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THE SNOWDONIA NATIONAL PARK PARTNERSHIP PLAN

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Cynllun Eryri was adopted by the National Park Authority as its statutory (Partnership) Management Plan in October 2020 and officially launched in November 2020. This is the second report of annual progress capturing input from all Partners from November 2021 until the end of 2022. The first can be viewed on the Eryri National Park website.

2021-2 continued to be challenging for all Partners. The emergence from periods of lock down due to the Covid-19 pandemic highlighted new issues, as well as hastened innovative ways of working. Nevertheless, through the gathering of information for this report, it is clear that outstanding examples of work towards Cynllun Eryri's goals being progressed exist across the region. To see a snapshot of these, please visit Cynllun Eryri's microsite here: [Cynllun Eryri](#)

## Partnerships

Within the delivery of Cynllun Eryri, as well as Fforwm Eryri, there are several other Partnerships in existence who are working towards the set objectives, those being:

**Partneriaeth Yr Wyddfa/Snowdon Partnership**, lead partner SNPA: Tourism Association Betws y Coed; NRW; CESS; FUW; CLA; Partneriaeth Awyr Agored; Cyngor Gwynedd; Cyngor Conwy; NT; Tourism Association Beddgelert; Eryri Bywiol; Hwb Eryri; Rheilffordd Yr Wyddfa; Tîm Achyb Mynydd; NFU; Bukeley Estates; YHA Pen y Pass.

**Carneddau Landscape Partnership 2020 - 2025**, lead partner SNPA: Core Partners: Cadw, National Trust, Natural Resources Wales, Snowdonia Society. Delivery partners: Abergwyngregyn Regeneration Company; Bangor University (Henfaes Research Centre, University Farm); British Mountaineering Council; Conwy Borough County Council (Conwy Culture Centre); Cyngor Gwynedd; Cymdeithas Enwau Lleoedd / Welsh Place-name Society; Gwynedd Archaeological Trust; Outdoor Partnership; Partneriaeth Ogwen; Penmaenmawr Museum and Historical Society; Plantlife Cymru; PONT Cymru; RSPB; Snowdonia Active; University of Sheffield (Department of Archaeology); Carneddau Pony Association; Farmers' Union Wales; National Farming Union Wales.

**Cwm Idwal Partnership**, lead partner NT: SNPA & NRW

**EU LIFE Celtic Rainforest Project 2020-2025** lead partner SNPA: Welsh Government, RSPB, Woodland Trust.

The first Annual Report in 2021 reflected the difficulties of progressing on-the-ground work outlined in the Action Plan of Cynllun Eryri due to the restrictions initiated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Several timelines have been reassessed accordingly. The traffic light measurements below reflect this and whether each objective is on track to be delivered within the timeline of the overall plan i.e. by 2025.

**Status:**  Progressed, within original timelines  Progressing with reassessed timelines  Not progressed and/or at risk

## Acronyms used for delivery partners:

Cadw	National Trust: NT
Coleg Glynllifon: CoG	Natural Resources Wales: NRW
Conwy County Borough Council: CCBC	North Wales Wildlife Trusts: NWWT
Country Land and Business Association: CLA	Outdoor Partnership: OP
Cymdeithas Eryri / Snowdonia Society: CESS	Public Health Wales: PHW
Cyngor Gwynedd: CG	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds: RSPB
Farmers Union of Wales: FUW	Snowdonia Active: SA
Federation of Small Businesses: FSB	Snowdonia National Park Authority: SNPA
Grŵp Cynefin: Cynefin	Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau: PLAS
John Muir Trust: JMT	Woodland Trust: WT
National Farming Union Wales: NFU Cymru	

## Executive summary

In its second year of implementation, significant progress has been made on the Action Plan of Cynllun Eryri, particularly as many partners were still reassessing following the unforeseen impacts of COVID-19. The report details progress by all delivery partners, however in short, from November 2021 – December 2022 the following can be concluded:

### Section A Eryri's Environment: We are successfully caring for our natural and historic assets and stunning surroundings.

- Outcome A1: Sustainable Tourism principles are achieved - 4 actions are progressed and are within the original timelines set and 1 is progressing with reassessed timelines.
- Outcome A2: Biodiversity is being maintained and enhanced, whilst the resilience of ecosystems is increased - 3 actions are progressed and are within the original timelines set and 2 are progressing with reassessed timelines.
- Outcome A3: We are prepared for the impacts of climate change and are reducing our carbon footprint - 1 action is progressed and is within the original timeline set and 1 is progressing with reassessed timelines, and 1 has been subsumed by the work completed in action A3.1.
- Outcome A4: Eryri is at the forefront internationally in successfully tackling invasive species, pests and diseases that impact on native species - all 3 actions are progressed and are within the original timelines set.
- Outcome A5: Communities, businesses and visitors play an active role in caring for the National Park's landscapes, habitats, wildlife and cultural heritage - both actions are progressed and are within the original timelines set.
- Outcome A6: Eryri is a leading example in Wales of how to care for and champion cultural heritage and the historic environment - all 3 actions are progressed and are within the original timelines set.
- Outcome A7: Our Special Qualities are well protected - 3 actions are progressed and are within the original timelines set and 3 are progressing with reassessed timelines.

## Section B: Eryri's Health and Well-being: Opportunities to learn and discover, and at the same time improve our well-being.

- Outcome B1: The National Park is having a positive impact on Well-Being - 2 actions are progressed and are within the original timelines set and 1 has been achieved.
- Outcome B2: Residents and visitors can access a variety of routes in the National Park aimed to improve physical and mental health - 2 actions are progressed within the original timelines set and 1 is progressing with reassessed timelines.
- Outcome B3: Our Special Qualities are widely recognised - all 3 actions are progressing with reassessed timelines.
- Outcome B4: Sustainable options for parking and transport are achieved - 1 action is progressed and is within the original timeline set and 1 is progressing with reassessed timelines.
- Outcome B5: Our visitor facilities are high quality and landscape sensitive - 1 action is progressed within the original timeline set, and 2 are progressing with reassessed timelines.

## Section C: Eryri's Communities and Economy: A great place to develop, live and work

- Outcome C1: The language, culture and heritage of Eryri is being celebrated, supported and strengthened - all 3 actions are progressed and are within the original timelines set.
- Outcome C2: Jobs and opportunities encourage people to remain in the area – 1 action is progressed within the original timeline and 2 are progressing with reassessed timelines
- Outcome C3: We are implementing solutions for affordable housing to buy and rent – 2 actions are progressed and are within the original timelines set and 1 is progressing with reassessed timelines.
- Outcome C4: Local communities are supported to thrive in all aspects of well-being – both actions are progressing with reassessed timelines

There are currently no Outcomes which have been assessed as *Not progressed and/or at risk*. It is therefore fair to conclude that progress has been achieved in all areas of the Action Plan of Cynllun Eryri in the year from 2021-22.

A detailed report of progress from all Partners follows with an overview and assessment at the beginning of each Outcome.

### Status:



**Progressed, within original timelines**



**Progressing with reassessed timelines**



**Not progressed and/or at risk**

**Eryri's Environment: We are successfully caring for our natural and historic assets and stunning surroundings.**

## **OUTCOME A1**

**Sustainable Tourism principles are achieved.**

**Are we within our timeline? Yes**


**Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?**


- Strategic Plan for a Sustainable Visitor Economy Gwynedd and Eryri adopted in 2023 – Partnership and Action Plan to be established: significant capacity and resource commitments needed.
- Ongoing investment from WG/TfW and partnership agreements will be needed to maintain the Parking and Transport Strategy roll out – annual assessment of this situation.
- Plastic Free Yr Wyddfa project funded until 2025.
- Successful Caru Eryri programme is reliant on grant funding.

### **Conclusion:**

There has been clear progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome A1. The objective remains on track to be achieved by 2025.

## Detailed 2021/22 progress report


Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
A1.1		<p>Develop guiding principles and thresholds in relation to visitor impacts on the environment and landscape. The principles will define where further action in the form of area-based management plan is required:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a heat map</li> <li>• Look at best practice examples from other areas</li> <li>• Define thresholds and principles</li> <li>• Select trial areas to pilot the approach</li> <li>• Where there is environmental capacity and community led desire for an increase in visitors, explore options of redistribution of visitors from areas suffering from overcapacity</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2021 a heat map will be produced, thresholds and principles will be defined.</p> <p>A rationale, methodology and results will be presented in a findings report. Strategies will be established based on agreed guiding principles.</p>	<p>SNPA NRW Fforwm Eryri Gwynedd Council Conwy CBC</p>
<p><b>Progress report:</b> SNPA: MoU signed between SNPA and CG to deliver a Sustainable Visitor Economy Plan for 2035. Holistic measurements for the impacts of tourism are being developed in partnership between SNPA, CG and CCBC. Guiding principles for the sustainable visitor economy have been developed through best practise examples and extensive consultation – these have been adopted officially by CG and SNPA.</p> <p>CCBC: in the process of rewriting Destination Management Plan, with emphasis on sustainable tourism. SNPA employees are members of the Partnership and we will work closely to ensure guiding principles are included in the plan.</p>				

A1.2		<p>Ensure that uplands paths are well maintained to manage the impacts of erosion and prioritise work based on the number of footpath users:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a multi-organisation working group to coordinate management</li> <li>• Maintain funding and explore new sources (e.g. donations)</li> <li>• Increase the use of volunteers for maintenance work</li> <li>• Build a local contractor base for more skilled work</li> </ul>	<p>Annual assessments of progress will occur, baselines will be established, and sources of funding will be quantified.</p>	<p>SNPA; National Trust; NRW; Snowdonia Society; Conwy County Borough Council; Gwynedd Council; Volunteer Groups; Ramblers Cymru</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: The Warden Service assesses and inspects routes using the route management system. Any path work, maintenance, improvements or projects are prioritised by an internal group. Projects: Work on the Bwlch Maescwm path, which forms part of the cylchdaith Yr Wyddfa, and connects Rhyd Ddu with Llanberis has been completed. Partnership work between NRW, BMC and SNPA continues on Mynydd Moel with plans to expand the work to other parts of Cader Idris. Work on the Crafnant to Capel Curig path connecting the two communities and responding to erosion problems and providing a solid surface for the path.

CESS: 21km of footpaths maintained (surface clearance and repairs, ditches and drains cleared), including Yr Wyddfa with SNPA, Llwybr Llechi Eryri, and Carneddau, Glyderau with NT) 50m of stone pitching on Slate Trail; 7 people completed accredited Footpath Maintenance training unit.

NT: Full time 4-member team prioritising work around Ogwen and Nant Gwynant.

A1.3		<p><b>Take pragmatic and proactive action to reduce litter:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research a move towards use of more sustainable packaging in our retail outlets</li> <li>• Research a move to ‘plastic free zones’ in Eryri and identify feasible alternatives</li> <li>• Explore the possibility of developing the first free water-refill village/region in the National Park</li> <li>• Work with existing litter reduction campaigns and implement messages on a local scale</li> <li>• Continue to work in partnership and with volunteers to keep the National Park free of litter</li> <li>• See also A1.5</li> </ul>	<p>Feasibility studies will identify barriers and procedures necessary for far-reaching behavioural change approaches.</p> <p>Throughout the term of the Plan, local litter reduction campaigns will be successfully launched and their effects will be monitored.</p> <p>Carry out perception studies to measure people’s opinion of litter in the area</p>	<p>SNPA Snowdonia Society Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council NRW Keep Wales Tidy National Trust Plas y Brenin</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA continued partnership with Bangor University – MA students further investigation into attitudes towards bins and interventions.


Plastic Free Yr Wyddfa Officer position created and work programme has begun. Continued liaison with events organisers to raise awareness of plastics/waste/litter and also organic food waste.

CESS: Leading and securing the resources for Caru Eryri partnership (CESS/SNPA/OP/NWWT)

Caru Eryri - In 2022, 87 Caru Eryri volunteers removed 970kg of litter from trails and car parks across Eryri. Caru Eryri social media ads on ‘taking litter home’ reached over 165k people recyclable materials sorted and recycled. Majority of this rubbish cleared from most popular mountain areas and paths, and approximately 70% from 3 areas – Llanberis path, Watkin path and Ogwen.

NT: Ranger led litter picking sessions with volunteers. Support for Caru Eryri volunteer scheme (staff time and waste facilities).




A1.4		<p>Reduce the impacts of parking and transport on the environment and landscape:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review public transport and parking in the Yr Wyddfa and Ogwen areas to provide and implement recommendations</li> <li>• Establish and agree terms of reference for a transport and parking working group for Eryri</li> <li>• Work with Partners to trial greener solutions to public transport</li> <li>• Work with landowners to identify landscape sensitive overflow car parking, in line with LDP policies and as part of traffic management plans</li> <li>• Improve information on sustainable transport options for visitors</li> </ul>	<p>A working group will be established by 2022.</p> <p>Recommendations from the Snowdon Partnership's comprehensive Review of Parking and Transport will be implemented, will be widened to cover the entire National Park area.</p>	<p>SNPA; Gwynedd Council; Conwy County Borough Council; Transport for Wales; North Wales Economic Ambition Board</p>
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**Progress report:** Delivery group established between SNPA, CG, CCBC and Transport for Wales (TfW). Delivery Plan is in the process of being developed. Incremental implementation of Snowdon Partnership's comprehensive Review of Parking and Transport continue in the Yr Wyddfa and Ogwen area.

CG: continue to monitor in the same way and use 'tow away' powers when absolutely necessary.

NRW: working with LA's and Eryri NP at opportunities to develop active travel routes; A5 to Betws y Coed and Betws to Conwy - work ongoing.

CESS: Advocacy for sustainable transport, working with Partneriaeth Yr Wyddfa, providing detailed input to North Wales Transport Commission, delivering 2 focus groups for Senedd Research on post-pandemic public transport. Provided detailed input to Roads Review Panel.

A1.5		<p>Reduce any negative impacts of recreational activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with relevant partners to ensure a co-ordinated approach for sustainable management of organised events</li> <li>• Work within national partnerships to share good practice</li> <li>• Maintain and implement a Recreation Strategy to sustainably manage any potential conflict between users</li> <li>• Address illegal or damaging off-roading activities by working with legitimate user groups and North Wales Police and Rural Crimes Unit, to encourage sustainable use of the network</li> <li>• Unauthorised access and camping is being addressed to prevent deterioration of protected areas</li> <li>• Facilitate good working relationships between users and land managers e.g. highlight the dangers of dogs off leads and other inappropriate activities</li> <li>• Promotion of Marine Code, and monitor effectiveness.</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2021 an update of the 'Guidance for Organised, Competitive, Recreational and Charitable events in Eryri National Park' will be available on SNPA website, with input of relevant partners.</p> <p>Partners are working together to address illegal activities and processes will have been triggered to consider options for SAC sites with qualifying features recorded as 'unfavourable' due to impacts of recreation.</p>	<p>SNPA; NRW; Gwynedd Council; Conwy County Borough Council; National Trust; Snowdonia Society; SAC Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau (PLAS); Conwy &amp; Gwynedd Safety Advisory Groups; John Muir Trust</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: New Recreation Strategy reflects a sustainable tourism ethos throughout. Expected to be formally adopted in 2023.

CCBC: New modules on the Conwy Tourism Ambassador Programme have been launched which cover sustainable and green tourism, as well as visitor safety on the mountains and in the sea.

SA: Study for NRW to review Gorge Walking in North West Wales – understanding the opportunities and constraints post Covid. Sharing best practice and upskilling outdoor providers via site guides for key venues and iSee guides for different habitat. Delivering the Train the Trainer project for the Carneddau Partnership.

NRW: working with North Wales Police and SNPA to look at how illegal downhill biking can be better managed through improved advocacy work and through enforcement on designated sites, as well as through provision of suitable places without causing environmental damage. Working on NNRs. Have carried out work in consultation with LA at Afon Ddu, installation of signage etc.

CESS: Caru Eryri – 134 activities delivered by teams of staff/volunteers engaging with and providing information to visitors on route choices, equipment, weather, encouraging respectful, responsible and sustainable behaviours.

Caru Eryri – targeted social media public messaging on positive options and choices for visitors – on subjects such as dogs, camping sites, litter. Raised awareness of Caru Eryri and need for responsible visitor behaviour via an item on BBC Countryfile.

PLAS: reducing disturbance to marine mammals and birds including review of Marine Coles; seasonal interpretation panels that have been adopted by local land owners and businesses; training sessions; a new all Wales leaflet has been produced to raise awareness about seals and disturbance; new marine code app has been produced and launched called Wales Coastal Explorer.

NT: Cwm Idwal Partnership (NT, SNPA, NRW) – education and direct engagement with visitors. Caru Eryri partnership (SNPA, CESS, OP, NT) – engagement with visitors by volunteers.

SNPA/NT/NRW/CG: Nant Gwynant - partnership approach to community engagement on visitor issues, developing plans for increased staff presence.

## OUTCOME A2

Biodiversity is being maintained and enhanced, whilst the resilience of ecosystems is increased.

**Are we within our timeline?** Timings have been realigned according to developments from Welsh Government, the impact of Covid-19 on practical projects and the recruitment of a new Biodiversity Officer.


**Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?**

- Action A2.1 has been re-worded in 2023 to reflect guidance in the Sustainable Farming Scheme produced by Welsh Government
- Major progress has been made in the implementation of projects and new timelines following the impacts of Covid-19 on practical work across the Outcome.
- A2.2 consideration is being given to commission external expertise to produce an NRAP for Eryri. At this point it is still achievable by 2025 but timings in Action Plan will need to be adjusted to reflect this.


**Conclusion:**

There has been some progress against measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome A2. At present, elements of Outcome A2.2 need to be progressed if the entire objective is to be achieved by 2025.

## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
A2.1		<p>A2.1. Work together to maintain, restore and expand habitats and species.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bring stakeholders together to build a consensus and define the public goods of Eryri</li> <li>• Produce an ambition statement</li> <li>• Use existing and new land mapping processes for the current picture of all habitats within the National Park</li> <li>• Research land-use and patterns of change in order to better improve decision making</li> <li>• Assess what has and hasn't worked in previous land management schemes</li> <li>• Define the role of partners in implementing the scheme</li> <li>• Up-skill the local workforce in order to successfully deliver the scheme (see also C2.2)</li> </ul>	<p>By 2025 we aim to create a forum and shared ambition statement.</p> <p>We will have produced an asset register of public goods, with land mapping.</p> <p>We will consider current and previous land management practices, assessing their strengths to create and refine a public goods scheme that the Partnership are confident delivering.</p>	<p>Welsh Government and all Partners</p> <p><i>Dependent upon outcomes of Sustainable Farming and Our Land consultation and Brexit negotiations</i></p>

**Progress report:** It was agreed by Fforwm Eryri in December 2022 that this action needed to be rewritten to reflect the reality of the situation in 2022/3. Welsh Government proposals for a Sustainable Farming Scheme have been discussed and the new wording relates to that. See: <https://www.gov.wales/sustainable-farming-scheme-outline-proposals-2025>

A2.2		<p>Biodiversity decline is being addressed through maintenance, restoration, expansion and connectivity activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funding opportunities are maximised to ensure investment reaches Local Biodiversity Action Plan, and Section 7 habitats and species targets</li> <li>• Work in Partnership to agree appropriate grazing regimes where they are essential to maintain / restore qualifying features of SAC, SPA and Ramsar sites to a favourable conservation status e.g. Eryri SAC as a priority area</li> <li>• Co-ordinate the production of a Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) for Eryri to include the most recent data and specific biodiversity targets.</li> <li>• Interpretation activities encourage the understanding and safeguarding of biodiversity amongst local communities and visitors</li> <li>• Establish a Local Nature Partnership to lead on Biodiversity issues for Eryri</li> </ul>	<p>Throughout the Plan designated projects will be seen through to completion and reported upon as appropriate, targeting the management requirements of protected sites and Section 7 species and habitats.</p> <p>Where possible, Land Management Agreements will be in place by 2025.</p> <p>The recruitment of a Biodiversity officer will have occurred by 2020 as a focal point for interpretation activities, working alongside specific project officers.</p> <p>By 2022 a Local Nature Partnership will have been established and an NRAP will have been produced through a Park wide Partnership.</p>	<p>SNPA NRW Welsh Government All relevant Partners</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: staff changes have delayed progress. Capital works on numerous social housing estates in the Park with landlords to improve biodiversity and well-being have been delivered by the conservation team. Now looking to appoint an external contractor to develop the NRAP in 2023.

NFU Cymru – Members working together on specific projects that look to increase biodiversity. A combination of programs that support work on individual farms as well as those that have been following river corridors to interconnect farms. Continuation of work protected under a combination of Basic and Advanced Glastir, Small Glastir Schemes as well as work within SMS projects and Projects led by PCE.

NWWT continue to actively manage reserves both within and on borders of the Park, which are stepping stones for habitat connectivity. The LNP-funded project: A Swift Recovery - Adfer y Gwenoliaid duon is currently ongoing. Funding to continue the work beyond the current period is being sought.

NRW continue to fund multiple projects that contribute to this action: Uwch Conwy, Carneddau HLF & S16s, Peatland restoration by SNPA through strategic allocated funding, fisheries, woodland planting programme. Sands of life Project. Biodiversity and EcoResilience funding, through farm management agreements and other work on NNR's and other land. NRW have completed Nature Emergency Action Mapping. This project forms part of the 'Nature Emergency Action Network' project. This is an initiative to enhance the condition of Wales' best natural areas which are designated mostly as Sites of Scientific Interest (SSSI's), or Local Nature Reserves (LNRs) by considering how the intervening land helps link sites together in ecological networks. NRW: Uwch Conwy project focused on restoring peat land, hedgerow creation as well as river restoration projects on the Caletwr, Nant y Gwryd and Machno. Monitoring and feasibility studies are going ahead on sites in the Llugwy, Lledr and Machno to enable work in future years.

Dee LIFE: Introduction of boulders and gravel in the Afon Tryweryn to improve spawning habitat for migratory and resident fish and benefit the entire ecosystem. Weir removal within and downstream of the Park to improve connectivity and fish migration within the Park. Restricting livestock access to watercourses by fencing off and installing drink troughs as an alternative water source, reducing nutrient and sediment input into the Dee and its tributaries. Tree planting on riparian corridors to reduce nutrient and sediment input and stabilise banks. Forestry - improving culverts and installing sediment traps in Aberhirnant and Llangower forestry block to improve water management, reducing the potential for rainwater to run down forestry tracks and carry sediment into watercourses. Installation of a new forestry crossing at Penaran to limit sediment input to the watercourse. Providing classroom hatcheries at local schools as a joint initiative with Eryri NPA. Continued monitoring work throughout the Dee catchment including use of acoustic tracking equipment to better understand key behaviours of salmon and lamprey, assess delays and identify any potential barriers to migration.


Bala smolt study continues with tagging of 60 salmon to ensure robust evidence is available to review the potential impacts associated with the operation of the sluices gates in Bala. The data will be compiled and assessed by an external independent consultant.

CESS: Staff and volunteer teams delivered peatland, wetland and woodland management and restoration at sites across the National Park, in partnership with SNPA, NT, NRW, WT, NWWT, and landowners.

Woodland Trust: Successful bid to Nature Networks fund for delivery of essential work in Meirionnydd, improving the condition of woodlands on our own estate. The work helps to deliver the management plans for a number of our most important woodlands. Including: Thinning of planted conifer within the ancient woodland at Coed Oerddwr within the Meirionnydd Oakwoods area, to benefit lower plant communities and secure natural regeneration; assessment and management of grazing and browsing by wild and domestic herbivores at a number of woodlands and expanding native tree cover at Coed Felenrhyd & Llennyrch. The WT is already working to protect and restore the Atlantic Oakwoods of Meirionnydd as a partner in the Celtic Rainforest Project. Also working to increase appropriate tree and woodland cover within ENP through the Coed Cefn Gwlad project and also delivering trees outside woods and trees on farms in the form of hedgerows and shelterbelts.

NT: Ongoing partnership work to deliver landscape scale restoration projects – Carneddau Landscape Partnership, Uwch Conwy Catchment Project, Cwm Idwal Partnership. Tree and hedgerow planting on farms in Cwm Penmachno & Ogwen. Meadow restoration and management by rangers, farm managers and farm tenants. Invasive species control by rangers, volunteers, contractors and partners.


RSPB: Celtic Rainforests LIFE project currently has four woodlands in the Mawddach being grazed by two graziers. One grazier has between 2-3 highland cattle on a rotational grazing scheme between three of the sites all year round (Coed Garth Gell, Coed y Parc, and Abergwynant y Waen) while the other grazier has 5 Dexters on Abergwynant y Gribin between April and October.

A2.3		<p>Ensure that water quality and the marine environment are maintained and enhanced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve water quality through monitoring, enforcement, education and improved land management practices</li> <li>• Use the planning system to protect water quality</li> <li>• Support local groups working to improve water quality e.g. Tir Afon project and the work of Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau Special Area of Conservation</li> <li>• Continue to support and advise LIFE and HLF projects improving fresh water and marine sites within the National Park</li> </ul>	<p>Afon Eden project is seen through to completion and the Water Framework Directive (WFD) status is maintained and improved across the Park.</p> <p>By end of 2020 the LDP will contain text relating to water quality in new developments.</p>	<p>NRW Dwr Cymru Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau SAC (PLAS) SNPA Welsh Government</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: are undertaking proactive projects including three Natural Flood Management projects on different catchments. SMS projects are drawing to a close and several have had elements of water quality and water quantity measures. Planning applications try to lead to this goal - this is especially on rivers with a Special Conservation Area (SAC) designation.

NRW: River Restoration on the Afon Eden including reconnecting flood plan, reintroduction of boulders and importation of gravels to improve habitat. Land management activities to benefit water quality and biodiversity. Working with partners to address physical modification. Repair of fencing, installation of solar powered water troughs and fencing off old drinking bays to reduce stock access to watercourse to prevent introduction of nutrients and sedimentation of watercourse, on Ddu (Dwyfor) catchment. North Wales Rivers Trust - Inland fisheries habitat restoration and Alternative Mitigation Programme 2022-24  
The Welsh Dee Trust - Inland Fisheries Habitat Restoration & Alternative Mitigation Programme 2022/24.  
Monitoring water quality at Afon Cwm Llan.  
Uwch Conwy project – Upper Conwy - improve land management and water quality. Work in 2022 focused on restoring peat land, hedgerow creation as well as river restoration projects on the Caletwr, Nant y Gwryd and Machno. Monitoring and feasibility studies are going ahead on sites in the Llugwy, Lledr and Machno to enable work in future years  
The latest status of the salmon and sea trout populations for each of the principal salmon and sea trout catchments in Eryri (Conwy, Dee, Dwyfor, Dwyryd, Dyfi, Dysynni, Glaslyn, Mawddach, Ogwen & Seiont) are available in Know Your Rivers report. Habitat improvements to restore freshwater productivity of salmon and sea trout populations are set out in action tables.  
NRW and Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water are using new water quality models to assess and plan for improvements required on wastewater treatment work discharges for phosphorus in SAC rivers catchments - Eden, Gwyrfa, Dee and Glaslyn (Meirionydd Oakwoods & bat sites).  
PLAS SAC: Tir a Môr Llŷn a number of interventions have been undertaken to improve water quality across the Daron catchment as a result of the work carried out last year. A report has been produced that shows the results. Natur am Byth is now in the development phase. We have been looking at what needs to be done in relation to water quality and how citizen science can help play a part in data collection in the future.  
NT: Uwch Conwy Catchment Project - Ditch-blocking and peatland restoration on Y Migneint. Tree planting in Ogwen, Carneddau & Uwch Conwy focussed on the riparian zone.



A2.4		<p>Restore, expand and improve the resilience and species mixture of native tree species and woodlands</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Map ancient trees and woodlands</li> <li>• Continue to develop appropriate planting plans in the Park</li> <li>• Reconnect fragmented areas of woodland</li> <li>• Expand native tree cover on National Park owned land</li> <li>• Explore the viability of establishing a native arboretum</li> <li>• Encourage optimal management of existing woodland to safeguard its ecological condition</li> </ul>	<p>Through a variety of planned projects over the next five years, the eligibility and suitability of sites will be scrutinized and reported upon.</p> <p>Planting plans will be developed.</p> <p>LIFE Celtic Rainforests project will lead on many of these goals until 2025.</p> <p>A review to critically analyse methods will take place by end of 2025.</p>	<p>NPA</p> <p>Woodland Trust</p> <p>Coed Cymru</p> <p>Farming Unions</p> <p>NRW</p> <p>Gwynedd Council</p> <p>Conwy County Borough Council</p> <p>RSPB</p> <p>Welsh Water</p> <p>Welsh Government</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: LIFE Celtic Rainforest project is delivering well in difficult circumstances. Several projects delivering on fragmentation issue. All Forest Design Plans being responded to. Additional funding has been secured for AWS survey and supporting capital works on the sites to improve the condition of woodlands. The effect of ash die back continues to cause concern in terms of extent and effect on tree cover and connectivity.

Developing a Trees and Woodland strategy.

CLA Cymru: where a member specifically wished to undertake a project we would support it. Many of our members actively own and manage woodland on their landholdings.

NWWT: Controlling conifer regeneration at Cors Bodgynydd and controlling rhododendron within and adjacent to local reserves is ongoing. The tree nursery at Gwaith Powdwr has been established and is being further developed. Woodland management work at Gwaith Powdwr to improve the biodiversity is underway and work at Coed Crafnant is underway to maintain the site for lower plants (lichens, bryophytes) including a range of woodland management tasks as well as grazing management involving ponies and goats.


NRW – 5 GlassTir woodland creation grants within ENP.

Woodland Trust: Core partner of LIFE Celtic Rainforests project helping to delivery condition surveys and carry out ancient woodland restoration activities; continuing support for landowners to enter Glastir schemes and own WT subsidised schemes for woodland creation; new woodland creation guidance created focusing on right tree in the right place; continue to increase recording of ancient and veteran trees across the region with new guidance available on management and protection of ancient and veteran trees.

NT: Ongoing delivery of woodland management plans - clearing rhododendron, extensive boundary works to manage conservation grazing with cattle & ponies in our woodland NNRs. Secured a full-time member of staff for our native tree nursery. Strategic planting of alternative tree species to mitigate impacts of Ash-dieback (e.g. sycamore & hornbeam).

RSPB: Celtic Rainforests LIFE project currently has four woodlands in the Mawddach being grazed by two graziers. One grazier has between 2-3 highland cattle on a rotational grazing scheme between three of the sites all year round (Coed Garth Gell, Coed y Parc, and Abergwynant y Waen) while the other grazier has 5 Dexters on Abergwynant y Gribin between April and October.

NFU Cymru: Members have been part of woodland restoration and planting under Welsh Government schemes. Taking part in independent research commissioned by SNPA to identify areas of trees within the area and to consider any potential for the future. Publication of the Growing Together report, a strategy for growing trees sustainably across farms.

A2.5		<p>Ensure that any management related proposals have no adverse effect on the integrity of European site(s), SSSIs, and protected features of other areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All projects - either alone or in combination with other plans and projects - are subject to assessment in light of the relevant legislative framework which applies</li> </ul>	<p>Any potential for adverse characteristics and impacts upon protected areas within the National Park from generic management related activities will be subject to a full assessment once details are available and before any work commences.</p>	All Partners
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**Progress report:** Ongoing HRA's as standard across all protected areas.

CESS: advocacy - responding to Forest Resource Plan consultations and other opportunities to secure better environmental outcomes from activities such as forest management.

## OUTCOME A3

We are prepared for the impacts of climate change and are reducing our carbon footprint.

**Are we within our timeline?** Yes – Objective A3.3 has been subsumed by work in A3.1 and A1.2 and is no longer relevant.


**Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?**

- It is essential for SNPA as a public body to have achieved this Outcome by 2025.

**Conclusion:**

Some progress has been made against the measurements of success outlined in Cynllun Eryri, and increased progress is expected in 2023 to ensure that this Outcome is achieved by 2025.

## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/sresponsible
A3.1		<p>Reduce the carbon emissions of Eryri National Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute proactively towards the WG emission reduction delivery plan</li> <li>• Install electric vehicle charging points at strategic locations within the National Park</li> <li>• Implement greener transport and travel measures to reduce carbon emissions.</li> <li>• Encourage community-based solutions.</li> <li>• Promote and support improving the energy efficiency in new and traditional buildings in line with planning policy</li> <li>• Partners to assess the sustainability of major buildings within the National Park</li> <li>• Continue to support appropriately scaled and located community owned green energy schemes - in line with the LDP</li> <li>• Establish baselines for future emission target setting</li> </ul>	<p>Baselines for future carbon emission measurements will be established by 2023, based on target setting advice from Welsh Government.</p> <p>By the end of the Plan we will have successfully contributed to the Welsh Government emission reduction plan, have installed further electric charging points and monitored the number of homes upgrading to renewable alternatives through Planning applications.</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council Community Energy Cyd Ynni National Trust Snowdonia Society Menter Mon Grwp Cynefin Adra Datblygiadau Egni Gwledig (DEG) Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH) Aberystwyth University</p>

**Progress report:** SNPA - A system for establishing a Carbon emissions baseline is being established, and a Carbon Scrutiny task and finish group of officers and members is meeting to draft a Carbon strategy for the Authority, in conjunction with other Designated Landscapes across Wales.


Grwp Cynefin: has launched a Sustainability Strategy which pledges to reduce carbon emissions by 4% a year to achieve net zero by the year 2044. This develops a 'retrofit' plan for existing homes and builds new homes to a low carbon or carbon free standard.

CCBC have funded Energy Audits within the SNPA looking at energy use in 7 community buildings reducing costs and carbon emissions.

NWWT: Gwaith Powdwr off-grid solar system is still functioning and the tree nursery is being expanded.

CESS: increasing use of sustainable transport options for our practical activities – using Sherpa and e-bikes to get people to volunteer sessions.

CG: Gwynedd Council has adopted the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan 2022/23 – 2029/30 at a Cabinet meeting in March 2022.

A3.2		<p>Safeguard and increase the amount of carbon stored in Eryri</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to utilise and enhance natural carbon sinks within the National Park</li> <li>• Reduce, and where possible reverse, the erosion and degradation of peatlands, including by grip blocking in the uplands and restoration of lowland agricultural peats</li> <li>• Ensure a long-term commitment to well managed and diverse woodland</li> <li>• Explore carbon offsetting and opportunities for financial support for carbon offsetting</li> <li>• Encourage the maintenance of permanent grassland and avoid soil disturbance</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2022, we will have increased the number of Peatland Code and trees and woodland Carbon Code projects supported.</p> <p>Throughout the Plan, SNPA will monitor peatland restoration actions, ensure woodland planting in appropriate sites and the condition of existing woodland is monitored and hedgerow habitats enhanced, as well as working in Partnership to advise on appropriate grazing regimes.</p>	<p>SNPA NRW National Trust Countryside Land Alliance (CLA) National Farmers Union (NFU) Farmers' Union of Wales (FUW)</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: Considerable work undertaken on peatland restoration and preparation of future restoration projects. Skills, experience and capacity of staff has increased through the National Peat Action Programme.


CLA Cymru: nationally continues with our carbon policies.

NFU Cymru: Promoting long-term objectives of 2040 for an agricultural industry that will deliver on Net Zero. A proportion of members taking advantage of renewable energy advice through the union as well as securing specialist equipment.

NWWT: Peatland management at Cors Bodgynydd and expansion of woodland cover at Coed Crafnant is continuing.

CESS: Organised volunteer teams to carry out peat hag reprofiling on Aran Fawddwy in areas inaccessible to contractors. Conifer removal from peatlands.

NT: Tree and hedgerow planting on farms in Cwm Penmachno & Ogwen. Bid for funding to enable further ditch-blocking and peatland restoration.

A3.3		<p>Implement climate change mitigation measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explore the feasibility of implementing a Climate Vulnerability Index (CVI) approach to natural and cultural heritage assets of the National Park</li> <li>• Ensure that upland paths are maintained to a sufficient standard to withstand the increased frequency of storm events through Policy A1.2</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2021 we will work with other Designated Landscapes already using a CVI approach, to map assets and produce a feasibility study within the National Park.</p>	<p>All relevant partners</p>
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*SNPA: This Action has been subsumed by the regional and national work undertaken in A3.1. and A1.2. The NPA is working towards creating a Carbon Strategy based on two main reports which have been produced by Small World Consulting which establishes a baseline and sets targets for the landscape of Eryri; and Acquatera which establishes a baseline and sets targets for the National Park Authority. The hope is that the Carbon Strategy will be ready to present to Authority members by the middle of 2024.*

## OUTCOME A4

Eryri is at the forefront internationally in successfully tackling invasive species, pests and diseases that impact on native species.

**Are we within our timeline?** Yes – a great deal of work has been achieved since 2021 on this Outcome.

**Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?**

Request for a potential extension is being discussed by the Project LIFE Celtic Rainforests team, to ensure that the Phase 3 programme of treatment is delivered to its full effect.

**Conclusion:**

There has been clear progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome A4. The objective remains on track to be achieved by 2025.

## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/sresponsible
A4.1	●	<p>Raise awareness with the public on how they can take action to prevent the establishment and spread of invasive species Contribute proactively towards the WG emission reduction delivery plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that volunteer and community activities that tackle invasive species understand the varying nature of problems, fostering meaningful action</li> <li>• Monitor and record the location and expanse of invasive species</li> <li>• Raise public awareness of terrestrial, freshwater and marine invasive non native species (INNS) and their impacts</li> <li>• Establish baselines for future emission target setting</li> </ul>	<p>A reduction in the number and geographical coverage of invasive species is recorded.</p> <p>Educational events will have taken place with identified groups and feedback surveys will be monitored for improvements in delivery.</p>	<p>SNPA NRW National Trust Snowdonia Society Prifysgol Bangor PLAS Coed Cadw North Wales Wildlife Trust Aberystwyth University Cofnod Wales Working Group on Invasive Non-native Species  John Muir Trust</p>

**Progress report:** SNPA: led by the LIFE Celtic Rainforest Team and support from other officers and projects. Any planning permission that includes invasive plants has a condition that obliges the owner to dispose of the plant before the development begins.

NRW – working in partnership to develop an updated policy. NRW are project partners in the Wales Resilient Ecological Network (WREN) | North Wales Wildlife Trust.


CESS: invasive species awareness and practical control, working with 6 community groups - 800 volunteer hours on Himalayan Balsam in Carneddau.

Developed two new accredited training units on invasive species control. One on planning and invasive species control activity, and one on carrying out the activity. Organised volunteer team to control American Skunk cabbage. Raised awareness of this invasive via an item on Songs of Praise. Work on clearing non-native invasive conifers from stream corridors, footpath routes and wetland habitats in Cwrt/Crawcwellt area with NRW.

PLAS SAC: A Biosecurity Plan for PLAS is well underway. We have also continued to raise awareness about marine INNS through a variety of methods including: Social media; Workshops; School visits; Articles in the PLAS magazine O Dan y Don; Talk to consumers and businesses; Distribute materials such as leaflets etc around the site; Create an education pack for schools; Update PLAS web site.

Coed Cadw: Core staff are working as part of the Celtic Rainforest team to raise awareness & own focus to raise awareness of INNS and the effect on native woodland ecosystems.



A4.2		<p>Continue to expand current Partnership actions to control and reduce the extent of invasive species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue the Rhododendron ponticum Partnership work by implementing the Partnership Plan</li> <li>• Work with partners in tackling the spread of Rhododendron, Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed as well as others which are prioritised and/or arise</li> <li>• Ensure that reporting mechanisms for any potential threats are clear and robust</li> </ul>	<p>Throughout the term of the Plan we will sustain our Partnership approaches and ensure that coverage of invasive species are reduced.</p> <p>Guidance from Management measures for widely spread Invasive Alien Species by DEFRA will be closely followed, as well as updating the public through website and educational campaigns if/ and when cases arise.</p> <p>A review to critically analyse methods will take place by end of 2025.</p>	<p>SNPA NRW National Trust Snowdonia Society Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council CLA NFU FUW Welsh Government Woodland Trust</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: this is being led by the LIFE Celtic Rainforest Team and support from other officers and projects.

CLA Cymru: is fully supportive of this policy where members are affected by Ponticum and other invasive weed species on their land and wish to control them, working with SNPA and its partner organisations.

NFU Cymru: Members join disposal schemes which are carried out through PCE.

NRW Sands of life project - Morfa Harlech, thanks to the completion of the work to transform 16.5 hectares of mature, commercial forestry plantation to open sand dune. 7ha of the plantation was felled back in 2015, followed by a further 9.5ha in 2022 - all of which has been sold into the timber market. We've also removed 5.5ha of stumps, 13ha of brash, 14ha invasive species and created nearly 6ha of bare sand habitat.


NRW - fund a programme of INNS projects on designated sites across the national park through management agreements and BERF, HLF and other funding streams. Events held by WREN project. Invasive Rhododendron Training Day - Plas Tan y Bwlch with Celtic Rainforest Wales

& Coed y Brenin.

CESS: Continued development of capacity to support partnerships, organisations and community groups to tackle INNS on their own land or in their local area. Through work on the Carneddau project, developing and learning what types of interventions and support communities need to tackle these problems. We provide resources, information, volunteers, training, and a package of support.

Woodland Trust: Ongoing work through the Celtic Rainforest projects and contractor interactions.

NT: Ongoing invasives work by rangers, contractors & volunteers across NT estate.

A4.3		<p>Expand on actions to tackle pests and diseases that impact on native species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau marine biosecurity plan</li> <li>• Support Natural Resources Wales in their work to prevent the spread of diseases which are present or arise</li> </ul>	<p>By working in Partnership we will see reduced outbreaks/ plant health notices issued.</p> <p>A review to critically analyse methods will take place by end of 2025.</p>	<p>ACA PLAS NRW Welsh Government SNPA Coed Cymru Woodland Trust Farming Unions</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: Continue to support the objectives through various project work or core funding where possible.

NFU Cymru: There has been collaboration between Gwynedd Council officers in the area and Union officers, as well as a briefing session for members to recognise the signs of Ash Dieback and the legal implications when disposing of it. Farmers have been carrying out their own management work on this in affected areas.

PLAS SAC: A Biosecurity Plan for PLAS is well underway. We have also continued to raise awareness about marine INNS through a variety of methods – see progress under A4.1.

Woodland Trust: Focus on using Observatree to detect and record tree pests and diseases.

## OUTCOME A5

Communities, businesses and visitors play an active role in caring for the National Park's landscapes, habitats, wildlife and cultural heritage.

Are we within our timeline? Yes


Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?

- Funding for volunteer programmes is reliant on Welsh Government.

### Conclusion:

There has been clear progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome A5. The objective remains on track to be achieved by 2025.

## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
A5.1		<p>Seek opportunities for local communities, schools, hard to reach and disadvantaged groups to engage with, and learn about, Eryri's environment and cultural heritage, and how they can help care for it.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evaluate the opportunities we have for local communities, schools, hard to reach and disadvantaged groups and expand the offer</li> <li>Raise awareness of the impacts of erosion and what walkers can do to help</li> <li>Engage with businesses and communities on how they can help reduce the impact of lighting on the night sky and biodiversity</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2021 we will have established a baseline of engagement with each group and worked with our Volunteer Co-ordinator and Dark Skies Officer to expand the reach of the National Park in each area.</p> <p>A review will take place before 2025 to evaluate success.</p>	<p>SNPA National Trust Outdoor Partnership NRW Snowdonia Society Ramblers Cymru Conwy County Borough Council Gwynedd Council Welsh Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) County Voluntary Councils (CVC) Betsi Cadwaladar University Health Board (BCUHB) John Muir Trust</p>

**Progress report:** SNPA: Regular volunteering opportunities for local communities and school/college groups to assist with footpath maintenance work, litter picking, tree planting and woodland management through Volunteer Strategy. Clearer connections with local schools have been established through the appointment of the Young People's Officer. Young Ranger program has been successfully re-established. The Carneddau Landscape project held many gorse clearance sessions, and archaeological digs with pupils from within the project's catchment area. Volunteering Officer has also led guided walks for Ukrainian refugees with Pobl i Bobl in Bangor.

Caru Eryri scheme has developed into a highly successful volunteer programme in co-operation with SNPA, CESS, NWWT and OP.

OP: Caru Eryri partnership; Increased opportunities in terms of locations and physical grading to encourage volunteers from different local communities, people of varying abilities and use of public transport links to sessions to include non-car users.


Community Development programme regularly provide sessions targeted specifically at hard to reach communities, by reducing the barrier to participation, through subsidised costs, equipment and targeting different areas. Pathways to Employment programme works specifically with target groups (NEETS) encouraging use of outdoor activities to improve confidence and gain employability skills.

NRW partnership with NT - Uwch Conwy Project -community and learning opportunities as part of this project. Key partners in Cwm Idwal partnership delivering community engagement and educational events.

CESS: Have recruited a full-time paid trainee on the New to Nature scheme, devised to provide opportunities for under-represented groups to make a start on a career in conservation. Working with a range of hard to reach groups as volunteers, including young people, people recovering from a range of issues, people referred by probation or the police, and people with complex mental or physical health challenges. In order to manage a wide range of volunteers we have invested in continual development of safeguarding procedures and training. Our accredited training programme is designed to be widely accessible. We use assessment techniques which reduce the use of extensive written submissions, making the training accessible to people who might otherwise find it difficult to complete accredited training.

NT: Re-established partnership (post-covid shutdown) with Outward Bound Trust at Bwthyn Ogwen. Delivering educational visits and outreach with local communities via Cwm Idwal Partnership. Numerous volunteer sessions and group visits led by rangers & farm managers.

The Betsi Cadwaladr Public Health Team (BC PHT) continues to raise awareness among 'need to reach' communities about the wellbeing benefits of engaging with green and blue spaces, understanding them and contributing to their preservation for future generations. All staff have been encouraged to enrol and complete the Eryri Ambassadors modules.

A5.2		<p>Support, promote and deliver volunteering opportunities that help protect and enhance the environment and cultural heritage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to develop and expand the Young Rangers scheme</li> <li>• Investigate links with schools locally to offer Welsh Baccalaureate opportunities for Key Stages 4 &amp; 5 and volunteering elements of DoE Award Scheme</li> <li>• Investigate links with return to work schemes to further increase opportunities for residents' contact with the Park</li> </ul>	<p>SNPA's Wardens and Volunteer Co-ordinator will lead on these elements reporting back to our Authority on an annual basis to measure progress.</p> <p>A rise in volunteer numbers will be recorded.</p>	<p>SNPA</p> <p>The Outdoor Partnership</p> <p>National Trust</p> <p>NRW</p> <p>Snowdonia Society</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: The Yr Wyddfa Volunteer Warden Scheme continues and has been expanded to the South of the Park in conjunction with the Engagement service. Arrangements are in place to restart the Young Ranger scheme in partnership with the OP. Discussions have begun in order to expand the scheme to the South of the Park. In 2022 an average of 10 volunteer workdays a month were hosted in partnership with the Snowdonia Society offering a wide variety of conservation opportunities.

CCBC - The Green Communities project aimed to bring people and nature together, for the benefit of the environment and communities; enabling communities to transform their local area into a more desirable place to live, work and play; increase opportunities to volunteer locally outdoors while also creating opportunities for wildlife to flourish. Projects and initiatives are required to integrate the principles of Sustainable Management of Natural Resources (SMNR) into activities and community infrastructure. 9 projects from Conwy were successful 4 of which are within the National Park area:-

Enhancement of Glan y Mor Elias in partnership with Llanfairfechan Town Council, to include alternative methods of interpretation and education.

Enhancement of an area at Pont y Pair Betws y Coed in partnership with the Betws y Coed Community Council to include a picnic area and road safety measures using recycled plastic materials. Creation of a community orchard planting heritage apple and plum trees and including installation of a traditional slate fence in partnership with Cwm Community Action and The National Trust at Foel, Cwm Penmachno. Installation of solar panels and inverter at Hwb Penmachno in partnership with the community.

OP: Continue to support Young Rangers scheme; offering a diverse range of opportunities for young people involved to experience outdoor activities. This will promote greater understanding of the environment and conditions in which activities takes place and their importance. Plan to begin recruitment in Southern range of the Park, integrated initially, but expanded to offer 2 schemes eventually. Creation of TOP ALF framework to assist schools with delivery of new Curriculum for Wales.

CESS: In 2022 we delivered 234 volunteering and training sessions, representing over 1200 opportunities to help look after the NP and learn about its special qualities. Working closely with partners, we are able to offer a significant range of opportunities, which are well-managed by experienced trained staff, with safeguarding and support available to make activities available to a wide range of people.

The Caru Eryri programme is innovating and developing new ways of working together to deliver opportunities. The sharing of staff and systems makes it possible to align efforts better – for instance bringing the Volunter Warden scheme into the same volunteer management software helps co-ordinate the work of NPA Wardens, volunteer wardens and Caru Eryri teams.

NT: Varied volunteer programme across Eryri, often delivered with partners (CESS, SNPA).

## OUTCOME A6

Eryri is a leading example in Wales of how to care for and champion cultural heritage and the historic environment.

Are we within our timeline? Yes


Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?

- Lack of funding if grant opportunities outlined are not successful.


### Conclusion:

There has been clear progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome A6. The objective remains on track to be achieved by 2025.

## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
A6.1		<p>Support the repair and restoration of listed buildings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research available sources of funding that support repair and restoration, historical character &amp; local history</li> <li>• Use Cadw's 5-yearly condition survey of listed buildings to provide targeted funding for buildings at risk</li> <li>• Work with partners to support and develop traditional skills locally, which in turn will help improve the condition of historic buildings</li> <li>• The Carneddau Partnership will deliver on its nine main project themes encompassing the natural and cultural heritage of the region</li> <li>• Explore the feasibility of implementing a Climate Vulnerability Index methodology to natural and cultural heritage assets of the National Park as per policy A3.2</li> </ul>	<p>We will ensure that there is a reduction in the number of listed buildings at risk based on Cadw's condition survey, whilst working with our Partners to develop a strategy for traditional skills workshops.</p> <p>Specific projects will consider the sympathetic reuse and interpretation of designated sections of our historic environment.</p>	<p>SNPA Cadw National Trust National Slate Museum Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council Local history and archaeological groups North West Wales Slate Landscape World Heritage Nomination Partnership Steering Group and related partners</p>
<p><b>Progress report:</b> SNPA: In 2022-23, one listed building at risk has received grant support, the Wilkins building in Dolgellau.</p> <p>Conservation work is taking place on five buildings in the Harlech conservation area, through the Harlech and Arudwy Cultural Heritage Plan fund.</p> <p>As a designated landscape, we continue to contribute to the work program of Cadw's Historic Environment Group (HEG) Climate Change working group.</p> <p>Cadw: Continued support for listed building condition surveys. Delivery of Cadw's Historic Building Capital Grant Programme 2022-2023 for 50% funding of projects up to £250k.</p>				




A6.2		<p>Support owners of Scheduled Monuments to better safeguard them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with partners to ensure suitable sources of funding are available</li> <li>• Using Cadw's database on the state of scheduled monuments, work with partners to establish prioritised work programmes to improve condition (and where appropriate) access and interpretation of scheduled monuments.</li> </ul>	<p>Throughout the Plan we will ensure that the existing database has been utilised to prioritise funding and dedicated work programmes</p>	<p>SNPA Cadw National Trust Gwynedd Council Local history and archaeological groups</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: *The Carneddau Landscape Partnership Plan improves the management of monuments in the uplands through conservation and vegetation management projects. We continue to collaborate with partners and landowners on the conservation of the North West Wales Slate Landscape World Heritage Site. Management and conservation plans for sites in Cwmystradllyn and Cwm Pennant are being developed.*

Cadw: *Delivery of Ancient Monument Grants for eligible conservation works to Scheduled Monuments. Specific support for SNPA / Cyngor Gwynedd in progressing conservation projects within the Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales World Heritage Site.*

NT: *Various projects delivered via Carneddau Landscape Partnership – condition recording, vegetation clearance.*

A6.3		<p>Develop and implement landscape scale projects which benefit the historic environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop projects that improve access to the historic environment, sense of place and designated conservation areas within the National Park</li> <li>• Continue to develop projects that enhance urban character within the National Park</li> <li>• Collaborate on key priorities and joint projects relating to Harlech in the 'Castles and Town Walls of King Edward in Gwynedd' World Heritage site Management Plan</li> <li>• Collaborate on key priorities relating to the National Park in the nomination of the 'Slate Industry of North Wales Cultural Landscape' to the World Heritage List</li> </ul>	<p>By 2021 we will have established a Cultural Heritage Strategy Monitoring Framework, and completed the second phase of the Dolgellau Townscape Heritage Initiative.</p> <p>We will also ensure that we are collaborating on key priorities relating to World Heritage within the National Park and on its borders.</p> <p>Carneddau Partnership will deliver on its nine main project themes encompassing the natural and cultural heritage of the region.</p>	<p>SNPA National Trust Cadw Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council Local history and archaeological groups</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: The interpretation of CP4 and CP5 is currently being completed, with the intention of installing the new interpretation in 2023. Conservation work and detailed management plans for CP4 are being developed in conjunction with a conservation architect. Collaboration continues with partners and landowners. The Dolgellau Townscape Heritage Plan has received a one-year extension. With the support of the Welsh Government, the plan will restore an additional building to the original plan. The Carneddau Landscape Partnership is busy building momentum following an initial delay due to the impact of the Covid 19 pandemic.

Cadw: Support for SNPA / Cyngor Gwynedd in progressing conservation projects within the Slate Landscape of Northwest Wales World Heritage Site.

Continued support of Carneddau Landscape Partnership Scheme through Cadw funded grant aided collaboration with Gwynedd Archaeological Trust.

CCBC: Art exhibition co-created by the Carneddau Landscape Partnership and a local school facilitated by Conwy Archive Service and currently exhibited at Conwy Culture Centre. Further art sessions at the centre with schools to follow. Casglu a Creu Conwy led project invited people (through social media and in person sessions) to co-produce a culture map of the county. 120 points have been added - 12 of which fall within the National Park - examples include: Bryn Gwyn, Ysbyty Ifan's link with Abraham Lincoln and the Taliesin monument.

CESS: As our contribution to Carneddau Landscape Partnership, we delivered 12 vegetation management sessions with volunteers at scheduled monuments and other historic sites in the Carneddau.

NT: Delivery of projects within Carneddau Landscape Project.

## OUTCOME A7

Our Special Qualities are well protected.

**Are we within our timeline?** It is no longer feasible for the Appointment of Landscape Architect into the SNPA Planning Service, yet this does not prevent the Outcome from being achieved.


**Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?**

No


**Conclusion:**

There has been some progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome A7. The objective remains on track to be achieved by 2025.


## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
A7.1		<p>Through the Local Development Plan improve the appropriate setting and location of development in the landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that the nature, location and siting, height, form and scale of the development is compatible with the capacity and character of the site and locality within which it is located</li> <li>• Protect designated and proposed World Heritage sites e.g. North West Wales Slate Landscape</li> <li>• Use Supplementary Planning Guidance: Landscapes and Seascapes of Eryri, Supplementary Planning Guidance: Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment and the LANDMAP resource to assess the landscape impact of planning applications</li> <li>• Appoint a Landscape Architect to assist Development Management officers in assessing landscape impact of planning applications</li> </ul>	<p>A Landscape Architect will be appointed by the end of 2020.</p> <p>Guidelines will be in the LDP and monitored annually, being used to assess planning applications</p>	SNPA

**Progress report:** SNPA: Recruitment of a Landscape Architect will not be progressed due to other higher staffing priorities. The Planning Service (like many others throughout Wales) have struggled to maintain a core staff of planning officers, listed building officers and ecologists to undertake its statutory function of determining planning applications over the last 2 years or so. This has necessitated the frequent use of private consultants to fill such gaps. In this challenging recruitment environment, recruiting a landscape architect has not been a priority – and this situation is likely to persist in the future. The Authority are looking at ways of addressing these wider recruitment issues. However, it should also be noted that the Authority is making use of the landscape advisor that NRW have on certain applications which have a landscape impact. The Authority have also used consultant landscape architects for advice on limited occasions. This private service is expensive and can only be used on limited occasions where specialist advice is a priority.

A7.2		<p>Through the Local Development Plan, ensure that major new developments safeguard views into and out of the National Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure that any major development proposals are subject to rigorous examination and include an assessment of the impact on National Park purposes</li> <li>• Consider the landscape and visual impact of proposals close to the National Park boundary and how these may impact on National Park purposes, including views into, and out of, the National Park</li> </ul>	<p>Guidelines will be in the LDP and SNPA will be working in partnership with neighbouring authorities to ensure these are being implemented</p>	SNPA
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**Progress report:** SNPA: ELDP states that 'Major development will not be permitted within the National Park other than in exceptional circumstances where there is demonstrated to be an overriding public need'. The policy goes on to state the criteria for which a major development would even considered to be remotely acceptable.

A7.3		<p>The Local Development Plan contains clear guidance for inappropriate major infrastructure development such as above ground power cables within the boundary, and where possible encourages the undergrounding of inappropriately located existing lines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The LDP includes a policy which resists inappropriate major development within the National Park</li> <li>• Encourage the undergrounding of overhead lines</li> <li>• Continue to work in partnership with the National Grid to reduce the visual impact of overhead lines within the National Park</li> <li>• The Authority will permit telecommunications developments provided that they do not significantly harm the visual amenity and landscape character of the area</li> <li>• Encourage telecommunications operators to mitigate and/or reduce impacts of existing transmission lines - use landscape sensitive communication infrastructure</li> <li>• The Authority encourages: the use of environmentally acceptable sites, sharing an existing site, mast, tower or other structures and</li> <li>• sharing an existing or planned underground channel with another utility</li> <li>• The mast, antennae and any ancillary structures are expected to be well designed and represent the best practicable environmental option</li> </ul>	<p>Guidelines will be in the LDP for landscape improvement of existing and new developments</p>	SNPA
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**Progress report:** SNPA- The Planning Service continues to work with SPEN and the National Grid. SPEN has an undergrounding project in place in Dyffryn Ogwen, and the undergrounding of the Grid pylons under the river Ddwryd has started.

A7.4	●	<p>Through the Local Development Plan, ensure that lighting in new developments takes account of the International Dark Sky Reserve status and Protect and enhance Regionally Important Geological and Geomorphic Sites (RIGS) and general geodiversity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Through the LDP and Supplementary Planning Guidance on obtrusive lighting, ensure that proposals do not adversely affect the Dark Sky Reserve</li> <li>• Implement LDP policies that ensure development proposals do not adversely affect RIGS</li> </ul>	Guidelines are within the LDP.	SNPA
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*Progress report: SNPA: Guidelines are within the LDP and applied to all Planning applications.*

A7.5	●	<p>Foster greater understanding of the Special Quality of tranquillity and solitude</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research and apply a new methodology of measuring tranquillity within the National Park</li> <li>• Define tranquillity as applied to Snowdonia National Park by including in visitor and residents survey to ascertain the experience of tranquillity in Eryri.</li> <li>• Continue to liaise with the MOD to encourage reductions in the number of low flying activities taking place over Snowdonia</li> </ul>	<p>New methodologies will have been considered and included in the mapping and protection of this Special Quality.</p> <p>A definition of tranquillity and an understanding of users experience of this Special Quality will be achieved through a user survey.</p> <p>Liaison meetings with the MOD will have occurred regularly</p>	SNPA
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*Progress report: SNPA: University of Winchester Tranquillity mapping project is complete and results have been added to QGIS. Perception studies have shown that Tranquillity is an important Special Quality of Eryri for residents and visitors. Results have been added to the Eryri Ambassador programme and have been shared with Dark Skies Officer.*

A7.6		<p>Establish a risk register for the tangible and intangible assets of the National Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Undertake a risk register exercise cross-referencing with Policy A3.3, ensuring preparedness and mitigation measures are anticipated.</li> <li>• With input from key partners consider learnings from the COVID 19 pandemic.</li> </ul>	By 2022 a risk register for tangible and intangible heritage assets of the National Park will have been produced.	SNPA
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**Progress report:** SNPA Property Service is producing an Asset Register for tangible assets, which is being incorporated into the Carbon Strategy for the Authority. Gathering of data for State of the Park Report (2023) has begun which will consider threats and opportunities to all of Eryri's Special Qualities.



## Eryri's Health and Well-being: Opportunities to learn and discover, and at the same time improve our well-being.

### OUTCOME B1

The National Park is having a positive impact on Well-Being.

#### Are we within our timeline?

B1.3 has been superseded by the 70th birthday celebrations in October-November 2021 which has achieved the same objectives, as well as the continued projects in the Carneddau and Ardudwy areas. The focus on wellbeing of Eryri's communities will continue for the remainder of the Plan and beyond.


#### Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?

- Success of the Volunteer and Social Prescribing schemes rely on grant funding.

#### Conclusion:

There has been progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome B1, with B1.3 already achieved. The objective remains on track to be achieved by 2025.

## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
B1.1		<p>Expand work with partners, health services and Public Service Boards through social prescribing schemes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify target audiences</li> <li>• Gather data on the barriers these audiences face and opportunities to address these barriers in a lasting way</li> <li>• Identify and promote existing schemes within the National Park</li> <li>• Establish new social prescribing schemes (along with a referral system) within and around the National Park for the target audiences, based on best practice and research results</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2020 we will have completed the necessary research and identified schemes to promote widely across the Park. By the end of the Plan we intend to have established social prescribing schemes on a trial basis, with the National Park as a partner to at least one major scheme working towards a formal well being strategy</p>	<p>SNPA Let's Get Moving North Wales Public Health Wales Outdoor Partnership National Trust NRW Sports Wales Ramblers Cymru Bangor University CESS</p>


**Progress report:** SNPA: Continued to offer free wellness events to the public and advertised through the BCHB Green Health group network and Lets Get Moving North Wales in order to share the information with green prescribers.

CCBC: Over the past 12 months a number of partnerships have developed including working closely with the National Trust (Tir Afon) and Referral scheme internally, the leisure development team, Social Services, Coleg Llandrillo and the Outdoor Partnership. Further partners include ALN groups in order to provide a diverse range of activities for many different populations. There are now weekly sessions being accessed in partnership.

OP: Successful Healthy and Active programme delivered alongside Community Mental Health teams in 2 local authorities, covering Betsi Cadwaladr Heath Board. Social prescribing project with walking used as treatment for mental ill-health.

CESS: We have invested in our volunteer management and support systems to ensure that we are able to respond positively to the needs and requirements of a wide range of participants – we have for example been able to organise bespoke support for a volunteer with serious and complex health conditions to safely volunteer with us.

BCPHT is working with both prescribers and providers in a bid to strengthen the various pathways that have been tried in different settings to enable people's access to nature. Scoping work and review of existing provision has demonstrated a myriad of approaches and lessons to be learnt as we refine the process and the experiences together with partners, including Eryri National Park.

<p><b>B1.2</b></p>		<p>Promote and enable a diverse range of activities that improve people's well-being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop an online resource relating to activities and routes within the National Park targeted and tailored to the audiences identified under Policy B1.1</li> <li>• Ensure adequate provision for access to inland waters for water based activities, particularly in light of future legislative changes</li> <li>• Continue to expand volunteer opportunities within the National Park that include both physical and cultural activities (see also policy A5.2)</li> <li>• Develop volunteering opportunities for disabled people</li> <li>• Facilitate activities within the National Park that enhance understanding of the Special Qualities for disabled people and disadvantaged groups</li> <li>• Encourage opportunities for socialising in the natural environment</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2021, resources will be available through the National Park website.</p> <p>By 2025 SNPA's Volunteer Co-ordinator will report on the increased provision of volunteer opportunities and evidence of relevant schemes and projects will exist.</p>	<p>SNPA  NRW  National Trust  Outdoor Partnership  WCVA  Public Health Wales  Outdoor Partnership Gwynedd Council  Art Council Wales  Menter Iaith  National Slate Museum  Gwynedd Archaeological Trust  Sports Wales  CESS  John Muir Trust</p>
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**Progress report: SNPA:** Has offered 7 guided mindful walks, 4 outdoor yoga sessions and 4 forest school sessions throughout 2022.

**CCBC:** The section has been able to work with partners to develop a number of both indoor and outdoor activities that include: General Fitness sessions in centres; Community Hubs – doorstep fitness and sport; Outdoor activities (indoor climbing, Water based activities, RNLI Swim Safe, E-biking, Mountain biking, paddle boarding, bush craft and Orienteering; Afterschool sports activities; Training opportunities for young people – Coach Education courses.

**SA:** Ongoing delivery of Babi Actif project, including sessions (buggyfit, forest schools, nature walks etc) for mums to be and new parents encouraging them to be active outdoors.

**OP:** Social prescribing project included opportunities to participate in a range of activities to support treatment and exit routes to continue participation promoted through community clubs; walking, climbing, biking. Research project conducted alongside Bangor/Cardiff Met Universities to measure and evaluate the programme. Video on the project created and shared online as resource for programme in the future.

**Caru Eryri partnership;** volunteering opportunities advertised for individuals with limited mobility; differing roles such as completing surveys with visitors, manning the information van in car parks.


**NRW:** Accessibility pilot carried out on our own sites as well as along the Wales coast path.

**NT:** Cwm Idwal Partnership – delivered series of wellbeing walks & visits for groups.

**CG:** Pontio'r Cenedlaethau project that bridges the generations held in various locations including Dolgellau and Bala. The intention is to create new connections between children and people of all ages. This will increase respect and understanding between the generations and lead to stronger communities. There is a variety of projects from those in schools and care homes, to community ones to those that work on community resilience.

**Age Friendly Gwynedd** works to be an age friendly local authority. Achieving the goal will contribute towards the well-being of the Park's individuals.

**Active Dementia Gwynedd** has 17 weekly classes across Gwynedd - some within the boundaries of the Park, such as Dolgellau. And also holds Dementia Friends sessions in order to increase awareness and reduce stigma.

B1.3		<p>Plan a community-based project exploring the long, reciprocal relationship between the people of Eryri and the land</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather a group of experts in the field to mind map possible ways to approach this project</li> <li>• Build upon the work of the Carneddau Landscape Partnership's Oral History Project</li> <li>• Facilitate workshops with a variety of community representatives to consider the best ways to express these inherent connections</li> <li>• Support and advise (as required) in the development of the project to its conclusion, as decided by local residents</li> </ul>	<p>By 2021 we will ensure that a mind mapping session has occurred and connections have been made with relevant community representatives.</p> <p>For the 70th anniversary of the designation of Snowdonia National Park, workshops will have occurred and the project will have been launched and is being facilitated to its conclusion.</p>	<p>SNPA</p> <p>All relevant partners and community members</p>
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**Progress report:** This action has been achieved by the Eryri 70 celebrations which established several community projects celebrating and exploring what it meant to live and work in Eryri. The website [www.eryri70.cymru](http://www.eryri70.cymru) showcases how Eryri has inspired various artists for centuries by posing questions, discovering and reminiscing about the past, present and future of the park, displaying the work of a huge variety of local artists and young people who are inspired by Eryri in their creative work. The work of the Carneddau Landscape Partnership's Oral History Project continues apace as well as the ongoing Arduwy project recording stories related to various buildings and remains of buildings throughout the area. The focus on wellbeing of Eryri's communities will continue for the remainder of the Plan and beyond.

## OUTCOME B2

Residents and visitors can access a variety of routes in the National Park aimed to improve physical and mental health.

**Are we within our timeline?** Timelines have been revised to reflect delays due to Covid-19.


**Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?**

- Ongoing negotiations with Partners to agree on an SLA.

**Conclusion:**

There has been some progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome B2. The objective remains on track to be achieved by 2025.

## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
B2.1		<p>Create a plan and focus resources on promoting, developing and maintaining well-marked long-distance trails, accessible trails, multi user trails (particularly cycling trails and mountain bike routes), promoted routes and links and loops between towns and villages Identify target audiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the target audiences for routes and trails in line with policy B1.1</li> <li>• Review the Recreation Strategy for the National Park and ensure that it delivers on Outcome B2 and includes national standards for signage, furniture and accessibility</li> <li>• Increase the total length of accessible trails by removing barriers to enable access for all wherever possible, and provide least restrictive options in relation to furniture</li> <li>• Survey local people, stakeholders and visitors to assess their needs and demands in relation to access in their local area, along with any barriers they face to accessing the outdoors</li> <li>• Based on the results, create a map plan for the development of trails, including exploring options across the National Park in areas such as Bala-Traws, Bala - Dolgellau (subject to compliance with action A2.5) and identify how access for disabled people can be improved at the most popular sites within the National Park</li> <li>• Identify and pursue funding to deliver on the plan</li> <li>• Support long distance routes already in existence such as Snowdonia Slate Trail, Cambrian Way, Taith Arduwgy, Pilgrims Way, Snowdon Circular, North Wales path, Wales Coast path etc</li> </ul>	<p>The action plan in 'Overview of actions' column will be implemented over the next 5 years so that all actions are complete by 2025.</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council National Trust NRW Local Access Forums Snowdonia Society BHS</p>


**Progress report:** SNPA: Recreation Strategy to be presented now in April 2023. This includes recognition of the spread and variation of activities that occur in the NP, and to identify where there are gaps in those provisions such as bridleways. The Warden Service prioritises path work by considering opportunities to create circuits, community links and provide opportunities for everyone. Through collaboration with the Engagement department, the routes that are being promoted have been inspected and presented on the Authority's new website.

NRW have adopted the cycle route that runs exclusively on our estate at Dolwyddelan from Menter Siabod. NRW working with Cycle UK to develop a long distance bike packing route – Traws Eryri. NRW implement the Wales Coast Path and National Trails programme.

CESS: Continued our commitments to help maintain Llwybr Llechi Eryri, Lôn Gwyrfai and Llwybr Mawddach, through organising volunteer teams to clear ditches and drains, manage vegetation, and carry out minor resurfacing and repairs. Along these routes we also carry out litter clearance and invasive species control where appropriate. Accredited training in footpath maintenance provides a basic introduction for a wide range of people, fostering understanding of the work and the need for it.

NT: Maintenance of numerous long distance trail routes (e.g. Snowdonia Slate Trail, Cambrian Way).

CG: Rights of Way Improvement Plan (RHIP) has been adopted following consultation with PCE and public consultation. Consulted on the review of Active Travel routes. The Wales Slate Landscape World Heritage Site projects will help to secure access to some of our slate landscapes and our communities.

B2.2		<p>Ensure that Right of Way work is effectively prioritised and that responsibilities and standards are clear, with the SNPA focusing its resources and funding on multi-user trails and upland paths</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create a priorities and maintenance plan to ensure that resources are effectively managed and targeted to deliver</li> <li>• Continue to implement and regularly review the Service Level Agreement with Conwy Council. Agree and implement a MOU with Gwynedd Council</li> <li>• Ensure that all partners delivering RoW work within the National Park are signed up to the standards set out in the access strategy under Policy B2.1</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2021, the Maintenance Plan will be produced and implemented. Agreements will be in place with Gwynedd Council.</p> <p>By the end of 2022, the standards document will be in place and signed by identified partners.</p> <p>GIS surveys will provide measurable data for the Conwy RoW network.</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council National Trust NRW Ramblers Cymru</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: SLA with CCBC is ongoing and a MOU is under discussion with GC to delineate responsibilities. Warden Service - Rights of Way work is managed and recorded on the computerised system. Prioritising project work is agreed by a group which includes a Project Officer, Access and Welfare Manager, Senior Wardens and the Head of Warden Service.


NRW input to the ROWIP consultations for Conwy and Gwynedd.

CESS in partnership with SNPA have annual maintenance programmes on Yr Wyddfa, Lon Gwyrfai, Llwybr Mawddach, Slate trail and CESS/NT work together on paths in Glyderau/ Carneddau.

NT: Ongoing maintenance and erosion repair on all footpaths on NT land.

CG and SNPA share information regarding major access projects and have discussed the possibility of using the same system for examining rights of way. A commitment to provide and promote multi-use trails is included in the new CGHT.



B2.3		<p>Improve access opportunities for disabled people and socially excluded groups - See also policy B2.1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gather research on the barriers faced by the public, including disabled people, those of lower socio-economic backgrounds and other excluded groups in accessing the National Park</li> <li>• Develop actions under Policy B2.1 to improve access opportunities for disabled people and excluded groups</li> <li>• Work with target groups and relevant charities in the early design phase of major access projects</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2025, the research will have been completed.</p> <p>We will ensure measurable increases in available provisions by the term end of the Plan.</p>	<p>SNPA NRW National Trust Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council Sport Wales</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: Promotional videos for all access for all routes/tramper friendly routes completed and are to be available on the SNPA website. There were approximately 85 tramper hires in 2022. A new 4-wheeler bike is also available for hire at no cost. The Recreation Strategy is focused on least restrictive options and Mile without Stiles philosophy.

OP: projects such This Girls Adventure and our Inclusive work programmes focus on facilitating access and support for under-represented groups in outdoor activities. Inclusive clubs that access support through the Club Support programme work specifically with disabled groups to access outdoor activities; Cycle Power, SEAS Sailability. Continuous work on physical access to venues/natural resources for wheelchair users (pontoon Llanberis/Kayak access Afon Dwyryd).

NRW – accessibility Pilot on the Wales Coast path working with Experience community. NRW updated website to better promote routes for those with mobility issues.

NT: Replacement of stiles with self-closing gates. New accessible route in community orchard, Cwm Penmachno. Outward Bound partnership & Cwm Idwal partnership focussed on encouraging and upskilling people to visit the mountains.

CG: A commitment to the principles of access for all and barrier-free access has been incorporated into the new CGHT. The Wales Slate Landscape World Heritage Site projects will help to secure access to some of our slate landscapes and our communities.

## OUTCOME B3

Our Special Qualities are widely recognised.

**Are we within our timeline?** Adjusted post Covid but now on track


**Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?**

Priorities of various organisations have been affected - measurements of success will be adapted in 2023 to reflect new priorities of all Partners.

### **Conclusion**

There has been clear progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome B3. The objective remains on track to be achieved by 2025.


## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
B3.1		<p>Develop a brand marketing strategy for Eryri based on the Special Qualities that is consistently implemented across the public and private sector</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Using local understanding and knowledge, build a strong and clear picture of the National Park's cultural and historic identity</li> <li>Following the development of principles for Visitor Management (see Policy A1.1), develop a marketing/brand strategy for Eryri based on promotion and protection of its Special Qualities. The strategy should consider: Visit Wales' 'Wales brand'; target audiences and emerging markets; addressing overcapacity and environmental impact at popular locations; emphasising eco and green credentials, quiet enjoyment; benefits of the environment to well-being; and promotion of local culture, Welsh language, food and drink</li> <li>Create a Cultural Heritage and Interpretation Plan for the National Park in line with marketing brand (above)</li> <li>Develop opportunities for enhancing the visitor experience by linking with historic and cultural aspects e.g. World Heritage sites, slate trails, mountaineering history and promoting Welsh place names and the Welsh language</li> <li>Develop information and resources that celebrate sites notable in Welsh literature and culture, and encourage respect and understanding for the Welsh language</li> <li>Explore the possibility of launching an annual competition for 'Snowdonia Culture Capital' (using lessons from the City of Culture model). The winning town/village will receive funding to promote and organise cultural activities for the year</li> <li>SNPA to improve and modernise its website in line with the new marketing and brand strategy</li> <li>Commission new photos of the area to reflect the principles of the new marketing and branding strategy: rich media videos; drone footage; gpx files of trails etc.</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2021, we will have worked with our partners to create a new marketing and brand strategy based on local knowledge, and will develop a new interpretation strategy based on this.</p> <p>Using a newly designed website and images, a number of projects will be undertaken to strengthen historic, cultural and literary aspects of the area.</p> <p>A review of the new brand will take place by 2025.</p>	<p>SNPA National Trust Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council National Trust Cadw Arts Council Menter Iaith National Slate Museum Gwynedd Archaeological Trust (GAT)</p>

*Progress update: SNPA: Cultural Heritage Strategy workshops have been held with staff and engagement is taking place with partners and subject experts. New Authority website now completed and launched, with use of refreshed brand imagery giving a sense of the Special Qualities. Communication & Engagement Strategy also developed and approved by Members and reviewed and reported on annually. Annual communication campaign with visitors, in Partnership with other NPs across Wales.*

*NT: Messaging aligned with SNPA strategy and other partners.*

*CG: The Gwynedd and Eryri Sustainable visitor Economy Plan 2035 will be a means of joint marketing and communicating the special qualities of Eryri.*

<p><b>B3.2</b></p>		<p>Encourage visitors to come at different times of year and to different areas in order to ease pressure during the peak season and help businesses with seasonality issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote winter season and ‘autumn colours’ season. Use seasonal images on websites</li> <li>• Work with partners to develop opportunities in relation to the “Wales Way”</li> <li>• Use existing examples to consider a thematic itinerary approach to promote the Special Qualities of Snowdonia</li> </ul>	<p>These innovative ideas will be in place by the end of 2021</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council Visit Wales NRW National Trust Visit Wales Plas y Brenin Snowdonia Active</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: Thematic itineraries approach being launched in 2023, with focus on cultural heritage and links with Eisteddfod.


Regular engagement with Snowdonia 360. Website and refreshed brand using seasonal palette and images. Communication and Engagement strategy includes specific outcomes relating to this action, and as a result messaging is ingrained in our communication to visitors, in particular encouraging visiting at different times of year.

CCBC: Continue to develop focused marketing campaigns for the winter season. Campaigns consist of radio coverage with key messages and mirror the campaign through social media channels.

SA: Curious Cymru project worked with businesses to develop new tourism experiences which offer exciting and unique ways to discover Eryri.

NT: No pro-active promotion of busy sites during busy season. Increased promotion of walks etc during winter/shoulder seasons.

CG: The Gwynedd and Eryri Sustainable visitor Economy Plan 2035 will be a means of joint marketing and communicating the special qualities of Eryri.

B3.3		<p>Using the brand marketing strategy as a foundation, develop a shared plan with partners on the information we provide to visitors, with an emphasis on the Special Qualities and behavioural change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the target audiences for information and behaviour change</li> <li>• Identify what type and format of information is most effective, as well as what languages are most in demand</li> <li>• Develop a shared plan to include how we deliver information pre, during and post visit, as well as a rationalisation of the mix and use of modern and traditional means of providing information</li> <li>• Improve information on recreation opportunities targeted at specific groups in line with the brand strategy and information plan, and fill any pre-existing gaps in information</li> <li>• Work with tourism businesses to promote information and understanding about the Park in line with the brand strategy and information plan e.g. through an ambassador scheme</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2020, target audiences will have been identified as part of the new website production.</p> <p>A pilot ambassador scheme will have been established and lessons learned will be applied across the National Park.</p> <p>The branding strategy will inform the shared Plan and improvement of information provision by the end of 2022.</p> <p>A review of the new brand will take place by 2025.</p>	<p>SNPA National Trust Visit Wales Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council Outdoor Partnership Sports Wales Snowdonia Active GAT NRW All partners</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: YouGov survey carried out to understand visitor audiences. Eryri Ambassador scheme now has over 800 participants.

Communications group established as part of the Gwynedd and Eryri 2035 Sustainable Visitor Economy Strategy.

CCBC: Continued promotion of the Tourism Ambassador scheme to businesses through CRF funding new modules developed.

SA: Ongoing promotion of AdventureSmart campaign in Eryri to encourage safe enjoyment (especially relevant with the push towards off peak tourism (B5.2)

OP: Caru Eryri partnership included a marketing campaign with targeted advertising; to both encourage more volunteers into the scheme, and also provide information to visitors, in line with SNPA messaging, about volunteer messages of taking litter home, no camping, dogs on leads, pre book parking etc.

NRW – continued support promotion of countryside code through resources for partners. Code of conduct for gorge walking developed.

NT: Messaging aligned with SNPA strategy and other partners.

CG: The Gwynedd and Eryri Sustainable visitor Economy Plan 2035 will be a means of joint marketing and communicating the special qualities of Eryri.

## OUTCOME B4

Sustainable options for parking and transport are achieved.

Are we within our timeline? Yes


Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?

- Lack of funding / investment
- Lack of commitment from Partners to the Parking and Transport Strategy
- Wider developments overtaking the original vision and strategy

### Conclusion:


There has been clear progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome B4. The objective currently remains on track to be achieved by 2025.

## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
B4.1		<p>Improve the sustainability and availability of transport for visitors and residents and address parking problems Using local understanding and knowledge, build a strong and clear picture of the National Park's cultural and historic identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review public transport systems in popular areas to ensure it meets the demands and needs of residents and visitors</li> <li>Establish committed partnerships to ensure that there is adequate revenue to sustain the public transport requirement</li> <li>Use public transport as a means of delivering information to visitors</li> <li>Improve working relationships with businesses, social enterprises, communities and landowners, encouraging community based solutions</li> <li>Ensure that public transport routes are clearly linked with promoted trails and routes</li> <li>Support Active Travel measures as detailed in Welsh Government legislation</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2021, we Work with all recommendations from the 2020 Yr Wyddfa and Ogwen parking and transport review to implement measures across the National Park.</p> <p>Review and adapt measures as necessary by 2025.</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council Transport for Wales All landowning partners North Wales Economic Ambition Board Welsh Government</p>

**Progress report:** In partnership with TfW, CG and CCBC, SNPA have furthered several elements of the Yr Wyddfa and Ogwen Parking and Transport Strategy such as: improvements to the Sherpa network; WelTag Stage 1&2 of Active Travel Routes; installing sensors and conveying live information to visitors; progressed pre-booking system for Pen y Pass; created a Partnership for Ogwen and Nant Gwynant pinch point areas.

**CESS:** Advocacy for sustainable transport, working with Partneriaeth yr Wyddfa, providing detailed input to North Wales Transport Commission, delivering 2 focus groups for Senedd Research on post-pandemic public transport. Provided detailed input to Roads Review Panel. Responded to Welsh Government consultations on bus services, National Transport Delivery Plan, and WELTag 2022.

B4.2		<p>Explore and implement opportunities to encourage greener transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assess the environmental impacts of visitors in relation to carbon emissions to encourage a move towards greener technologies for travel such as electric cars, buses and bikes</li> <li>• Improve information and marketing in relation to how people get to the park and travel around, ensuring that the most sustainable options are promoted and highlighted</li> <li>• Utilise smart technology to encourage behaviour change (e.g. Enterprise Scheme)</li> <li>• As per Policy A3.1 install EV charging points at strategic travel and visitor points in the National Park</li> </ul>	<p>Work with all recommendations from the 2020 Yr Wyddfa and Ogwen parking and transport review to implement measures across the National Park. Review and adapt measures as necessary by 2025.</p> <p>A new way of measuring visitor contribution and impact on the area will be in place by 2021 and will assess environmental factors.</p>	<p>SNPA NRW National Trust Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council Visit Wales Partneriaeth Ogwen</p>
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**Progress Report:** SNPA as above and through the creation of a Carbon Strategy for the Authority. Working in Partnership with Cyngor Gwynedd the Authority is implementing new ways of measuring the impact of tourism in Eryri under the Sustainable Visitor Economy Plan.

CCBC: Rural Business Development Grant installed EV charging points at 2 private self-catering accommodation.

NT: Assist with promotion of electric shuttle service in Ogwen. Use of electric shuttle service and bikes to facilitate visits to Cwm Idwal/Ogwen for guided walks/group visits.



## OUTCOME B5

Our visitor facilities are high quality and landscape sensitive.

### Are we within our timeline?

Timelines have been adjusted to reflect impact of Covid-19 and now on track.


### Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?

Not at present – timelines have been adapted to reflect disruption in 2020-21 but all elements are still set to be achieved.

### Conclusion:

There has been clear progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome B5. The objective currently remains on track to be achieved by 2025.


## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
B5.1		<p>Visitor facilities are sufficiently funded and invested in to achieve and exceed the expectations of visitors Review public transport systems in popular areas to ensure it meets the demands and needs of residents and visitors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess the visitor facilities (centres, toilets etc) within the National Park and identify priorities for improvement</li> <li>Through a visitor survey, monitor opinions on facilities and act on any recommendations</li> <li>Assess the possibility and sustainability of expanding Information and Visitor Centres to be community/well-being hubs</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2023, the results of the facilities assessment will have been produced, and a feasibility study into expanding the role of visitor centres will be complete.</p> <p>Results of the visitor survey will influence future priorities.</p>	<p>SNPA</p> <p>NRW</p> <p>National Trust</p> <p>Gwynedd Council</p> <p>Conwy County Borough Council</p> <p>Visit Wales</p> <p>North Wales Economic Ambition Board</p> <p>Snowdonia Society</p>

**Progress report:** SNPA: an upgrade of the exhibition for visitors has been finished at Betws y Coed and will be opened to the public by Easter 2023.

NRW – part-funding interpretation project Phase 2 at Idwal. Part funded installation of Fibre broadband at Idwal. Benefits for site staff as well as for community in Nant Ffrancon.

CG: The Gwynedd and Snowdonia Plan 2035 will be a means of prioritizing improvements to facilities across the area through the Sustainable Visitor Economy Partnership. There will be an opportunity to improve interpretation and facilities for everyone through the Welsh Slate World Heritage Site plans.

B5.2		<p>Support activities that complement the Special Qualities of Snowdonia - in particular tranquillity - and that encourage visitors to switch to visiting during the autumn and winter in order to address seasonality and pressures in high season</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and promote activities and initiatives relating to the Dark Skies Reserve status</li> <li>• Support and promote initiatives relating to winter tourism</li> <li>• Improve and promote opportunities for access to the historic environment and wider cultural heritage</li> </ul>	<p>Our Dark Skies Officer works to promote understanding of this important element of Snowdonia, reporting on an annual basis.</p> <p>By the end of 2023, our Cultural Heritage and Interpretation Strategy will include promotion of the historic environment linked to seasonality (see also policy B3.1)</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council National Trust Visit Wales NRW Cadw John Muir Trust</p>
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*Progress report: SNPA, CG and CCBC have launched their Ambassador Programmes which aim to address seasonality issues.*

*SNPA and CG have produced a Sustainable Visitor Economy Strategic Plan for the area and are working in Partnership with CCBC to deliver it.*

*CCBC: Through CRF funding developed new modules within the Tourism Ambassador programme.*

B5.3		<p>High quality, landscape appropriate accommodation, meets the expectations and demand of visitors and is helping increase spend per head</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carry out research into the demand and gaps in relation to high quality visitor accommodation including that of affordable accommodation</li> <li>• Work in partnership with Gwynedd Council to develop the Council's Destination Management Plan</li> <li>• Via the Local Development Plan, support the development and promotion of high quality, landscape appropriate, visitor accommodation to meet the demands of the market</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2020 research will have been carried out and the LDP will contain this guidance</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council</p>
<p><b>Progress report:</b> SNPA: Policy 29 results in approximately 4-5 permissions per year for small scale alternative holiday accommodation on farms (and therefore contributes to diversification). This seems to work well. There is pressure from developers to convert hotels into holiday homes - this needs careful monitoring.</p> <p>CG: The Gwynedd and Eryri Plan 2035 will be a means of prioritizing improvements to facilities across the area through the Sustainable Visitor Economy Partnership.</p>				

## Eryri's Communities and Economy: A great place to develop, live and work

### OUTCOME C1

The language, culture and heritage of Eryri is being celebrated, supported and strengthened.

Are we within our timeline? Yes


Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?

Nothing which is currently affecting delivery of objectives.

#### Conclusion:

There has been clear progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome C1. The objective currently remains on track to be achieved by 2025.

Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
C1.1		<p>Promote understanding, enjoyment and protection of the Welsh language and culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and promote local community events, groups and creative projects that have links to the Welsh language and culture</li> <li>• Create opportunities for young people to be ambassadors for the language and culture of the area</li> <li>• Lead by example in ensuring that the Welsh language, culture and heritage is promoted and used in events, activities and information</li> <li>• Implement measures in the Local Development Plan and related Supplementary Planning Guidance which encourages new developments to maintain or enhance the development of the Welsh language</li> <li>• Develop and implement a communication plan to improve visitor awareness of the Welsh language and culture</li> <li>• Ensure that the Welsh language plays a leading role in any projects, activities or schemes arising from policy A5.1, A5.2, A6.1, B1.1, B1.2, B1.3, C4.1 and C4.2, whether through teaching about the language, leading by example and/ or promoting use through providing opportunities to socialise in Welsh.</li> </ul>	<p>We will ensure that these groups are feeding into policy B3.1 when it is established, that a Communication Plan is implemented by the end of 2021 and that guidelines are in the LDP and are monitored annually.</p> <p>An evaluation of these actions will take place by 2025.</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council John Muir Trust</p>

SNPA: Yr Ysgwrn, the Carneddau Landscape Partnership Scheme and the Harlech and Ardudwy Cultural Heritage Scheme offer a wide variety of opportunities for people to socialise, engage with and participate in heritage through the medium of Welsh. These opportunities include volunteering, skills development, activities and events. Yr Ysgwrn adds to the Curriculum for Wales resources. The Authority has officially approved the use of the names Yr Wyddfa and Eryri in all languages. The decision received a positive response and there are a number of national bodies following suit, leading to a better awareness of Welsh place names and an understanding of their significance. Place name projects are being planned with Pontio (Bangor) and for the 2023 National Eisteddfod. All medium / large planning applications have to carry out a linguistic assessment and demonstrate that there is no adverse effect before being granted.

CCBC: Art exhibition co-created by the Carneddau Landscape Partnership and a local school facilitated by Conwy Archive Service and currently exhibited at Conwy Culture Centre. Further art sessions at the centre with schools to follow. A Welsh Language and Visitor offer study has been undertaken. 69 Conwy businesses (9 of which were based in the park, with many more on the edge) and 193 visitors were surveyed resulting in an action plan that will guide Creu Conwy delivery. In addition a practical toolkit has been created to help embed the use of the Welsh Language within businesses and the tourism offer. Caru Celf – a visual art project in partnership with Urdd Conwy engaged young people in Dolwyddelan. The project theme was - Conwy y dyfodol / Conwy of the future with topics including: architecture, technology, transport, words, Welsh culture and sustainable energy.

NWWT leaflets and other interpretation materials, including signage and a website are all bilingual. The NWWT produces 'Gwyllt' an educational Welsh-language wildlife publication for children, which is available to all schools and family memberships across North Wales. The NWWT continues to undertake Welsh-language educational events and activities with primary schools within and adjacent to Parc Eryri.

OP: Caru Eryri partnership; all communication delivered bi-lingually. Promotion of the project with specific local groups; community clubs, further education colleges. On project days, use of Welsh language promoted alongside promotion of Welsh place names and cultural importance highlighted within the group and with visitors. All OP work is bi-lingual with emphasis placed on use of language, local terminology.


CESS: setting a positive example of proactive use of the Welsh language within the conservation third sector.

PLAS: everything is produced in Welsh and in English, every session is run bilingually etc. We use Welsh names for places and projects.

Woodland Trust: ensure that all documentation produced within Wales is bilingual and our work has a particular focus on Welsh language and culture when thinking about work at landscape scale and within a farming context. Ensuring appropriate tree planting and the right tree in the right place, avoiding monoculture woodland plantations and protecting our native woodlands and important trees which are cultural and heritage assets of the area.

CG: Menter Iaith has continued to carry out activities and collaborate with local community groups in order to promote the Welsh language. A digital package 'Welcome to Gwynedd' was developed for immigrants to the county in order to encourage them to learn Welsh. The Gwynedd Language Forum was established which is a forum for key partners to come together to discuss issues regarding the Welsh language. A digital map of Welsh-medium social activities available in Gwynedd has been developed.

PHW: The Health Board recognises and fully supports the importance of enabling the population to participate in Welsh and to celebrate the language, culture and heritage. The Board actively supports employees, patients and visitors to use and enjoy the language at work and in their daily lives.

C1.2		<p>Provide opportunities for Welsh learners in the area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote and support initiatives to encourage people moving to the area to learn Welsh</li> <li>Create opportunities for Welsh learners and speakers to socialise and use the language, particularly through volunteer opportunities as in Policies A5.2 and B1.2</li> <li>As part of Policy B3.1 and B3.3 provide training for businesses in the Welsh language and culture</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2020 a pilot Ambassador scheme will have been established for the Snowdon Partnership Plan. We aim to develop this to encompass the entire National Park area by 2021.</p> <p>We will monitor the uptake of Welsh learners in volunteer activities offered by all Partners to measure progress.</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council NRW Public Health Wales Outdoor Partnership Sports Wales</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: All volunteers are encouraged to participate in the Ambassador scheme as an induction to the NP.

Cader Idris Volunteer Wardens scheme set up similar to Yr Wyddfa, to encourage learners to practice when out on patrols. 65% Yr Wyddfa volunteers are fluent in Welsh, 20% Cader Idris volunteers are fluent in Welsh.

JMT: 22 participants received Welsh language tailored training as part of the Carneddau project in June 2021. This focused on Wild Places in Eryri.

NWWT: delivers bilingual events and activities, including walks and talks and also offers informal opportunities for conversing in Welsh at volunteer tasks and public/social events.


OP: Caru Eryri Plans to include specific Welsh learner sessions within the project.

Woodland Trust: Ensure that all our activities are promoted bilingually and able to accommodate Welsh learners. Our staff are encouraged to learn or improve their Welsh with an aim of increasing our own staff Welsh language abilities through a number of internal initiatives and by supporting their learning through providers.

CG: Menter Iaith runs various activities for learners.

PHW: BCPHT provides a comprehensive suite of support for Welsh learners in North Wales and takes a proactive approach to raising awareness of these in line with the Welsh Language measures.



C1.3		<p>Protect Welsh place names</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implement measures in the Local Development Plan that encourage the use of Welsh place names for new or renovated businesses, developments, houses and street names</li> <li>• Implement measures in the Local Development Plan that encourage the use of bilingual signs</li> <li>• Link to UNESCO's Indigenous Languages programme to promote the local names of the National Park and its most recognisable assets</li> </ul>	<p>We will ensure that guidelines are in the LDP and that Supplementary Planning Guidance exists to promote these elements.</p>	<p>Welsh Language Commissioner and the Future Generations Commissioner</p> <p>Menter Iaith</p> <p>SNPA</p> <p>NRW</p> <p>Cadw</p> <p>Royal Commission on the Ancient and Historical Monuments of Wales (RCAHMW)</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA - The Carneddau Landscape Partnership Plan and the Harlech and Arduwy Cultural Heritage Plan are collecting place names to contribute to the List of Historic Welsh Names. The names are interpreted and promoted through creative projects.

In 2022, the National Park Authority decided to officially adopt the names Eryri and Yr Wyddfa in all languages. This decision has prompted similar action by other national bodies and has inspired better awareness of Eryri's place names and their cultural significance.

Principles for dealing with place names were adopted by SNPA, in order to harmonise the use of place names. The list of lake names is about to be harmonised by the Place Name Standardisation Panel and this will lead to consistency of the names of Eryri's peaks in due course.

CG: Gwynedd Council has identified the Native Welsh Place Names project as a priority project in the Council's Plan. The work program pays attention to the Council Names, House Names, Street Names, housing estates and industrial estates, Villages and settlements and Geographical Features as well as trying to influence external partners.

## OUTCOME C2

Jobs and opportunities encourage people to remain in the area.

**Are we within our timeline?** Yes

**Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?**


Any lack of investment in digital infrastructure in the region.

Outcomes of Welsh Government's decisions for the Agricultural Sector.

**Conclusion:**

There has been some progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome C2. The objective remains on track to be achieved by 2025.

## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
C2.1		<p>Communication infrastructure in the area is being improved for businesses and communities in a way that does not compromise the landscape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support partners to deliver innovative and landscape sensitive initiatives to improve broadband, mobile data and internet infrastructure in rural areas</li> <li>• Support initiatives within the regional growth strategies that improve digital connectivity whilst protecting the landscape</li> <li>• Work with Gwynedd Council to develop further proposals for creating high value jobs across a range of areas.</li> </ul>	<p>Digital connectivity across Eryri is significantly improved.</p> <p>Free Wi Fi offerings linked to community centres and hubs will be available</p>	<p>SNPA</p> <p>Local Action Groups Conwy and Gwynedd</p> <p>Gwynedd Council</p> <p>Conwy County Borough Council</p> <p>North Wales Economic Ambition Board</p> <p>Creative North Wales</p> <p>Mantell Gwynedd</p> <p>Conwy and Denbighshire PSB</p>
<p><b>Progress report:</b> NRW part funded the installation of fibre broadband at Cwm Idwal as part of the partnership there with SNPA &amp; NT.</p> <p>CG: Gwynedd Council a) Collaborates with North Wales Ambition to develop and realise the plans of the Digital Program b) Installs Smart Towns equipment in the county's main centres.</p>				

C2.2		<p>Support and promote training, employment and business opportunities related to - or complementing - the National Parks 1st purpose and Special Qualities including environment related sectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support and promote opportunities for land managers to take part in public goods schemes as set out in policy A2.1</li> <li>• Encourage and support the development of businesses and skills relating to delivery of public-goods schemes</li> <li>• Support environment and Special Quality related initiatives with the regional growth strategies</li> <li>• Work with the economic development departments within the local councils to develop opportunities through the Snowdonia Enterprise Zone, the Welsh Slate Landscape World Heritage nomination or other employment creation and high-quality jobs</li> <li>• Support projects that aim to shorten the local food supply chain</li> <li>• Work with our partners to support farmers responding to the changes brought about by Brexit, both in terms of market change and the payment regimes</li> <li>• Support the development of resources and skills for the repair and maintenance of historic buildings and features, including capacity building programmes as per Policy A6.1</li> <li>• Explore opportunities for developing a framework for collaboration in the development of whole-estate plans, by researching successful implementation in other protected areas</li> </ul>	<p>We aim to see the number of businesses related to the public goods scheme rising. Through promotion and sharing of good practice, this will have a cumulative impact.</p> <p>The number of initiatives supported by our various Partners will have increased and new potential frameworks have been evaluated and reported upon.</p> <p>Our core partnerships will include greater representation from the business and tourism sectors</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council Menter Mon Grwp Cynefin Gwynedd Archaeological Trust National Slate Museum Menter Iaith Gwynedd Employment and Skills group Arloesi Gwynedd Wledig All relevant Partners</p>
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**Progress report:** CCBC: Continue to engage with local business directly and through communications channels to support the local economy. Through partnership working and networking encourage business to business engagement to support local supply chain. CRF funding receive to develop an online business directory to support local B to B and B to C use. Through the Conwy Business Support grant continue to support local businesses with growth projects including business development and skills training. Work with key partners to support and promote employment and training. With Conwy Employment Hub, DWP, Careers Wales, Working Wales held Jobs Fair to highlight wide range of opportunities available.

CRF funding received to further develop Ambassador scheme and introduce modules with a focus on employment in the key sectors.

CESS: 3 paid traineeships at Real Living Wage completed in 2022, all leading to further employment in the sector in Eryri. These roles all directly contributing to work in partnership to care for Eryri. Accredited training programme extended to 6 units.

CG: The Gwynedd and Eryri 2035 Plan will be a means of prioritizing skills needs for the visiting economy sector across the area through the Sustainable Visitor Economy Partnership and the Action Plan. The Council provides help and support for local businesses to recover and develop into the future together with support for residents to return to work and have the skills to increase their earnings.

C2.3	●	<p>Support and promote training, employment and business opportunities relating or complementing the National Park's second purpose and Special Qualities, and the health and well-being theme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support public goods schemes as set out in policy A2.1</li> <li>• Work with the economic development departments within the local authorities to develop opportunities through Snowdonia Enterprise Zone and strategies creating other employment</li> <li>• Support opportunities in the tourism sector that are high value, high quality and considerate of protecting the National Parks environment</li> <li>• Increase the number of Welsh speaking outdoor instructors in the sector</li> <li>• Support outdoor recreation initiatives linked to improving people's well-being</li> <li>• Develop a campaign to encourage IT and tech businesses to establish in the area</li> </ul>	<p>Throughout the Plan we will ensure that: meetings are set and attended to develop new opportunities, that relevant guidelines are in the LDP and that schemes and projects exist. A campaign for further attracting IT and tech business to the area will have begun, and the number of Welsh speaking outdoor instructors will rise from 20 to 30%.</p> <p>Our core partnerships will include greater representation from the business and tourism sectors.</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council Outdoor Partnership Menter Mon Grwp Cynefin Menter Iaith Arloesi Gwynedd Wledig Mantell Gwynedd All relevant Partners</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA & CG - Sustainable Visitor Economy Plan and Partnership is being established across the region in Partnership with the Tourism sector.

Grwp Cynefin: has launched a Skills and Employment Strategy in 2021 with a three-year operational plan. In addition, Grwp Cynefin employs an Employment Officer who supports tenants and residents to identify opportunities to increase skills and prepare for employment. We administer a steps to employment grant of up to £300 to support tenants on their journey towards employment. Through our Hwb Menter in Congl Meinciau we also offer business support across Gwynedd. Number of individuals who live within the boundaries of the Park who have been supported during the year:- 15 residents have been supported within the park area; 11 registered for ihasco training sessions; 4 successful WIC applications; 2 have received CIG support to enable them to stay in work; 1 gained a volunteering opportunity.

CCBC: Continue to engage with local business directly and through communications channels to support the local economy. Through partnership working and networking encourage business to business engagement to support local supply chain.

Work with key partners to support and promote employment and training. With Conwy Employment Hub, DWP, Careers Wales, Working Wales held Jobs Fair to highlight wide range of opportunities available.

CRF funding received to further develop Ambassador scheme and introduce modules with a focus on employment in the key sectors.

OP: Trainee programme works specifically with young people living in local communities – upskilling and mentoring to gain qualifications to go on to work within the outdoor industry. Club Support programme; provides support to volunteers within community clubs that provide regular access to activities for people within the local community. Volunteers gain qualifications to improve clubs provision and allow greater access to local communities to outdoor activities to improve their physical and mental health.

CESS: Caru Eryri training package for staff and volunteers, which cascades to visitors. Mountain Leader training, First Aid Training and bespoke Caru Eryri training provided to volunteers and staff. Learning in the Outdoors qualification completed by staff and volunteers.

CG: The Council provides help and support for local businesses to recover and develop into the future together with support for residents to return to work and have the skills to increase their earnings.

## OUTCOME C3

We are implementing solutions for affordable housing to buy and rent.

Are we within our timeline? Yes


Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?

See C3.2 Progress Report for likely change needed in actions set – will trigger a review of the Eryri LDP which will set new and appropriate targets.

### Conclusion:

There has been clear progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome C3. The objective remains on track to be achieved by 2025.

## Detailed 2021/22 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
C3.1		<p>Work with partners to address underlying issues and develop innovative solutions to delivering affordable housing that meets local needs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work with rural housing enablers to identify affordable housing needs within our communities</li> <li>• Work to influence changes to legislation so that change of use of a dwelling into a holiday home requires planning permission</li> <li>• Lobby mortgage lenders to ensure that finance for affordable homes is readily available</li> <li>• Work with partners to ensure the best use of affordable housing financial contributions, to assist in the delivery of affordable housing</li> <li>• A detailed analysis of availability of affordable homes within the National Park has influenced planning policies in the LDP</li> <li>• Support work to identify empty premises to be developed for business or housing use</li> <li>• Encourage mixed tenure housing</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2020 details will be included in the LDP and evaluated regularly in the annual monitoring of the LDP report.</p>	<p>SNPA Gwynedd Council Conwy County Borough Council Grwp Cynefin</p>

**Progress report: SNPA:** discuss regularly with the two Housing Authorities and RSL's to ensure affordable housing is provided where it is needed.

SNPA is discussions with several partners on funding a new Community Housing Officer post. SNPA attended meetings with other partners and community representatives to discuss concerns of housing availability.

The Annual Monitoring Report for the ELDP 2016-2031 is in the second year of reporting. Research also being undertaken to assess impact of rising house prices and second homes/holiday accommodation, ahead of proposed changes to planning regulations. Research will steer policy formation for the next ELDP review. SNPA Planning Service are partners of the Dwyfor Pilot, which covers a portion on the National Park Area. The Welsh Government have established the pilot in the Dwyfor area to trial and monitor new initiatives to address the second homes issue and affordability.

The Planning Service responded to Welsh Government consultations on proposed changes to planning regulations to control second homes and holiday accommodation.


Grŵp Cynefin: RHE Board held over zoom and a representative from PCE present. RHE has been working in Llanuwchllyn together with Grwp Cynefin and PCE to discuss with the community regarding the development of the Maes y Pandy site. Work continues.

Tai Teg has continued with discussions with WG and lenders and now has a list of potential lenders on its site [www.taiteg.org.uk](http://www.taiteg.org.uk).

SNPA attending Tai Teg strategic and operational meetings. SNPA uses Tai Teg data as necessary when considering planning/self-build applications etc.


CCBC: The RHE team in partnership with CCBC have assisted Penmachno community to consider a housing led approach to bringing empty properties back into use as affordable housing to meet local need. CCBC launched a first-time buyer scheme in January 2020, as a result of which, 5 long term empty properties were brought back into use. The properties concerned were located in Betws y Coed (2), Trefriw (1), Rowen (1) and Dolwyddelan (1). This initiative used Eryri s106 funding – which is no longer available. An empty dwelling first contact letter has been sent to owners of empty properties in Dwygyfylchi, and a follow up letter will be sent to non-respondents. Action under enforced sale procedures is progressing in respect of a long-term empty property in Capel Garmon. If successful, this will result in the recovery of a debt and the change of ownership of a problematic property. Enforcement action is being taken in respect of 3 long term empty properties in Cwm Penmachno, whose condition is impacting on adjacent properties. Advice was given to a second-home property owner in Penmachno on private renting and the owner agreed to rent their property at local housing allowance rate to a local person who was in an urgent housing need (homeless). With advice and support, the property was brought up to the required EPC standard for letting and we ensured the owner was aware of his obligations in relation to Rent Smart Wales, taking a deposit and providing furniture / electricals.



C3.2		<p>Through the LDP create policies that encourage affordable housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To meet the affordable housing target of 375 (average 25 affordable housing units per annum) over the LDP period of 2016-2031</li> </ul>	<p>The LDP annual monitoring report will measure progress throughout the term of the Plan.</p> <p>The LDP undergoes annual monitoring and policies and targets are reviewed every four years</p>	<p>SNPA Welsh Government Conwy County Borough Council Gwynedd Council Grwp Cynefin Adra Local Rural Housing Enabler services</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA The first three years of monitoring the EDLP 2016-2031 have not met the target of 25 affordable units permitted per year (2 in first year, 14 in 2nd. 1 in the 3rd year). High dependency on RSL delivery of affordable housing. Private development delivery is low.

The 3rd Annual Monitoring Report of the ELDP found the number of affordable housing units granted planning permission per annum below the trigger point of 21 units for 3 consecutive years. It concludes that a policy review is required as affordable housing is not being delivered and allocations are not coming forward. Given the situation facing the communities of Eryri, it is considered that triggering a formal review of the LDP is appropriate.

C3.3		<p>Through the LDP create policies that encourage sustainable homes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policies encourage sustainable design and sustainable development of housing</li> </ul>	<p>The LDP annual monitoring report will measure progress throughout the term of the Plan.</p>	<p>SNPA Conwy County Borough Council Gwynedd Council</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA: ELDP policies are being implemented to ensure sustainable development

## OUTCOME C4

Local communities are supported to thrive in all aspects of well-being.

### **Are we within our timeline?**


Revised timelines due to capacity issues which are now resolved.


### **Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?**

New officer has been recruited and will begin in role in 2023.

### **Conclusion:**

There has been some progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome C4. The objective currently remains on track to be achieved by 2025.

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
C4.1		<p>Increase opportunities for dialogue between the National Park and community-based organisations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a charter that sets out the arrangements between the SNPA and Community and Town Councils, in relation to how we work together to develop activities of mutual benefit</li> <li>• Explore the idea of appointing National Park Ambassadors in each community council, beginning with the area covered by the pilot Ambassador Scheme in Policy B3.3</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of 2021, a Charter will be established and the lessons from the pilot Ambassador scheme will be implemented.</p> <p>We will review these actions by 2025.</p>	<p>SNPA Community and Town Councils Un Llais Cymru</p>
<p><i>Progress report: SNPA have identified the opportunity to create a Community Engagement Officer role to progress this work in 2023-25.</i></p> <p><i>CCBC: A cross sector Creu Conwy 'Town Team' has been established in Llanrwst (to cover the surrounding NP area) to inform, shape and lead on cultural projects.</i></p>				

C4.2		<p>Work with communities to further enhance understanding of the Special Qualities of the National Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify the main communities affected by the National Park designation but that fall outside the boundary, and work closely with these communities to achieve National Park objectives</li> <li>• Support the upskilling of communities wishing to develop projects which protect and enhance Snowdonia's special qualities as per Outcome B3</li> <li>• Work with community-based organisations to develop Warden Area Plans, based on local needs and priorities</li> <li>• Work with Conwy and Gwynedd councils to identify further opportunities for joint working</li> </ul>	<p>Throughout the Plan we will ensure that schemes are supported through the Community and Volunteer Fund.</p> <p>Warden Area Plans are co-produced with community input.</p> <p>We will review these actions by 2025.</p>	<p>SNPA</p> <p>Gwynedd and Conwy LAG groups</p> <p>Community and Town Councils on periphery of the National Park</p> <p>Mantell Gwynedd</p> <p>Un Llais Cymru</p>
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**Progress report:** SNPA have identified the opportunity to create a Community Engagement Officer role to progress this work in 2023-25

The Wardens Area schemes have been established and need to be expanded in order to respond to requirements. Discussions will need to be held with key partners.

CCBC: supported community groups with various community-based projects and applying for funding.