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# ERYRI

THE SNOWDONIA NATIONAL  
PARK PARTNERSHIP PLAN 2020


THE STATUTORY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK

## > SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PLAN

Snowdonia (Eryri in Welsh – pronounced “err- uhh-ree”) National Park has a wonderful mix of mountains, valleys, lakes, rivers, waterfalls and beaches. It’s a place full of heritage, culture, tradition and strong communities.

It is home to 25,000 people and over 3 million people visit every year.



 National Parks are special places protected by law because of their beauty, wildlife and heritage

**We are the Snowdonia National Park Authority (SNPA). Our job is to protect this whole area for people to enjoy. But we are not on our own. There are lots of us all working together in Partnership:**

- › Conwy County Borough Council
- › Gwynedd Council
- › Visit Wales
- › Natural Resources Wales
- › Public Health Wales
- › The National Trust
- › Cadw
- › The Snowdonia Society
- › One Voice Wales
- › The Outdoor Partnership
- › Snowdonia-Active
- › FSB Wales
- › Urdd Gobaith Cymru
- › Bangor University
- › Grŵp Llandrillo Menai
- › CLA Cymru
- › Young Farmers
- › NFU Cymru
- › FUW
- › The Woodland Trust

**Together, we hope to make sure Snowdonia can be enjoyed now and in the future.**

**This is about our Partnership Plan – Cynllun Eryri.**



## > WHY DOES SNOWDONIA NEED A PLAN?

Snowdonia has a special place in the hearts of many people. It has beautiful landscapes and many rare features. It also has lots of different communities, businesses and people who live, work and visit here. They all have different needs. It's important that we find a balance between meeting these needs and protecting the area. That's why we need this plan.



## > WE ALSO NEED TO MAKE SURE OUR PLAN FITS WITH OTHER PLANS AND LAWS IN WALES:

### The Environment Act 1995

This law says we have to have the right plans and policies in place to protect areas like Snowdonia, including this Plan.

### The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

This law means we must think about how the decisions we make now will impact future generations.

### Eryri Local Development Plan (LDP)

This makes sure we use land in the right ways and don't harm the area.

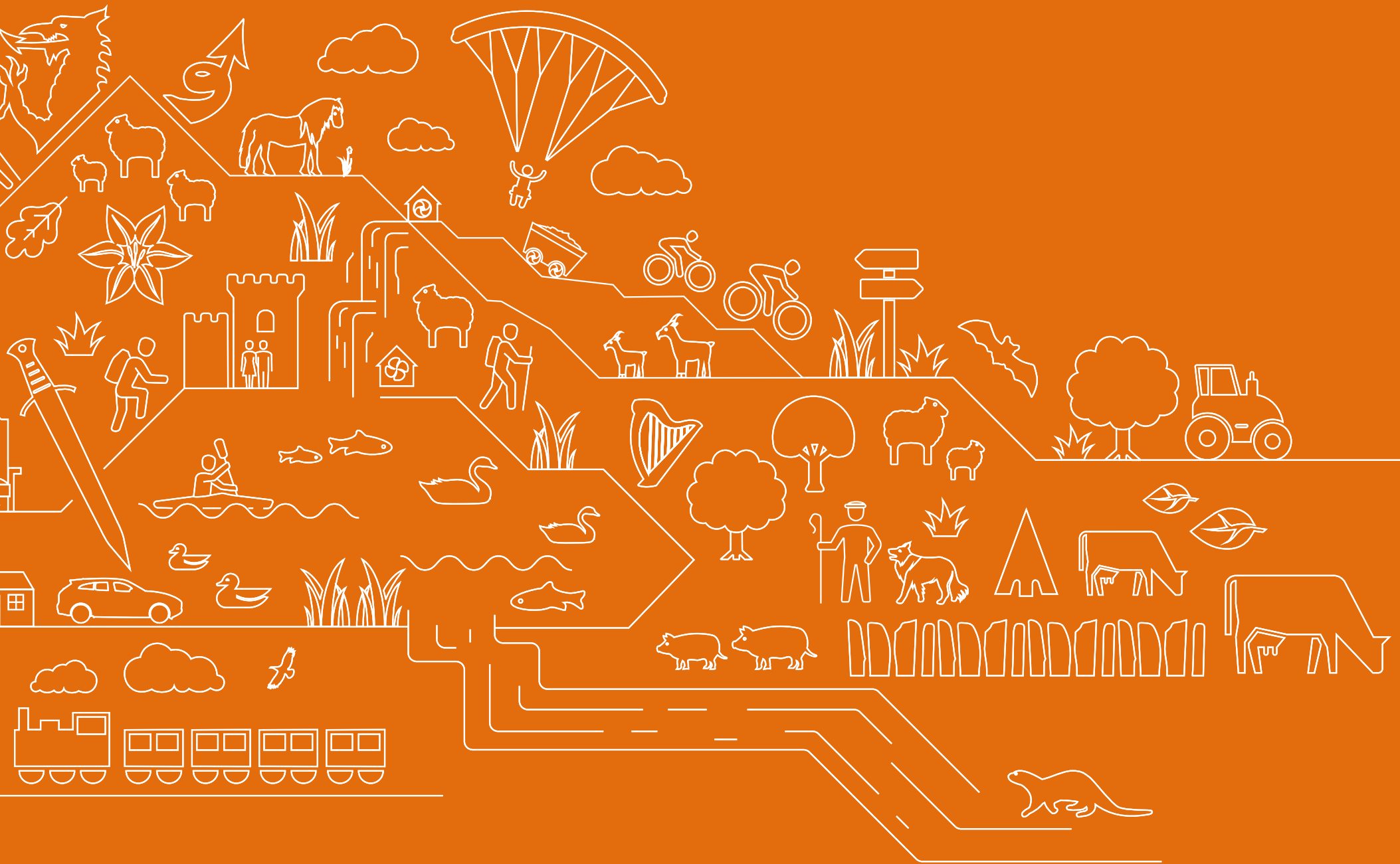




# > WHAT MAKES SNOWDONIA SPECIAL?

All National Parks have things that make them unique, special and worth protecting. We call these 'Special Qualities'. Snowdonia has nine special qualities.





SQ NO.1

# DIVERSE LANDSCAPES

- **SNOWDONIA ISN'T JUST MOUNTAINS. THERE ARE COASTS, VALLEYS, UPLANDS, RIVERS AND LAKES. THERE ARE FARMLANDS, INDUSTRIES, COMMUNITIES, ANCIENT RUINS AND CASTLES. ALL THESE LANDSCAPES CHANGE WITH EACH SEASON.**
- **SNOWDONIA IS THE 3RD LARGEST NATIONAL PARK IN THE UK. IT COVERS 823 SQUARE MILES AND HAS 23 MILES OF COASTLINE.**
- **SNOWDONIA HAS 9 MOUNTAIN RANGES WITH 15 PEAKS ABOVE 3000 FEET.**
- **IT'S ALSO THE WETTEST PLACE IN WALES. WE GET OVER 3000MM OF RAINFALL PER YEAR.**



SQ NO.2

COMMUNITY

COHESION

- SNOWDONIA HAS LOTS OF COMMUNITIES LIVING AND WORKING TOGETHER. IT'S BEAUTIFUL HERE BUT IT CAN BE A TOUGH PLACE TO LIVE.
- **SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK HAS 5 TOWNS AND 24 VILLAGES.**
- THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE FEEL CONNECTED TO THE LAND, ITS HERITAGE AND ITS HISTORY.

- THINGS THAT BRING COMMUNITIES TOGETHER INCLUDE:
  - OUR HERITAGE
  - LOCAL EISTEDDFODAU
  - SOCIETIES AND COMMUNITY GROUPS
  - WELSH LITERATURE GROUPS
  - KEEPING TRADITIONS ALIVE
  - MARKETS, SHOWS AND FAIRS
  - FESTIVALS AND TRADITIONS
  - CHURCHES AND CHAPELS.



**VIBRANCY OF**  
SQ NO.3 **THE WELSH**  
**LANGUAGE**



- > **THE WELSH LANGUAGE IS EVERYWHERE IN SNOWDONIA. IT'S BRIGHT, STRONG AND ALIVE. IT'S IN OUR LOCAL NAMES, OUR HISTORY AND OUR CULTURE.**
- > **WELSH IS PART OF EVERYDAY FAMILY LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITIES WITH 58% OF THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE HERE SPEAKING IT. IF YOU VISIT SNOWDONIA YOU'LL SEE, HEAR AND GET OPPORTUNITIES TO USE THE WELSH LANGUAGE.**
- > **WELSH NAMES CAPTURE THE SPIRIT OF PLACES, EVERYDAY LIFE, THE STRUGGLES, BATTLES AND GLORIES OF TIMES:**
  - > **MOEL CYNGHORION = SOME SAY THIS IS NAMED AFTER A COUNCIL HELD UPON IT BY THE WELSH CHIEFTAINS**
  - > **CASTELL Y GWYNT = CASTLE OF THE WIND**
  - > **DINAS EMRYS = MERLIN'S STRONGHOLD**
- > **IT ISN'T JUST A LANGUAGE, IT'S PART OF WHAT MAKES SNOWDONIA SPECIAL.**
- > **'WELSH IS OF THIS SOIL, THIS ISLAND, THE SENIOR LANGUAGE OF THE MEN OF BRITAIN; WELSH IS BEAUTIFUL.' JRR TOLKIEN**

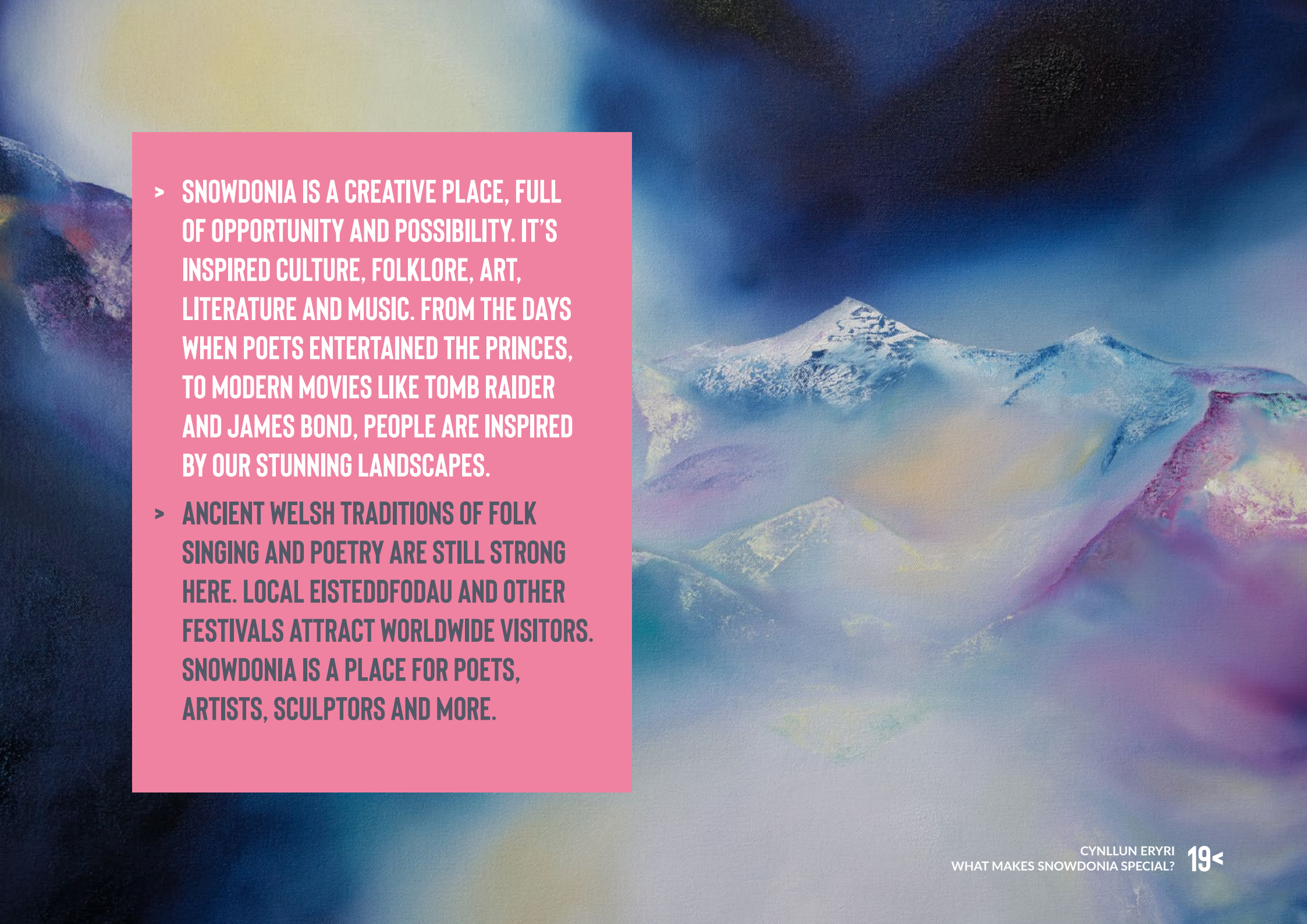
# INSPIRATION

SQ NO.4

# FOR THE

# ARTS



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- > **SNOWDONIA IS A CREATIVE PLACE, FULL OF OPPORTUNITY AND POSSIBILITY. IT'S INSPIRED CULTURE, FOLKLORE, ART, LITERATURE AND MUSIC. FROM THE DAYS WHEN POETS ENTERTAINED THE PRINCES, TO MODERN MOVIES LIKE TOMB RAIDER AND JAMES BOND, PEOPLE ARE INSPIRED BY OUR STUNNING LANDSCAPES.**
  - > **ANCIENT WELSH TRADITIONS OF FOLK SINGING AND POETRY ARE STILL STRONG HERE. LOCAL EISTEDDFODAU AND OTHER FESTIVALS ATTRACT WORLDWIDE VISITORS. SNOWDONIA IS A PLACE FOR POETS, ARTISTS, SCULPTORS AND MORE.**



# TRANQUILITY AND SOLITUDE - PEACEFUL AREAS

SQ NO.5

- > **SNOWDONIA HAS MANY PEACEFUL AREAS FOR PEOPLE TO ENJOY. IT'S AN IMPORTANT PART OF MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING. THE QUIET SPACE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET AWAY, BE ACTIVE AND TAKE TIME OUT FROM BUSY LIVES.**
- > **SNOWDONIA HAS SPACE TO BREATHE:**
  - > **IT HAS 2,132 KM<sup>2</sup> WITH A POPULATION OF AROUND 26,000 PEOPLE.**
  - > **GREATER LONDON IS SMALLER AT 1,572 KM<sup>2</sup> BUT IT HAS A POPULATION OF 8,500,000 PEOPLE.**
- > **SNOWDONIA IS A PERFECT PLACE TO SEE THE STARS! IT'S A WORLD DARK SKIES RESERVE AND HAS VERY LITTLE LIGHT POLLUTION.**

SQ NO.6

# RECREATION, LEISURE AND LEARNING



➤ **SNOWDONIA IS GREAT FOR ADVENTURES AND EXPLORING. IT HAS ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES TO BE ACTIVE AND LEARN NEW SKILLS. EVEREST TEAMS COME HERE TO PRACTICE THEIR CLIMBING SKILLS. THE FIRST RECORDED CLIMBS IN THE UK HAPPENED IN SNOWDONIA. VICTORIAN BOTANISTS WERE SEARCHING FOR ALPINE FLOWERS HIGH IN OUR MOUNTAINS.**

➤ **SNOWDONIA IS A GREAT PLACE FOR:**

- **HIKING**
  - **MOUNTAINEERING**
  - **HILL WALKING**
  - **FELL-RUNNING**
  - **MOUNTAIN BIKING**
  - **ICE CLIMBING**
  - **KAYAKING**
  - **COASTEERING**
  - **WHITE-WATER RAFTING**
  - **CANOEING**
  - **PADDLE BOARDING**
  - **SWIMMING**
  - **FISHING**
- AND MUCH MORE**

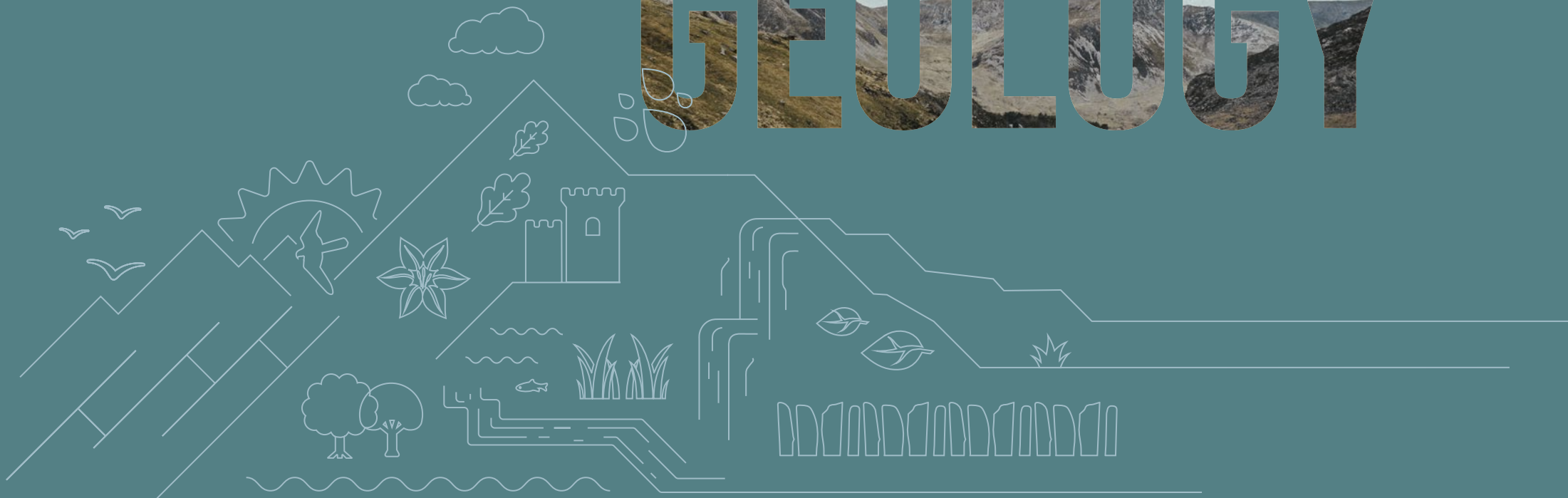
SQ NO.7 **HISTORIC  
LANDSCAPES**



- > **SNOWDONIA HAS BEEN SHAPED BY NATURAL FORCES AND HUMAN ACTIVITY WHICH HAS ENSURED THAT THE LAND HAS CHANGED AND EVOLVED. WE HAVE EVIDENCE OF THIS IN:**
  - > **STONE MONUMENTS**
  - > **CASTLES AND ABBEYS**
  - > **FARM BUILDINGS, WALLS AND BOUNDARIES**
  - > **A VARIETY OF ARCHITECTURE**
- > **AND IT'S STILL HAPPENING. THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE AND WORK HERE IN FARMING, FORESTRY, TOURISM AND BUSINESS CONTINUE TO CHANGE AND SHAPE SNOWDONIA. IT'S CREATING OUR STORY, OUR HISTORY AND OUR SENSE OF PLACE.**

SQ NO.8

# RENOWNED GEOLOGY



- > WE KNOW THAT 500 MILLION YEARS AGO SNOWDON LOOKED VERY DIFFERENT. IT WAS ON THE SEABED. THAT'S WHY SHELL FOSSILS HAVE BEEN FOUND AT THE SUMMIT OF SNOWDON. SNOWDONIA WAS CREATED BY COLLIDING CONTINENTS, VOLCANOES, CHANGING SEA LEVELS AND GLACIERS.
- > THE ICE AGE ALSO SHAPED THE LANDSCAPE. 18,000 YEARS AGO, GLACIERS SCoured OUT VALLEYS INCLUDING LLANBERIS. THEY ALSO SHAPED OUR MOUNTAIN LAKES AND WATERFALLS.
- > SNOWDONIA HAS LOTS OF MINERALS — GRANITE AND BASALT STONE, SLATE, COPPER, LEAD, ZINC AND GOLD. GOLD FROM THE CLOGAU MINE IS USED IN ROYAL WEDDING RINGS.

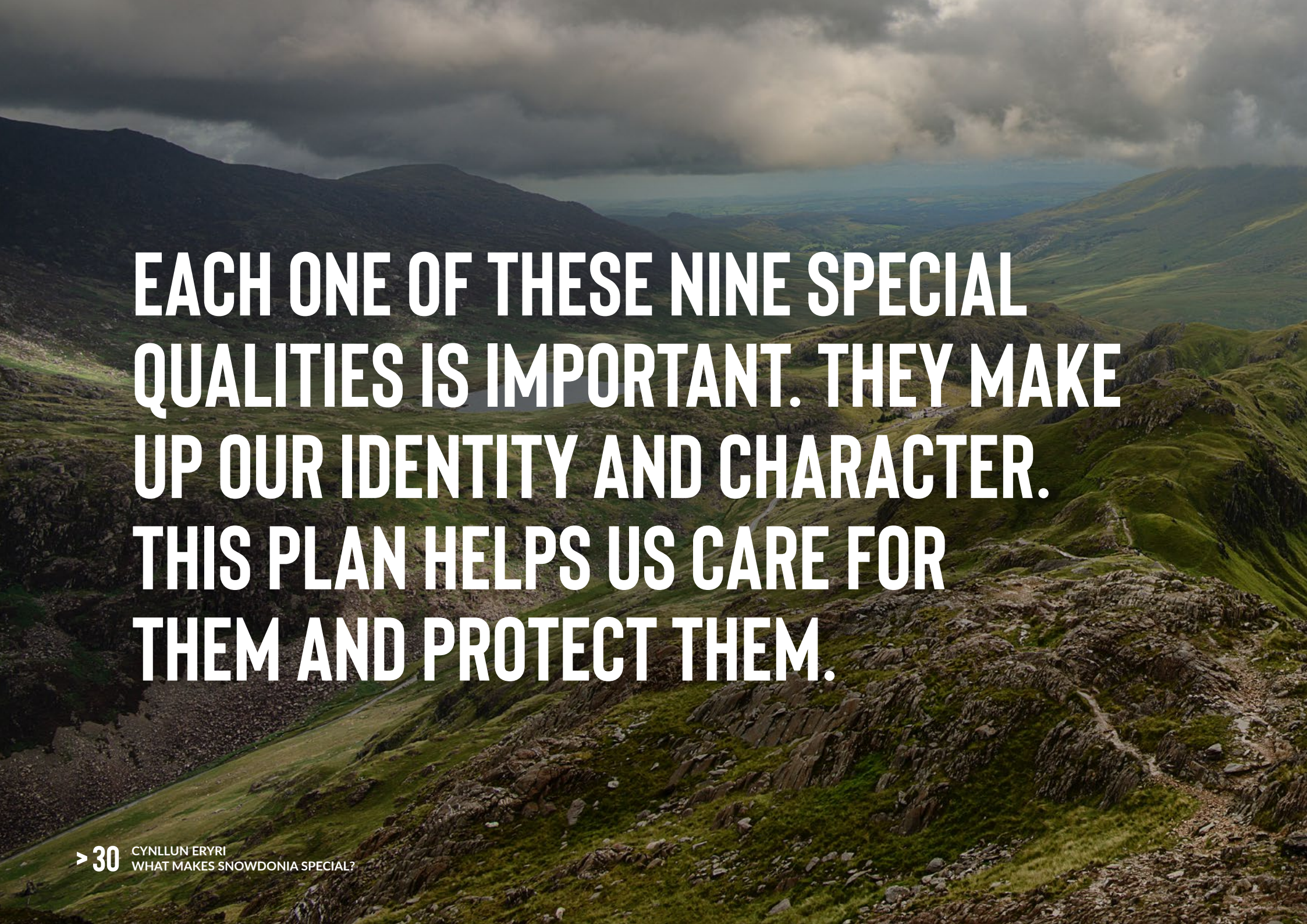
 Geology is about the materials that make up the earth.

SQ NO.9

# INTERNATIONALLY IMPORTANT HABITATS AND SPECIES

- › SNOWDONIA IS HOME TO LOTS OF DIFFERENT ANIMALS, INSECTS, PLANTS AND FUNGI. WE HAVE 17 NATIONAL NATURE RESERVES. THAT'S MORE THAN ANY OTHER NATIONAL PARK IN ENGLAND AND WALES. THERE ARE MANY RARE PLANTS AND ANIMALS THAT WE NEED TO PROTECT.
- › ONE OF THE RAREST PLANTS IS THE SNOWDON LILY. IT'S ONLY FOUND ON OUR HIGH PEAKS.
- › ANIMALS THAT CALL SNOWDONIA THEIR HOME INCLUDE THE:
  - › LESSER HORSESHOE BAT
  - › PINE MARTEN
  - › CHOUGH
  - › TWITE
  - › PEREGRINE FALCON
  - › FRESHWATER PEARL MUSSEL





**EACH ONE OF THESE NINE SPECIAL  
QUALITIES IS IMPORTANT. THEY MAKE  
UP OUR IDENTITY AND CHARACTER.  
THIS PLAN HELPS US CARE FOR  
THEM AND PROTECT THEM.**



## > ABOUT THE PLAN

### TO HELP US DEVELOP THIS PLAN:

- we talked with our partners
- we talked with local businesses, communities and organisations
- we put on events and had consultations

### THESE CONVERSATIONS HELPED US DISCOVER WHAT MATTERED MOST TO PEOPLE. IT HELPED FIND OUT:

- what we need to do
- what we need to protect
- the outcomes people want to see





## > OUR VISION FOR SNOWDONIA

### THIS IS HOW WE WANT OUR NATIONAL PARK TO LOOK. SNOWDONIA WILL:

- look after it's communities
- be rich in culture
- have businesses that are growing a green economy
- be a great experience for visitors
- improve the well-being of Wales

TO REACH THIS VISION, THIS PLAN HAS THREE MAIN AREAS.  
(SEE NEXT PAGES)



WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT, 2015



# > OUTCOMES FOR SNOWDONIA

# SNOWDONIA'S ENVIRONMENT

## OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS, SUCCESS WILL LOOK LIKE:

1. We are making sure that tourism is managed well.
2. We are protecting biodiversity (plant and animal life).
3. We are prepared and ready for the impacts of climate change and reducing our carbon footprint.
4. We are dealing with the species, pests and diseases that harm our native species.
5. Communities, businesses and visitors are working with us and caring for our landscapes, habitats, wildlife and cultural heritage.
6. We are a leading example of how to care for and promote cultural heritage and the historic environment.
7. Our Special Qualities are protected.

## OUR LONG-TERM OUTCOME FOR SNOWDONIA'S ENVIRONMENT:

**WE'RE CARING FOR OUR NATURAL AND HISTORIC FEATURES AND STUNNING SURROUNDINGS.**

# ACTIONS

## WE'RE GOING TO DO THINGS LIKE:

- restore and reconnect areas of woodland across the Park
- reduce litter by investigating sustainable packaging in our shops and cafes and making 'plastic free zones'
- find more ways to reduce carbon emissions and have greener transport including electric vehicle charging points
- tell young people and others about all the opportunities to volunteer and help care for Snowdonia
- and lots of other things too.

# SNOWDONIA'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

## OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS, SUCCESS WILL LOOK LIKE:

1. Snowdonia is having a positive impact on the well-being of Wales.
2. Everyone has paths and routes they can access so they can enjoy Snowdonia.
3. More people know about and understand our Special Qualities.
4. Transport links and parking are easier to use, sustainable and safe.
5. The facilities we have for visitors are high-quality, work well and blend with the landscape.

## OUR LONG-TERM OUTCOME FOR SNOWDONIA'S HEALTH AND WELL-BEING:

**WE'RE PROVIDING LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE TO LEARN AND DISCOVER WHILE THEY IMPROVE THEIR HEALTH AND WELL-BEING.**

## ACTIONS

### WE'RE GOING TO DO THINGS LIKE:

- support all kinds of activities that improve people's health and well-being
- have more opportunities and support for disabled people to volunteer
- work with community groups to find out what things stop local people enjoying the park
- let everyone know they can enjoy Snowdonia all year round including the autumn and winter season, to spread the load
- and lots of other things too.



# SNOWDONIA'S COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY

## OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS, SUCCESS WILL LOOK LIKE:

1. The language, culture and heritage of Snowdonia is celebrated, supported and strengthened.
2. Local people can stay here, and people move here because there are good jobs and opportunities.
3. There are more affordable homes to buy and rent.
4. Local communities have support to grow in all areas of well-being.

## OUR LONG-TERM OUTCOME FOR SNOWDONIA'S COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMY:

**SNOWDONIA IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND GROW.**

# ACTIONS

## WE'RE GOING TO DO THINGS LIKE:

- create opportunities for young people to help us encourage understanding, enjoyment and protection of the Welsh language and culture
- have better broadband, mobile data and internet for communities and business without harming the beauty of the landscape
- support and promote training, employment and business opportunities that connect to our Special Qualities including tourism and food production
- get community organisations more involved in our work, so they can have a say in plans and decisions
- and lots of other things too.

To achieve all of these goals, we have agreed a detailed Action Plan with our partners. It sets out exactly what we are going to do, who is going to do it, when it is going to be done and how we'll measure if it's done well.

To see it, you'll need to look at the main Plan: [www.eryri.llyw.cymru/cynlluneryri](http://www.eryri.llyw.cymru/cynlluneryri)

# > NEXT STEPS

Over the next 5 years we'll work with our partners and the community to reach these outcomes.

We'll check our actions and measure our success each year. In 2025 we'll update this plan.





# GET INVOLVED

**YOUR HELP IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE WE CAN'T BE EVERYWHERE AND DO EVERYTHING.**

- If you have a project you'd like to promote – tell us.
- If you have feedback – share it.
- If you have enjoyed reading this Plan – tell others.

**THANKS FOR READING THIS SHORT SUMMARY. YOU CAN READ THE FULL PLAN HERE: [WWW.ERYRI.LLYW.CYMRU/CYNLLUNERYRI](http://WWW.ERYRI.LLYW.CYMRU/CYNLLUNERYRI)**

# REFERENCES

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