfoot Conservation Area.

The scheme proposed a change of use and extension to the former Cambrian Hotel to provide four flats and two retail/restaurant uses, the erection of four retail units in a new block with 13 residential flats above, eight new town houses and three flats provided within a new garage block on site.

The application was positively welcomed by officers and members of the Development Management Committee and approved at the June Committee meeting. Approval was given subject to the applicant first entering into a Section 106 agreement to ensure that six of the proposed 28 units are to be affordable housing units.



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## Treetop Adventure, Betws y Coed

Cafodd Treetop Adventure ganiatâd cynllunio yn 2006 ac mae wedi'i leoli ar ochr priffordd yr A470 rhwng filltir i'r gogledd ddwyrain o ganol Betws-y-coed, tua 2 filltir i'r de o Llanrwst. Mae'n elwa ar fynediad uniongyrchol i'r A470, maes parcio sefydledig a chyfleusterau parcio gorlif, ac adilad caban pren mawr sy'n cynnwys swyddfa, cyfleusterau lles staff a chaffi.

Mae'r safle ar agor i'r cyhoedd a grwpiau wedi'u trefnu ymlaen llaw drwy gydol y flwyddyn rhwng oriau 10am a 4pm bob dydd ac mae'n darparu nifer o weithgareddau rhaffau a gwifren uchel a chyrsiau hyfforddi.

Fel atyniad, mae'r cyfleuster yn denu tua 25,000 i 30,000 o ymwelwyr y flwyddyn ac yn cynnig amrywiaeth o weithgareddau antur ar gyfer cleientiaid, sy'n cynnwys gweithgareddau ar y safle ac oddi yno. Mae'r safle yn cyflogi 12 o bobl llawn amser ac mae caniatâd cynllunio a roddwyd yn ddiweddar wedi creu 2.5 swydd llawn amser arall. Mae gwestai a thai llety'r ardal hefyd wedi elwa'n anuniongyrchol o'r fenter.

Nid yw'r safle mewn unrhyw dref neu bentref, ond roedd yr Awdurdod yn ystyried bod y gweithgareddau yn ategu'r cyfleusterau eraill yn yr ardal sy'n darparu ar gyfer chwaraeon adrenalin awyr agored. Mae wedi bod yn hynod boblogaidd gyda'r cyhoedd ac yn ddiweddar cafodd cwrs zipwire ei greu yn Chwarel Penrhyn ym Methesda sydd drwch blewyn y tu allan i ffîn y Parc.

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The Treetop Adventure complex was granted planning permission in 2006 and is located alongside the A470 trunk road approximately one mile north-east of the centre of Betws y Coed and just over two miles south of Llanrwst. It benefits from direct access onto the A470, an established car park with overflow facilities and a large log cabin-style building that accommodates a site office, staff welfare facilities and a café.

The site is open to members of the public and pre-booked groups throughout the year and operates between the hours of 10am and 4pm every day and provides a number of rope and high wire activities and training courses.

As an attraction, the facility generates around 25,000 to 30,000 visitors a year and offers a variety of adventure activities for clients which include on- and off-site activities. The site directly employs 12 people on a full time basis and a recent further planning permission has created an additional 2.5 full time posts. It has also indirectly benefited overnight accommodation establishments in the area.

The site is located outside any recognised settlement but the Authority considered that the activity complemented other facilities in the area which catered for outdoor adrenaline sports. It has proved highly popular with the public and the operator has recently obtained planning permission to develop a world-class zipwire course at Penrhyn Quarry in Bethesda, located just outside the Park boundary.

## Canolfannau Rhagoriaeth Eryri

Nod Canolfannau Rhagoriaeth Eryri yw adelialadu ar enw da Eryri fel cychfan o'r radd flaenaf ar gyfer gweithgareddau hamdden awyr agored. Llwyddodd partneriaeth yn cynnwys Awdurdod Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri, Cyngor Gwynedd, Croeso Cymru, Partneriaeth Twristiaeth Canolbarth Cymru, yr Awdurdod Dadgomsiynt Niwclear, y Comisiwn Coedwigaeth, Urdd Gobaith Cymru ac Asiantaeth yr Amgylchedd Cymru i ddenu £4 miliwn o arian yr UE. Y canolfannau yw:

**Coed y Brenin** – Eiddo Comisiwn Coedwigaeth Cymru yw'r safle hwn, a bydd yn defnyddio cyllid i wella'r cyfleusterau i ymwelwyr, datblygu llwybr mynydd newydd ar gyfer pob gallu, a man dysgu sgiliau beicio. Bydd pum swydd yn cael eu creu. Rhoddyd caniatâd cynllunio ym mis Medi 2011.

**Gwersyll yr Urdd, Glan-llyn** - Bydd yr arian yn galluogi'r ganolfan gweithgareddau bresennol i wella'r dderbynfa, y ceginau a'r llety. Bydd chwe swydd yn cael eu creu, gyda chyflleoedd hyfforddi pellach. Cafodd y gwaith ariennir ganiatâd cynllunio ym mis Mai 2012.

**Cymdeithas Genweirio Prysor** - bydd Genweirio Prysor, cymdeithas leol ar gyfer Llyn Trawsfynydd, yn defnyddio'r arian i greu cyfleusterau newydd ar gyfer pysgotaer, gan gynnwys gwell mynediad at y llyn, storfa offer, pontyniau a man cyfarfod. Bydd un swydd yn cael ei chreu. Rhoddyd caniatâd cynllunio ar gyfer y cyfleuster ym mis Mai 2012.

**Antur Stiniog** – Y gymuned sydd berchen ar Ganolfan Beicio Mynydd Antur Stiniog, ac er ei bod y tu allan i'r ffin mae'r ganolfan yn cael ei hamgylchynu gan y Parc Cenedlaethol. Bydd pedwar cwrs mynydd 'lawr rhiw' yn cael eu hadeiladu i'r safonau rhwngwladol uchaf. Bydd pedair swydd yn cael eu creu.

## Eryri Centres of Excellence

The Eryri Centres of Excellence aim to build upon Snowdonia's reputation as a world class destination for outdoor recreation. A partnership including Snowdonia National Park Authority, Gwynedd Council, Visit Wales, Mid Wales Tourism Partnership, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, Forestry Commission, Urdd Gobaith Cymru and Environment Agency Wales was successful in attracting £4 million in EU funding. The Centres are:

**Coed y Brenin** – A Forestry Commission Wales owned and managed site which will use funding to improve existing visitor facilities, develop a new all-ability mountain biking course and skills area for bikers. Five jobs will be created. Planning permission was granted in September 2011.

**Gwersyll yr Urdd, Glan-llyn** - The funding will enable the present activity centre to improve the reception area, kitchens and accommodation. Six jobs will be created, with further training opportunities. The funded works were granted planning permission in May 2012.

**Prysor Angling Association** - Prysor Angling, the local association for Trawsfynydd Lake will use the funding to create new facilities for fishermen including improved access to the lake, equipment storage, pontoons and meeting space. One job will be created. Planning permission for the facility was granted in May 2012.

**Antur Stiniog** – Although outside the boundary, the community owned Antur Stiniog Mountain Biking Centre is encircled by the National Park. The centre will see four downhill mountain courses built to the highest international standards. Four jobs will be created.





## Partneriaeth Llwybrau Ucheldir Eryri

Yn 2011 daeth tua 600,000 o gerddwyr i fwynhau cyfleoedd hamdden ar lethrau enwocaf Eryri (Yr Wyddfa, Cadair Idris a'r Carneddau).

Mae'r cyfraniad economaidd y mae cyfleoedd hamdden yn darparu i economi leol Eryri yn ddo'i hun yn cyflawnhau buddsoddiad parhaus yn y seilwaith mynediad fel y rhwydwaith Hawliau Tramwy Cyhoeddus, tir mynediad CROW a llwybrau'r ucheldir. Bydd pwysigrwydd dull rhagweithiol o gael mynediad at yr hyn sydd ar gael (sef adnodd economaidd cynaliadwy) yn sicrhau ei fod yn parhau'n hyfyw ar gyfer y dyfodol heb niweidio'r amgylchedd enwog o ansawdd uchel yn Eryri.

Bu'r Awdurdod yn gweithio mewn partneriaeth gyda Chyngor Cefn Gwlad Cymru a'r Ymddiriedolaeth Genedlaethol i gyflawni'r prosiect hwn a ariennir gan gyllid Amcan Un yr UE.

Cynhaliwyd y prosiect o 2002 tan 2008 ac roedd yn werth £5,850,000. Mae etifeddiaeth y prosiect yn cynnwys gwell cyd-drefnu a safonau mewn seilwaith mynediad, gweithlu wedi'u harfogi'n well gyda lefelau sgiliau gwell a gwelliannau amgylcheddol hirdymor i atal unrhyw effeithiau negyddol a achosir gan weithgareddau hamdden.

Yn ystod cyfnod y prosiect cyflawnwyd y canlynol:

- 1600m o lwybrau i'r anabl
- 2.9km o lwybrau at lynnoedd
- 650m o lwybrau at afonydd
- 6000m<sup>2</sup> o waliau carreg sych
- 50,000m<sup>2</sup> o waith tirlunio rhag erydiad
- Gwelliannau a gwaith adfer ar 30km o lwybrau cerdded



## Snowdonia Upland Paths Partnership

In 2011 some 600,000 walkers enjoyed leisure opportunities on the main massifs of Eryri (Snowdon, Cadair Idris and the Carneddau).

The economic contribution that leisure opportunities provide to the local economy of Eryri, in itself justifies ongoing investment in the access infrastructure such as the Public Rights of Way network, CROW access land and the upland paths. The importance of a proactive approach to access provision (as a sustainable economic resource) will ensure that it remains viable for the future without detriment to the high quality environment for which Eryri is so well known.

The Authority worked in partnership with the Countryside Council for Wales and the National Trust to deliver this EU Objective One funded project. The project ran from 2002 to 2008 with a value of £5,850,000. The legacy provided includes improved co-ordination and standards in access infrastructure, better equipped workforce with enhanced skill levels and long term environmental improvements against the negative effects of recreation activity.

During the project period the following outputs were achieved:

- 1600m Disabled access
- 2.9km Lakeside access
- 650m Riverine access
- 6000m<sup>2</sup> Dry stone walling
- 50,000m<sup>2</sup> Landscaping erosion areas
- 30km Footpath improvements and restoration



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