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THE ERYRI 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 third report of annual progress capturing input from all Partners from January – December 2023. Previous annual reports can be viewed on the Eryri National Park website [here](#):

Whilst 2023 continued to be challenging for all Partners, in gathering information for this report it is clear that outstanding examples of Cynllun Eryri's goals being progressed continue to develop at apace 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 2020-2027 lead partner SNPA: Welsh Government, RSPB, Woodland Trust.

The first Annual Report reflected the difficulties of progressing on-the-ground work due to the restrictions initiated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Several timelines were reassessed accordingly and the traffic light measurements below were adopted to reflect this. This system is still relevant to reflect 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:

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

In its third year of implementation, significant progress has been made on the Action Plan of Cynllun Eryri. The report details progress by all delivery partners, however in short, from January – December 2023 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 - both actions are progressed and are within the original timelines set.
- 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 - 5 actions are progressed and are within the original timelines set and one is 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 2023.

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 only funded until 2024.
- A co-ordinated approach for sustainable management of organised events requires leadership and a new Partnership approach.

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 2023 progress report

Outcome no.	Progress status	Overview of Outcome and Actions	Measurements of success	Organisation/s responsible
A1.1		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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: Develop a heat map Look at best practice examples from other areas Define thresholds and principles Select trial areas to pilot the approach 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 	<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</p> <p>NRW</p> <p>Fforwm Eryri</p> <p>Gwynedd Council</p> <p>Conwy CBC</p>
<p>Progress report: SNPA: Sustainable Visitor Economy Plan for Gwynedd and Eryri 2035 launched in September 2023. Holistic measurements for the impacts of tourism are being developed in partnership between SNPA and CG. 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. A Partnership is being developed to create an annual Action Plan aiming to achieve the overall principles. CCBC are working to take this through their democratic processes.</p> <p>CCBC: The revised Destination Management Plan was launched late 2023. The revised strategy places more emphasis on balancing the needs of the resident with the needs of the visitor which will help us promote sustainable tourism. We are now in the process of developing an Action Plan to accompany the strategy. SNPA are a member of the group working on this and have been included in all meetings to date.</p> <p>NRW have also been working with Natural England on new publications and film assets regarding the Countryside Code.</p> <p>BMC will share and publicise the Green Guide to the Uplands and continue to develop the ‘respect the wild’ series.</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"> Establish a multi-organisation working group to coordinate management Maintain funding and explore new sources (e.g. donations) Increase the use of volunteers for maintenance work Build a local contractor base for more skilled work 	<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>


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 which meets with external partners. Partnership working with the NT to offer a pitching training course for local contractors in 2024.

CESS: 28km of footpaths maintained (surface clearance and repairs, ditches and drains cleared), including Yr Wyddfa with SNPA. Organised 7 different events and 226 hours of volunteer time was put in.

NRW: Cwm Idwal NNR discussions around bridge over the river into Idwal to maintain access at a lower level. At Planning and design phase.

CCBC - Countryside have struggled to fund upland path maintenance outside of existing ENP SLA. Has had a negative impact on Conwy Mountain. A managed lowland heath reserve and common that straddles ENP boundary. More support needed going forward if we are to maintain such paths into the Carneddau from popular Conwy town.

BMC: Has launched Mend our Mountains 3 aimed at improving upland paths. This includes a number of "Get Stuck In" days for volunteers to help path maintenance works.


<p>A1.3</p>		<p>Take pragmatic and proactive action to reduce litter:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research a move towards use of more sustainable packaging in our retail outlets • Research a move to 'plastic free zones' in Eryri and identify feasible alternatives • Explore the possibility of developing the first free water-refill village/region in the National Park • Work with existing litter reduction campaigns and implement messages on a local scale • Continue to work in partnership and with volunteers to keep the National Park free of litter • See also A1.5 	<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: Plastic Free Yr Wyddfa Project have been active and successful in reaching several new audiences. The following projects are underway by the end term of the project in October 2024: Plastic free businesses accreditation and monitoring scheme; research work and intervention testing alongside Centre for Behavioural Change in Bangor University; Banancam; behavioural change campaigns; a water refill scheme; COPA1 youth environment summit in partnership with Keep Wales Tidy; standardising data collection in partnership with Trash Free Trails.

CESS: 517 bags of litter collected, weighing 1,282kg. This was sorted and recyclable items sent for recycling. Organised 63 work days to do this and 1,476 hours of volunteer work was put in. During 2023 CESS secured £249,940 from the Shared Prosperity Fund to support our Caru Eryri work during 2023/24.

NRW: Trash Free Trails litter picking event at Coed y Brenin. Summer Patrols at visitor hot spots to promote responsible access.

CG: The Street Watch Service continues to work with a wide range of community organisations and groups to ensure clean and tidy communities. The service is responsible for cleaning streets and waste bin and recycling services. The service has already worked with the National Park to introduce specialist bins that allow volunteers to store litter picking equipment in Llanberis. We will continue to strengthen our relationships into the future.

A1.4		<p>Reduce the impacts of parking and transport on the environment and landscape:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review public transport and parking in the Yr Wyddfa and Ogwen areas to provide and implement recommendations • Establish and agree terms of reference for a transport and parking working group for Eryri • Work with Partners to trial greener solutions to public transport • Work with landowners to identify landscape sensitive overflow car parking, in line with LDP policies and as part of traffic management plans • Improve information on sustainable transport options for visitors 	<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: SNPA: Delivery group established between SNPA, CG, CCBC and Transport for Wales (TfW). Delivery Plan is in the process of being developed. Incremental implementation of Yr Wyddfa Partnership's comprehensive Review of Parking and Transport continue in the Yr Wyddfa and Ogwen areas. Much greater focus on information regarding sustainable transport options for visitors.


CESS: Made a lengthy submission to the North Wales Transport Commission on the opportunities to reduce the impacts of parking and transport on the environment and landscape. We were disappointed with how little of this was included in the final report in Dec 2023, but we will continue to work with partners to seek solutions.

CCBC – Fflecsi Dyffryn Conwy a Demand responsive public transport service remains and service now extended to Dolwyddelan are of Conwy.

CCBC - We have installed e-bike chargers and bike maintenance stands on the seafronts at Llanfairfechan and Penmaenmawr – just outside the Park boundaries but encouraging more sustainable methods of travel to/within the Park

CCBC - Môr i'r Mynydd / Coast to Valley is a UK Government Levelling Up Funding (LUF) project and the vision is to create a long distance, safe, direct and attractive walking and cycling route from Llandudno Junction via the Conwy Valley to Betws y Coed, alongside improvements to local connectivity and flood resilience. LUF funding three projects, providing the opportunity to kickstart a programme of investment on a Coast to Valley Active Travel Route and improvements to general connectivity and resilience throughout the Conwy Valley: Glan Conwy to Llandudno Junction; Betws y Coed to Llanrwst; Trefriw B5106 Flood Resilience. Construction to be complete by March 2026.

CG: See update for B4.1

A1.5		<p>Reduce any negative impacts of recreational activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with relevant partners to ensure a co-ordinated approach for sustainable management of organised events • Work within national partnerships to share good practice • Maintain and implement a Recreation Strategy to sustainably manage any potential conflict between users • 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 • Unauthorised access and camping is being addressed to prevent deterioration of protected areas • Facilitate good working relationships between users and land managers e.g. highlight the dangers of dogs off leads and other inappropriate activities • Promotion of Marine Code, and monitor effectiveness. 	<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 & Gwynedd Safety Advisory Groups; John Muir Trust</p>
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Progress report: SNPA: Position statement on Recreation in the Eryri National Park is due for adoption by the Authority in 2024 following consultation with partners. An update of the 'Guidance for Organised, Competitive, Recreational and Charitable events in the Eryri National Park' will be drafted in 2024. Shared events database for the Yr Wyddfa area has been launched and is being developed with input from users.

CESS: Organised 63 litter picking days through Caru Eryri as above.

NRW: reviewing its recreation strategy. Also looking into the development of flag system for events on NRW owned land and designated sites to help reduce the impact of organised events on the environment and make the process more joined up with other partners. Summer Patrols at Visitor hot spots to enforce Forestry and National Nature Reserve Bylaws especially concerning overnight camping. Communication Campaign to promote responsible access and the Countryside Code. No event permission granted during summer holidays.

NRW working with the Llifo Group in Conwy catchment – access and rec included in this

NRW continue to work with Nant Gwynant and Afon Cwm Llan waterfalls, water monitoring of Afon Cwm Llan completed for 2023 agreed to be repeated for 2024.

NRW, NT and SNPA continue to work in partnership at Idwal to promote responsible recreation. New interpretation, sensors weather equipment etc.

NRW working with ENP and NT on combined camping code pulled together by ENP.

NRW - the development of a permissions policy for NRW to provide better guidance on types of activities we can permit and the parameters we will apply when assessing events (reference zoning model) – supports strategy aim 1 (Facilitate health, well-being and learning opportunities) and 4 (Balance people and nature). Draft policy expected to be available end June 2024.

CCBC - Partnership working group informally discussed ways to address negative impacts (safety and environmental) of mountain bike downhill riders at Alltwen SSSI and Conwy Mountain. Members include LA staff, SNP staff, NRW staff member and NW police.

BMC continues to use the Regional Access Database (RAD) to update and monitor climbing areas for rock fall, land misuse and nesting bird restrictions. The Winter monitoring program has also been installed to help winter climbers make better decisions about when to go winter climbing.

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 draft 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.

Conclusion:

There has been progress against all measurements of success within Cynllun Eryri's Action Plan for Outcome A2, yet A2.1 remains in the hands of Welsh Government to confirm.


Detailed 2023 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"> • Bring stakeholders together to build a consensus and define the public goods of Eryri • Produce an ambition statement • Use existing and new land mapping processes for the current picture of all habitats within the National Park • Research land-use and patterns of change in order to better improve decision making • Assess what has and hasn't worked in previous land management schemes • Define the role of partners in implementing the scheme • Up-skill the local workforce in order to successfully deliver the scheme (see also C2.2) 	<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>

SNPA: The Authority has led on several substantial projects that deliver on this issue directly or as indirect consequences and has been granted stakeholder status the Designated Landscapes group to be part of the development of the Sustainable Farming Scheme. The stakeholder group was developed late in the day and has been limited in input and design. Key focus groups for Common land have been formed, but progress/activity has been minimal/slow. The Designated Landscapes group and SNPA responded to the SFS consultation offering positive amendments to the proposals to be more effective/attractive for uptake and adoption in Eryri.

FUW, NFU and CLA Cymru have been lobbying and responding to the consultations that have taken place so far.

A2.2		<p>Biodiversity decline is being addressed through maintenance, restoration, expansion and connectivity activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding opportunities are maximised to ensure investment reaches Local Biodiversity Action Plan, and Section 7 habitats and species targets • 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 • Co-ordinate the production of a Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) for Eryri to include the most recent data and specific biodiversity targets. • Interpretation activities encourage the understanding and safeguarding of biodiversity amongst local communities and visitors • Establish a Local Nature Partnership to lead on Biodiversity issues for Eryri 	<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: further staff changes have delayed progress. To overcome issues regarding the Biodiversity Officer post, the Conservation team has re-structured the role and have appointed two part-time officers. A draft NRAP is hoped to be ready by spring 2024.

Re-establishment of the LNP in Eryri is also underway. The Conservation section has been leading on the development of a Trees and Woodland Strategy for Eryri which should be released in late spring 2024.

NRW continue to actively manage NNR's

NRW - working with Carneddau scheme (CLPS) especially National Trust on plans for heathland management (structural diversity, fire risk control) and bracken control for cough feeding area (not done on the ground yet but expected in 2024)

NRW - Work with CLPS for twite conservation in Nant Ffrancon – meadow management with National Trust and providing feed and feeders for supplementary feeding the birds.

NRW - Support for Natur am Byth – e.g. consenting collection of material for propagation ex-situ, and one trial reintroduction of plant.

Education resource pack in development to encourage the enhancement of biodiversity within school/settings grounds.

CCBC - Local Places for Nature Scheme supported heathland management works at Conwy Mountain within the vicinity of Wales Coast Path Upland Route and North Wales Path.

CCBC - Countryside Team have submitted a 5yr programme of works proposal to NRW for consideration on creating a s16 agreement for Conwy Mountain.


CCBC - As part of the Area Statement work led by NRW we are part of the development of a multi-thematic approach to project development looking at the Conwy Valley and Anglesey as initial pilot areas. This approach is titled Llifo (with a focus on the commonality between the PSB Well Being Objectives, the Opportunity Catchment priorities and North West Area statement. Relevant CCBC attend stakeholder meetings regarding future sustainable management of the Conwy Catchment.

CESS: We organised 50 separate events through our Helping Hands programme, all aimed at improving and protecting biodiversity, from removing invasive conifers, hedgerow planting, looking after the wildlife garden at Ty Hyll to a beach cleans. Overall 1,990 hours of volunteer time were put in.

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.

Coed Cadw: Engagement and activity to protect, restore and increase appropriate tree and woodland cover within ENP in collaboration with ENPA, including on private sites and supporting the development of a Tree and Woodland Strategy for ENP using codesign to work with communities and different sectors to develop the content which will continue to endorse these messages. Successful delivery of the Nature Networks fund for essential work in Meirionnydd, improving the condition of woodlands on our own estate. Activity has included: Thinning of planted conifer within the ancient woodland at Coed Oerddwr within the Meirionnydd Oakwoods area. Assessment and management of grazing and browsing by wild and domestic herbivores at a number of woodlands. Starting the process of restoration or ffridd and expanding native tree cover at Coed Felenrhyd & Llennyrch. The WT continues to be an active partner in the Celtic Rainforest Project.


A2.3		<p>Ensure that water quality and the marine environment are maintained and enhanced</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve water quality through monitoring, enforcement, education and improved land management practices • Use the planning system to protect water quality • 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 • Continue to support and advise LIFE and HLF projects improving fresh water and marine sites within the National Park 	<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 two distinct catchments in the Park (Dyfrdwy and Mynach) along with a capital works project on part of the Eden. The Authority retains the School Hatchery Project rearing fish in local primary schools and releasing the fry into local water courses with the children, the current focus is on supporting the Dee LIFE project and schools in that catchment.

NRW: Review and addition of water quality actions for the Afon Gwyrfai and Llyn Cwellyn SAC/SSSI on NRW owned actions management system for sites (Safle). Work to develop an Ocean Literacy Strategy called Y Môr a Ni – lots of partners involved but led by NRW. Supporting the Porthmadog FRMS development education angle.

CCBC - Môr ir Mynydd Coast to Valley is a UK Government Levelling Up Funding(LUF) project and the vision is to create a long distance, safe, direct and attractive walking and cycling route from Llandudno Junction via the Conwy Valley to Betws y Coed, alongside improvements to local connectivity and flood resilience. Construction to be complete by March 2026.

Trefriw Flood Resilience: Trefriw is currently cut off during flood events. This project will provide improve flood resilience of the B5106 north to Dolgarrog and south to Llanrwst/ Betws y Coed. 19 different flood locations; Design and build as separate schemes; New culverts; Road raised in some Sections; Pumping station; Highway drainage; Construction to start in 2024; Road closures required

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"> • Map ancient trees and woodlands • Continue to develop appropriate planting plans in the Park • Reconnect fragmented areas of woodland • Expand native tree cover on National Park owned land • Explore the viability of establishing a native arboretum • Encourage optimal management of existing woodland to safeguard its ecological condition 	<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 confirmed extension to 2027 and delivering to schedule.

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 within the Park. The ENP has embarked on developing a Trees and Woodland strategy, scheduled for completion in early 2024. The tree nursery is developing well, and the Woodland Trust has supported the development role of one of the team members to take greater lead on nursery and tree survey works.


CESS: Volunteers spent 381 hours at 11 events planting trees, collecting seeds or controlling Rhododendrens within woodland. Our volunteers planted 3,215 trees.

NRW: working with WG on the potential introduction of National Forest and host the local officers. Education resources available on the website.

Supporting the Gwydir Forest Resource Plan consultation to ensure education and health included.

Coed Cadw: promoting local provenance trees for resilient woodlands and wider landscapes. Providing Welsh provenance native tree species for our own sites and for others.

Encourage more recording and protection of ancient and veteran trees through the ATI and our living legends campaign. Working with Llais y Goedwig to raise awareness of the importance of local provenance tree species, provide training and advice for tree seed collecting and growing on. Continue to be an active partner on the Celtic Rainforest LIFE project and carrying out engagement activity and ancient woodland restoration surveys on private site.

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"> 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 	<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
<p><i>Progress report: Ongoing HRA's as standard across all protected areas.</i></p>				

OUTCOME A3

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

Are we within our timeline? Yes – we are now back within our original timelines


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:

Progress has been made against the measurements of success outlined in Cynllun Eryri, and increased progress is expected in 2024 to ensure that this Outcome is achieved by 2025.

Detailed 2023 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"> Contribute proactively towards the WG emission reduction delivery plan Install electric vehicle charging points at strategic locations within the National Park Implement greener transport and travel measures to reduce carbon emissions. Encourage community-based solutions. Promote and support improving the energy efficiency in new and traditional buildings in line with planning policy Partners to assess the sustainability of major buildings within the National Park Continue to support appropriately scaled and located community owned green energy schemes - in line with the LDP Establish baselines for future emission target setting 	<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</p> <p>Gwynedd Council</p> <p>Conwy County Borough Council</p> <p>Community Energy</p> <p>Cyd Ynni</p> <p>National Trust</p> <p>Snowdonia Society</p> <p>Menter Mon</p> <p>Grwp Cynefin</p> <p>Adra</p> <p>Datblygiadau Egni Gwledig (DEG)</p> <p>Centre for Ecology and Hydrology (CEH)</p> <p>Aberystwyth University</p>

Progress report: ENPA: Carbon Strategy preparation work continues - with the intention of adoption in 2024 including a set of baselines. This will set out objectives for the revised Cynllun Eryri and the Local Development Plan. See A1.4 for sustainable transport update.

Cronfa Cymunedol Eryri has supported several community-based projects aimed at reducing carbon emissions.

CESS: Made a lengthy submission to the North Wales Transport Commission on the opportunities to reduce the impacts of parking and transport on the environment and landscape.

NRW - Traws Eryri off road cycling route – promoting emission free access across the Park.

CCBC - Môr ir Mynydd / Coast to Valley is a UK Government Levelling Up Funding (LUF) project and the vision is to create a long distance, safe, direct and attractive walking and cycling route from Llandudno Junction via the Conwy Valley to Betws y Coed, alongside improvements to local connectivity and flood resilience. LUF funding three projects, providing the opportunity to kickstart a programme of investment on a Coast To Valley Active Travel Route and improvements to general connectivity and resilience throughout the Conwy Valley.

CG – Gwynedd Council's Nature and Climate Emergency Plan lists the projects it operates relevant to the geographical area of APCE. An Annual Report on the performance of these projects was published in December 2023.

A3.2	●	<p>Safeguard and increase the amount of carbon stored in Eryri</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to utilise and enhance natural carbon sinks within the National Park • Reduce, and where possible reverse, the erosion and degradation of peatlands, including by grip blocking in the uplands and restoration of lowland agricultural peats • Ensure a long-term commitment to well managed and diverse woodland • Explore carbon offsetting and opportunities for financial support for carbon offsetting • Encourage the maintenance of permanent grassland and avoid soil disturbance 	<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: Peatland restoration continues at pace within the Park Boundary and on its fringes with two National Peatland Projects turning annually. Staff capacity and skills have been uplifted with better prognosis and financial planning able to be done from longer funding cycles with 4 posts now actively delivering on peatland restoration and further core staff providing additional resource.

CESS: Organised two volunteer days working on the restoration of peat bogs involving 128 hours of volunteer work. Our volunteers restored 200m of peat hag.

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.

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 on this Outcome


Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?

A review to critically analyse Partnership actions to control and reduce the extent of invasive species is due to take place by end of 2025

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 2023 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"> Ensure that volunteer and community activities that tackle invasive species understand the varying nature of problems, fostering meaningful action Monitor and record the location and expanse of invasive species Raise public awareness of terrestrial, freshwater and marine invasive non native species (INNS) and their impacts Establish baselines for future emission target setting 	<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</p> <p>NRW</p> <p>National Trust</p> <p>Snowdonia Society</p> <p>Prifysgol Bangor</p> <p>PLAS</p> <p>Coed Cadw</p> <p>North Wales Wildlife Trust</p> <p>Aberystwyth University</p> <p>Cofnod</p> <p>Wales Working Group on Invasive Non-native Species</p> <p>John Muir Trust</p>

Progress report: SNPA: This is being led by the LIFE Celtic Rainforest Team and the Carneddau HLF project support with other officers and projects. Active steps have been taken to develop an INNS co-ordinator role in the region, however funding availability is limiting.

Coed Cadw: Core staff are working as part of the Celtic Rainforest team to raise awareness. We also have our own focus to raise awareness of INNS and the effect on native woodland ecosystems. Engagement and activity to understand the threats to woodlands from INNS within ENP in collaboration with ENPA, including supporting the development of a Tree and Woodland Strategy for ENP using codesign to work with communities and different sectors to develop the content.

CESS: Through the Carneddau project we organised 11 events to control Himalayan balsam. Overall 386 hours of work were put in. Two of these days were accredited training days for volunteers. We believe these are important not just for the practical work they carry out, but also for their awareness raising impact.

NRW: Free Cycle wash at Coed y Brenin. Information campaign to visitors.

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"> • Continue the Rhododendron ponticum Partnership work by implementing the Partnership Plan • Work with partners in tackling the spread of Rhododendron, Himalayan Balsam and Japanese Knotweed as well as others which are prioritised and/or arise • Ensure that reporting mechanisms for any potential threats are clear and robust 	<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 the Carneddau HLF project support with other officers and projects. Active steps have been taken to develop an INNS co-ordinator role in the region, however funding availability is limiting.

NRW - Outside the Park but one aim to reduce seed spread to the Eryri SAC/SSSI is continued work to control Rhododendron in Llanberis – currently in and around Coed Dinorwig SSSI. Ongoing work supporting Gwynedd Council at Padarn to manage the risk of aquatic weed spread from there to other locations including lakes in the Park.

CCBC - Local Places for Nature Scheme supported heathland management works at Conwy Mountain within the vicinity of Wales Coast Path Upland Route and North Wales Path.

CCBC - Countryside Team have submitted a 5yr programme of works proposal to NRW for consideration on creating a s16 agreement for Conwy Mountain.

CCBC - Local Places for Nature Scheme supported removal of aquatic invasive non-native species at Conwy managed reserve (Nant y Coed), within SNP.

CCBC - Limited involvement with Garden Escapers Project (Coventry University and NWWT) and WaREN project where deliverables affect Open Spaces within Conwy


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.

Coed Cadw: working with ENPA and key stakeholders to incorporate thinking into a tree and woodland strategy. Ongoing work through contractors and woodland owners about INNS awareness.

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

CESS: As A4.1

<p>A4.3</p>		<p>Expand on actions to tackle pests and diseases that impact on native species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau marine biosecurity plan • Support Natural Resources Wales in their work to prevent the spread of diseases which are present or arise 	<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: SNPA continues to fund the PLAS officer along with supporting and delivering key projects that delivers against this objective.

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: continue to use Observatree and citizen science applications to record and monitor woodland pests and diseases, as well as ongoing managing the impact of ash die back and Phytophthora ramorum on our sites and advising private woodland owners.

CESS: As A4.1

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 / external grants.

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 2023 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"> Evaluate the opportunities we have for local communities, schools, hard to reach and disadvantaged groups and expand the offer Raise awareness of the impacts of erosion and what walkers can do to help Engage with businesses and communities on how they can help reduce the impact of lighting on the night sky and biodiversity 	<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: As last year and evolving further. See Volunteering Strategy Officer report for detailed feedback.

Guidelines for 'Good lighting: Business and community guidance' are published and available as part of Prosiect Nos alongside significant progress with businesses and communities in the area on the importance of the Dark Skies Reserve.

CESS: We organised at least five practical volunteering events with local schools and colleges, involving beach cleaning, control of Himalayan balsam, sabre planting of trees and seed collection. We organised a successful litter pick with the Pobl i Bobl group which works with refugees from all over the world.

NRW: Selection of all education resources are available on website, including an educator training programme where schools from Eryri will have joined both face to face and webinar sessions. Support for Cwm Idwal resource which encourages self-led visits.

National Trust Uwch Conwy Project - partnership with NRW.

OP: Within the Community Development programme there are more clubs that provide regular opportunities to participate in outdoor activities in the Park area and have enrolled with YBAA. In North West Wales there are 25 clubs which benefit from support from development officers and financial support to volunteers to attend courses for upskilling.

The Education Framework for YBAA Adventure is now completed and is available to all schools in Wales to fit in with the new curriculum. There are 6 schools within the Park's catchment area who have received training from the project co-ordinator, and are preparing to deliver education in the outdoors. The OP continues to support the SNPA Young Peoples Officer with the Young Ranger program and holds practical sessions with the group.

Young Trainees: The plan has continue in 2023, a with number of trainees working towards qualifications within the outdoor industry. They receive advice and mentoring sessions with our officer to prepare them for courses and work. There are over 50 young people between 18-30 now part of the programme.


CCBC - shared the Welsh Language Toolkit work under Creu Conwy with you for last year's update.

Running into this financial year we had the Llais y Carneddau project at the Culture Centre which was a collaborative effort between Partneriaeth Tirwedd y Carneddau Landscape Partnership, art practitioner Rachel Evans, pupils from Ysgol Aberconwy, and Conwy Archives. The archive from the oral history project work done will be deposited with Conwy Archives at the end of the project making it accessible to a wide audience.

CCBC - This financial year we have also delivered sessions to 400 pupils in schools within the park area including Storytelling from the Archives, WW11 and Explore your Archive, which has resulted In 60 Arts Awards being completed.

CCBC - Amdani Conwy Cultural Volunteering project is live with 50 volunteers across the county. The team are actively seeking rural opportunities for volunteers but not aware of any yet within the park area.

CCBC- Cae Llan Park, Bewts y Coed (partly owned by ENP) we worked together with ENP Local Nature Partnership Coordinator through the Local Places for Nature fund to create an agreed design plan (CCBC currently commissioning landscape architect for the task) for a more biodiverse, and interactive green space. ENP wish to create growing/outdoor classroom space in the park as part of this. CCBC on our leasehold likely looking at tree planting, orchard, veteran tree protection, meadow, stumperies etc

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"> • Continue to develop and expand the Young Rangers scheme • Investigate links with schools locally to offer Welsh Baccalaureate opportunities for Key Stages 4 & 5 and volunteering elements of DoE Award Scheme • Investigate links with return to work schemes to further increase opportunities for residents' contact with the Park 	<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: As last year and evolving further. See Volunteering Strategy Officer report for detailed feedback.

Volunteer Wardens. The great work continues with a large crew in the Yr Wyddfa area and a regular crew in the South. The southern areas have expanded to include the Fawddach, Cynwch and Panorama paths.

Young Ranger Scheme: Another successful season with a number of events held together with an opportunity in July for a group to attend a EuroParc Camp in Denmark.

CESS: Through the Carneddau project we have organised 14 volunteer gorse clearance days around ancient monuments. In all our volunteers spent 541 hours doing this.

PAA: Continue to co-host the Caru Eryri programme which focuses on protecting the environment through high quality volunteering opportunities.

In 2023 experienced volunteers were trained further to be leaders. They were offered high level safety and first aid training.

As a recognition for work of the volunteers and the scheme Welsh Government nominated them for a St Davids Day Award.

Caru Eryri has now reached the short list in the category Environmental Champions with the awards night is being held in Cardiff in April

2024. This raises the profile and increases awareness about the plan nationally.

CCBC - Amdani Conwy Cultural Volunteering project is live with 50 volunteers across the county. The team are actively seeking rural opportunities for volunteers but not aware of any yet within the park area.

The BMC will be running the "Get Stuck in" days in Eryri and a clear up of the Upper Glaslyn Bowl. We are also hoping to work with Bangor Uni

Mountaineering club to engage more with local projects. The BMC along with Mountain training Cymru are looking to set up CPD courses for Mountain leader providers to better understand Upland Farming Practices.

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?

- Some objectives of the Carneddau project have been stalled by various funding mechanisms – at present - all are due to be completed by 2025


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 2023 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"> • Research available sources of funding that support repair and restoration, historical character & local history • Use Cadw's 5-yearly condition survey of listed buildings to provide targeted funding for buildings at risk • Work with partners to support and develop traditional skills locally, which in turn will help improve the condition of historic buildings • The Carneddau Partnership will deliver on its nine main project themes encompassing the natural and cultural heritage of the region • 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 	<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>

Progress report: SNPA: Work is ongoing at the Wilkins building in Dolgellau and in the Harlech conservation area. Both Dolgellau and Harlech Schemes will be completed in 2024. The Rohan building in Betws y Coed has received grant support for exterior improvements aimed at improving the efficiency of the traditional building. As a designated landscape, we continue to contribute to the work program of Cadw's Historic Environment Group (HEG) Climate Change working group. 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.

A6.2		<p>Support owners of Scheduled Monuments to better safeguard them</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with partners to ensure suitable sources of funding are available • 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. 	<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: SNPA: The Carneddau Landscape Partnership Scheme 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 are working on access, conservation and interpretation improvements on Scheduled Monuments in Cwmystradllyn and Cwm Pennant. 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"> • Develop projects that improve access to the historic environment, sense of place and designated conservation areas within the National Park • Continue to develop projects that enhance urban character within the National Park • 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 • 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 	<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: Interpretation at Ynyspandy Slate Mill has been delayed and is due for completion during 2024. Conservation, access and detailed management plans are ongoing with partners and skilled contractors. The Dolgellau Townscape Heritage Scheme will be completed by May 2024.

The Carneddau Landscape Partnership Scheme is over halfway to completion and is due to be delivered by March 2025.

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, vegetation management sessions with volunteers were delivered 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 (see 2022 Annual Report for detail) 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 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 2023 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"> 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 Protect designated and proposed World Heritage sites e.g. North West Wales Slate Landscape 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 Appoint a Landscape Architect to assist Development Management officers in assessing landscape impact of planning applications 	<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: Landscape and layout of developments is an ongoing consideration when considering all planning applications. The LANDMAP tool and the Authority's Supplementary Planning Guidelines Landscape Capacity and Sensitivity Assessment and Eryri's Landscapes and Seascapes Guide are used to assess planning applications.

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"> • Ensure that any major development proposals are subject to rigorous examination and include an assessment of the impact on National Park purposes • 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 	<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: The Eryri LDP Policies take into account major developments and views into and out of the National Park. The Authority also receives consultations and gives attention to large applications that are outside the boundary of the National Park

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"> • The LDP includes a policy which resists inappropriate major development within the National Park • Encourage the undergrounding of overhead lines • Continue to work in partnership with the National Grid to reduce the visual impact of overhead lines within the National Park • The Authority will permit telecommunications developments provided that they do not significantly harm the visual amenity and landscape character of the area • Encourage telecommunications operators to mitigate and/or reduce impacts of existing transmission lines - use landscape sensitive communication infrastructure • The Authority encourages: the use of environmentally acceptable sites, sharing an existing site, mast, tower or other structures and • sharing an existing or planned underground channel with another utility • The mast, antennae and any ancillary structures are expected to be well designed and represent the best practicable environmental option 	<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 together with SPEN and the National Grid.


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"> • Through the LDP and Supplementary Planning Guidance on obtrusive lighting, ensure that proposals do not adversely affect the Dark Sky Reserve • Implement LDP policies that ensure development proposals do not adversely affect RIGS 	Guidelines are within the LDP.	SNPA
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Progress report: SNPA: there is a Policy in the LDP which refers to the importance of the 'Eryri Dark Sky Reserve, especially the Core areas'. In addition, Supplementary Planning Guidance and the intrusive lighting guide are available for consideration of relevant planning applications. There is an intention to update the Guide with more current information..

A7.5	●	<p>Foster greater understanding of the Special Quality of tranquillity and solitude</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and apply a new methodology of measuring tranquillity within the National Park • Define tranquillity as applied to Snowdonia National Park by including in visitor and residents survey to ascertain the experience of tranquillity in Eryri. • Continue to liaise with the MOD to encourage reductions in the number of low flying activities taking place over Snowdonia 	<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.

SNPA is working in partnership with NRW in their production of a Tranquillity map for Wales

A7.6		<p>Establish a risk register for the tangible and intangible assets of the National Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undertake a risk register exercise cross-referencing with Policy A3.3, ensuring preparedness and mitigation measures are anticipated. • With input from key partners consider learnings from the COVID 19 pandemic. 	<p>By 2022 a risk register for tangible and intangible heritage assets of the National Park will have been produced.</p>	<p>SNPA</p>
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Progress report: SSNPA 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 (2024) 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? Yes


Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?

- Social Prescribing schemes are being nationally audited and could change focus depending on the results, which would affect the action to design formal schemes. Nevertheless the principle and remainder of the Outcome is being delivered by many Partners across the region.

Conclusion:

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

Detailed 2023 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"> • Identify target audiences • Gather data on the barriers these audiences face and opportunities to address these barriers in a lasting way • Identify and promote existing schemes within the National Park • 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 	<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: *Bwrdd Iechyd Cyhoeddus Betsi Cadwalader – Nature and Wellbeing Community of Interest been established. A review has been commissioned of the Framework for Wales for Social Prescribing Schemes expecting publication in March 2024. SNPA officer attends the above group and works closely to promote wellbeing events and volunteering days with all local communities of interest.*

SNPA have expanded the range and number of Wellbeing events offered throughout the year and attendance has increased at each of these events.

CESS: continue to invest in our volunteer network, organising not just practical action days but also social events to thank volunteers. We constantly try to widen the scope of our volunteer pool by working with different groups.

NRW: Significant contributions to health improvement work, communications campaigns such as Wales Outdoor Learning Week. NRW sit on the WG Healthy Weight: Healthy Wales Strategy Board and WG Health implementation Board which oversees the implementation of the Social Prescribing Framework and Hapus (a campaign to help improve the nations mental health and well-being launching in June this year). NRW originally sat on the WG Social Prescribing Task and Finish Group and nature-based interventions are recognised throughout the Framework.

Use of NRW land by others delivering nature-based interventions.


NRW are also involved in training of GPs and development of e-learning resource for GPs.

PAA: The Amser programme has been run in the north Wales, which offers free breaks to young carers. The breaks are designed to improve resilience and the well-being of carers and support sustainability in the caring relationship. This is a chance for young carers to get a taste of outdoor activities

in a safe and free environment. The plan has been co-ordinated with local authorities and regional health teams.

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. The scheme continues to thrive and grow during 23/24.

CG: SNPA is a member of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board attending quarterly meetings. They have agreed to the wellbeing objectives of the Board's Wellbeing Plan 2023-28 and will contribute to annual delivery plan projects.

<p>B1.2</p>		<p>Promote and enable a diverse range of activities that improve people's well-being</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop an online resource relating to activities and routes within the National Park targeted and tailored to the audiences identified under Policy B1.1 • Ensure adequate provision for access to inland waters for water based activities, particularly in light of future legislative changes • Continue to expand volunteer opportunities within the National Park that include both physical and cultural activities (see also policy A5.2) • Develop volunteering opportunities for disabled people • Facilitate activities within the National Park that enhance understanding of the Special Qualities for disabled people and disadvantaged groups • Encourage opportunities for socialising in the natural environment 	<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: Volunteer and Wellbeing sessions have been significantly expanded again – see 2023 Report for a variety of statistics and activities throughout the year.

CESS: Through the Carneddau project we organised 11 events to control Himalayan balsam. Overall, 386 hours of work were put in. Two of these days were accredited training days for volunteers.

NRW: Diversifying types of activities at 30 recreation sites within the Park, including Tramper trails and adapted vehicles. Way marked running, walking animal puzzle and audio trails of cultural and environmental interest. Increased provision of perch seats on walking trails. Free parking for locals at Coed y Brenin.

OP: Success in SPF grant application to organise activities improving the well-being of people in Gwynedd through the outdoors. The Voluntary

Ambassadors programme will run the activities and events during 2024. Continue to apply for grants to maintain health and wellness programs and social prescribing projects in North Wales.

CCBC: We 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.

Over 2000 people benefit on a regular basis attending up to 3 sessions per week in rural Conwy with over 50 sessions per week. Training opportunities for young people – Coach Education courses have been offered and undertaken by over 100 local people. Around 10% have gone on to find permanent employment within the industry.

CCBC: Over 60s leisure offer. Specific sessions for older people are delivered on a weekly basis. The scheme is aimed at improving people over the age of 60's wellbeing. Sessions are not just centre based but also include walking, water skills and e-biking.

CCBC- Cae Llan Park, Bewts y Coed (partly owned by ENP) we worked together with ENP Local Nature Partnership Coordinator through the Local Places for Nature fund to create an agreed design plan (CCBC currently commissioning landscape architect for the task) for a more biodiverse, and interactive green space. ENP wish to create growing/outdoor classroom space in the park as part of this. CCBC on our leasehold likely looking at tree planting, orchard, veteran tree protection, meadow, stumperies etc.

CCBC - Capel Curig Playground has had a complete new installation.

Age Friendly Gwynedd:

Gwynedd Council works to be an age friendly local authority and this means working closely with a variety of groups to achieve this goal. Getting there will contribute towards the well-being of the Park's individuals but also organising events with a range of partners across the Park to promote wellbeing and give older people opportunities to contribute.

Dementia Active Gwynedd:

Dementia Active has 14 weekly classes across Gwynedd some within the boundaries of the Park, such as Dolgellau. We also run Dementia Friends sessions to increase awareness and reduce stigma.

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.

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"> • Gather a group of experts in the field to mind map possible ways to approach this project • Build upon the work of the Carneddau Landscape Partnership's Oral History Project • Facilitate workshops with a variety of community representatives to consider the best ways to express these inherent connections • Support and advise (as required) in the development of the project to its conclusion, as decided by local residents 	<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 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.


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 2023 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"> • Identify the target audiences for routes and trails in line with policy B1.1 • 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 • 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 • 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 • 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 • Identify and pursue funding to deliver on the plan • Support long distance routes already in existence such as Snowdonia Slate Trail, Cambrian Way, Taith Arduwly, Pilgrims Way, Snowdon Circular, North Wales path, Wales Coast path etc 	<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 officially adopted during 2024. 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.

Work on promoted, strategic routes continues along with other important routes per Warden areas. Collaboration work continues develop ways to connect areas/villages creating long distance routes.


Work to promote specific routes continues on the Authority's website. Walk of the month to continue with variety of themes according to the Warden leading.

CESS: We continue our work organising practical volunteering days to maintain footpaths, some of these offering accredited training to volunteers. 16 individuals received this during 2023.

NRW: Traws Eryri Cycling route being developed with Cycling UK. Delivery of WCP and National Trails programme with Las.

Working with partners to deliver Active Travel routes throughout and linking into ENP, e.g. Conwy valley active travel route.

CCBC: Developing the Coast to Valley active travel route which will incorporate three projects to kickstart a programme of investment on a Coast to Valley Active Travel Route and improvements to general connectivity and resilience throughout the Conwy Valley.

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"> • Create a priorities and maintenance plan to ensure that resources are effectively managed and targeted to deliver • Continue to implement and regularly review the Service Level Agreement with Conwy Council. Agree and implement a MOU with Gwynedd Council • 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 	<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: APCE: MOU continues to be under discussion with GC to delineate responsibilities. New rights of way management system which will enable better management of enquiries, the network, and more effective integration with Gwynedd Council's management system.

Work continues in the highlands such as on the landslide of the Miners' path, Yr Wyddfa and on Myddyn Moel Cadair Idris where there is significant 'pitching' work taking place.

NRW: Routes on NNR's, collaborate closely with Las Working with LAs to improve rights of way on NRW forest estate - ongoing.

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"> • 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 • Develop actions under Policy B2.1 to improve access opportunities for disabled people and excluded groups • Work with target groups and relevant charities in the early design phase of major access projects 	<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. Tramper hire increased by 20% in 2023. 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.

NRW 'By All Reasonable Means' - this is in the process of being updated to align with the UK wide Outdoor Accessibility Guidance which was launched in April 2023.

NRW: WCP pilot project with Experience Community. This has led to a further pilot study on Phototrails and Google Streetview information for accessible sections identified in the WCP pilot project. User testing is underway.

The pilot project also resulted in physical improvements on the ground. NRW is carrying out a survey of barriers on accessible land on NRW estate.

BMC have set up the outdoors for all campaign to attempt to level the playing field for everyone to have access to the outdoors.

OUTCOME B3

Our Special Qualities are widely recognised.

Are we within our timeline? Adjusted post Covid but now on track, with a focus on sustainability and community benefit


Is there anything preventing the outcome being achieved by 2025?

Priorities of various organisations have been affected – a full review of this Objective will take place in 2025 to reflect the changed priorities of the Tourism sector and the various consultations and strategies which have emerged as a result.

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 2023 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"> Using local understanding and knowledge, build a strong and clear picture of the National Park's cultural and historic identity 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 Create a Cultural Heritage and Interpretation Plan for the National Park in line with marketing brand (above) 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 Develop information and resources that celebrate sites notable in Welsh literature and culture, and encourage respect and understanding for the Welsh language 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 SNPA to improve and modernise its website in line with the new marketing and brand strategy 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. 	<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</p> <p>National Trust</p> <p>Gwynedd Council</p> <p>Conwy County Borough Council</p> <p>National Trust</p> <p>Cadw</p> <p>Arts Council</p> <p>Menter Iaith</p> <p>National Slate Museum</p> <p>Gwynedd Archaeological Trust (GAT)</p>

Progress update: SNPA: Eryri's Special Qualities are the main theme for the third series of the Eryri Podcast with 18 episodes being published in 2023/24. Digital campaign on the visitor season during Summer 2023 which highlights the special qualities was backed by 40 Digital Eryri Ambassadors to further promote messaging. The draft cultural heritage strategy will be presented to members for implementation during 2024. Cyngor Gwynedd and the Park Authority have continued to develop collaborative structures during 2023 including through a communications and marketing task group as part of the Gwynedd and Eryri 2035 Partnership.

A joint brief has been produced to commission work with both partners during 2024 on brand and communication messages based on the principles of the Gwynedd and Eryri 2035 Plan.

CCBC: New Destination Management Plan was launched in 2023 with a focus on sustainability and community benefit.


<p>B3.2</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"> • Promote winter season and 'autumn colours' season. Use seasonal images on websites • Work with partners to develop opportunities in relation to the "Wales Way" • Use existing examples to consider a thematic itinerary approach to promote the Special Qualities of Snowdonia 	<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: Encouraging audiences to visit during the shoulder seasons and dark sky tourism was implemented as part of the 2023 SNPA visitor season campaign. Online campaign specifically aimed during winter 2023 (and on to early 2024). 'Eryri more than a mountain' targeting themes such as 'things to do in the rain' and 'accessible winter walks' to encourage audiences to visit lesser know areas of Eryri and at different times of the year.

NRW - Tenants at Coed y Brenin obliged to hold events during the shoulder season. NRW visitor team hold events in the Winter.

CG: A joint brief has been produced to commission work with both partners during 2024 on brand and communication messages based on the principles of the Gwynedd and Eryri 2035 Plan. One of the commission's priorities will be to expand the visitor season and encourage people to visit during quieter times. It will also communicate messages in support of local businesses and to respect the qualities and distinctive features of the area.

CCBC: New Destination Management Plan was launched in 2023 with a focus on sustainability and community benefit.

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"> • Identify the target audiences for information and behaviour change • Identify what type and format of information is most effective, as well as what languages are most in demand • 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 • 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 • 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 	<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: The sustainable Visitor Economy Gwynedd and Eryri 2025 strategic plan was launched in September 2023 and both Authorities will work together on communications in 2024. Eryri Ambassador Scheme now has over 1000 participants.

NRW – Promotes Seasonal Walks.

PAA: Continue to work on and grow a social media audience for Caru Eryri and supporting SNPAs messaging. Targeting the opportunity to volunteer Caru Eryri amongst visitors to the area and have worked with Visit Wales to produce a promotional video for the scheme.

CCBC: We are hosting briefing sessions with businesses and communities in the Conwy area of Eryri National Park to ascertain appetite to formally sign up to the Gwynedd and Eryri Sustainable Visitor Strategy 2035. These sessions will focus on providing stakeholders with information on the strategy, how partners can get involved and information on behaviour change.

CG: See B3.2

SA: Ongoing promotion of AdventureSmart strategy in Eryri to encourage safe enjoyment (especially relevant with the push towards off peak tourism (B5.2). Working with ENPA and LLMRT to provide an evidence base to inform interventions to improve safety on Yr Wyddfa.

Working with North Wales Police and other stakeholders to establish the North Wales Outdoor Safety Partnership.

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 2023 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"> • Review public transport systems in popular areas to ensure it meets the demands and needs of residents and visitors • Establish committed partnerships to ensure that there is adequate revenue to sustain the public transport requirement • Use public transport as a means of delivering information to visitors • Improve working relationships with businesses, social enterprises, communities and landowners, encouraging community based solutions • Ensure that public transport routes are clearly linked with promoted trails and routes • Support Active Travel measures as detailed in Welsh Government legislation 	<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.

CCBC - have installed e-bike chargers and bike maintenance stands on the seafronts at Llanfairfechan and Penmaenmawr – just outside the Park boundaries but encouraging more sustainable methods of travel to/within the Park.

CCBC - Môr ir Mynydd / Coast to Valley is a UK Government Levelling Up Funding (LUF) project and the vision is to create a long distance, safe, direct and attractive walking and cycling route from Llandudno Junction via the Conwy Valley to Betws y Coed, alongside improvements to local connectivity and flood resilience. LUF funding three projects, providing the opportunity to kick-start a programme of investment on a Coast to Valley Active Travel Route and improvements to general connectivity and resilience throughout the Conwy Valley: Glan Conwy to Llandudno Junction; Betws y Coed to Llanrwst; Trefriw B5106 Flood Resilience. Construction to be complete by March 2026.

CG: Buses

Following the completion of a bus network review, with input from Transport for Wales, there is particular attention to introducing timetables with bus-train connections that create wider travel possibilities tailoring timetables to operate more sustainably in an effort to increase travel possibilities for rural areas. Have introduced new timetables in the Nantlle Valley and Caernarfon in 2023. Meirionnydd area services tendering is ongoing (effective from 12 February 2024). Some new services in operation since November 2023 such as the new G23 Barmouth – Porthmadog service which offers a higher frequency of travel opportunities with the aim of making the bus a more attractive option. A new look for TransWales T2/T28 and T3/T3C services ensuring better service coordination. Working with Transport for Wales, preparatory work for 2 new Flexi services in south Meirionnydd which will provide an important transport link in some of the rural areas of the county. Sherpa'r Wyddfa services show significant increase in use and have won national acclaim and recognition.

B4.2		<p>Explore and implement opportunities to encourage greener transport</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • 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 • Utilise smart technology to encourage behaviour change (e.g. Enterprise Scheme) • As per Policy A3.1 install EV charging points at strategic travel and visitor points in the National Park 	<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.

NRW: Promotes opportunities for visitors to use Public transport options during their trips.

CCBC: Active travel route – Coast to Valley. This is predominantly a cycling and walking trail.

CCBC: E-BIKE taster scheme. The project has been running throughout rural Conwy areas and Conwy/Bodlondeb to offer guided e-bike rides free of charge, as a way to encourage more people to try an alternative greener transport. Participants are educated regarding road safety and cycling etiquette and the benefits of cycling in general.

BMC has been running a lift share site for climbers and walkers. The new green guide advocates for trying adventures with public transport.

CG: Active Travel

- Active travel schemes implemented in line with the Welsh Government funded programme.
- Bids submitted to the Welsh Government for funding to complete the further stages of some schemes and start new ones.
- SPF funding Lon Las Ogwen's improvements between Bangor and Llyn Ogwen.

Public Charging Points

- A programme of work to provide charging machines in car parks and other public venues is underway.

Electric Buses

- Work has been undertaken to establish a charging depot and infrastructure that will support and facilitate the provision of the new TrawsCymru T22 bus service between Caernarfon – Porthmadog – Blaenau Ffestiniog.
- A purchasing process undertaken to identify a provider.
- Standard and attractive timetable and ticketing will be introduced with a view to developing markets and use that will ensure the sustainability of the service from a financial and environmental perspective, as well as support business cases to improve and develop the provision.

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, albeit with shifted focus.

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.

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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"> Assess the visitor facilities (centres, toilets etc) within the National Park and identify priorities for improvement Through a visitor survey, monitor opinions on facilities and act on any recommendations Assess the possibility and sustainability of expanding Information and Visitor Centres to be community/well-being hubs 	<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: New interactive exhibits at Betws y Coed opened to the public and were well received. Piloted opening of Beddgelert Visitor Centre on weekends through the winter. Feedback from both visitors and local community incredibly positive. Feasibility for this to continue in the future to be conducted in spring 2024.

NRW - All 300 km of waymarked trails inspected and maintained in accordance with the Visitor Safety Guide.

CG, SNPA and CCBC have worked together to adopt the Gwynedd and Eryri 2035 Plan during 2023 and it was launched in September 2023 at Plas Tan y Bwlch. Operating structures for the establishment of the Gwynedd and Eryri Partnership 2035 have now been agreed and immediate implementation of the new structure is planned. One of the main aims of the partnership will be to agree a new action plan that will prioritise improvements.


CG: Slate Partnership Wales has secured significant funding during 2023 to undertake improvements across all 6 Components of the World Heritage site. This includes £18.8m of UK Government Shared Prosperity Funding and over £500,000 of the UK Government's Common Prosperity budget

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"> • Support and promote activities and initiatives relating to the Dark Skies Reserve status • Support and promote initiatives relating to winter tourism • Improve and promote opportunities for access to the historic environment and wider cultural heritage 	<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 developed their successful 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.

NRW – Llifo Conwy Partnership is somewhere to work together on solutions for climate, nature, people, and culture in the Conwy river catchment.

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"> • Carry out research into the demand and gaps in relation to high quality visitor accommodation including that of affordable accommodation • Work in partnership with Gwynedd Council to develop the Council's Destination Management Plan • Via the Local Development Plan, support the development and promotion of high quality, landscape appropriate, visitor accommodation to meet the demands of the market 	<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>
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Progress report: CG: *The Gwynedd and Eryri Sustainable Visitor Economy Plan 2035 will be a means of prioritising improvements to facilities across the area through the Sustainable Visitor Economy Partnership.*

SNPA: *Chapter 6 of the ELDP ('Supporting a Sustainable Rural Economy') highlights the policies designed to ensure that economic development is encouraged but in a manner which protects the environment and in line with the National Park purposes. New policies were included in the revised ELDP 2016-2031 which were;*

Development Policy 27: Snowdonia Enterprise Zone

Development Policy 28: New build serviced accommodation

Development Policy 29: Alternative holiday accommodation

These policies furthered the economic development potential within the National Park and gave opportunities for suitable new accommodation services (provided they aligned to the criteria designed to protect the National Park's special qualities).

In order to protect the National Park, policy 22 and 23 note that no new static caravan, chalet sites, touring sites or camping sites will be permitted. This is under review for the revision of the LDP in 2024-5.

See also B5.1

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..

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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"> • Support and promote local community events, groups and creative projects that have links to the Welsh language and culture • Create opportunities for young people to be ambassadors for the language and culture of the area • Lead by example in ensuring that the Welsh language, culture and heritage is promoted and used in events, activities and information • 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 • Develop and implement a communication plan to improve visitor awareness of the Welsh language and culture • 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. 	<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: Online series on how to pronounce Welsh geographical names in the National Park. Significant increase in requests for information and understanding from external media on using Yr Wyddfa and Eryri only in communications internationally. The National Park Authority attended the 2023 National Eisteddfod to promote our work and understanding of the National Park and its special qualities.

Cultural Heritage projects and initiatives, including Yr Ysgwrn, Dolgellau Townscape Heritage Scheme and Harlech and Ardudwy Cultural Heritage Project provide opportunities for participants and volunteers to engage with heritage through the medium of Welsh and provide support for Welsh learners / new Welsh speakers. Yr Ysgwrn has delivered an additional Geiriau Diflanedig resource in collaboration with Conwy CBC and which fulfils the requirements of the Curriculum for Wales. The names of Eryri lakes are now standardised and will be adopted by the Ordnance Survey in their future mapping.

NRW - All promotion and interpretation in accordance with the Welsh language act. All our offers are bi-lingual – signage, interpretation events etc

Supporting the Gwreiddiau Gwyllt project - Protecting and promoting the use of environmental Welsh terms. Project officer for Conwy - supporting with advice.

PAA: Established a Welsh working group. We are currently working with the Welsh Language Commissioner to underline our intention to work through the medium of Welsh and bilingually when applicable. In 2023 10 members of Clwb Mynydd Cymru have completed Mountain Leader training through the medium of Welsh. The course was arranged and funded from YBAA to enrich and strengthen the club for the future. Individuals can also go on to work in the field and lead groups professionally following successful assessment.


CCBC - Running into this financial year we had the Llais y Carneddau project at the Culture Centre which was a collaborative effort between Partneriaeth Tirwedd y Carneddau Landscape Partnership, art practitioner Rachel Evans, pupils from Ysgol Aberconwy, and Conwy Archives. The archive from the oral history project work done will be deposited with Conwy Archives at the end of the project making it accessible to a wide audience.

CCBC - This financial year we have also delivered sessions to 400 pupils in schools within the park area including Storytelling from the Archives, WW11 and Explore your Archive, which has resulted in 60 Arts Awards being completed.

BMC Cymru has an agreed Welsh Language policy for all documents in Wales being produced bilingually.

CG: Wide-ranging activities have been undertaken by various services of the Council including the Department for Education, Department for Economy and Community and the Department for Support in order to promote and protect the Welsh language and Welsh culture.

Woodland Trust: committed to using our Welsh language name more in our general working. Ensure that our documentation produced within Wales is bilingual and our work has a particular focus on Welsh language and culture across our work but particularly for our communication and engagement activity. Respecting the local names and places when working on private sites and encouraging a link back to old Welsh place names and references. 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.

C1.2		<p>Provide opportunities for Welsh learners in the area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and support initiatives to encourage people moving to the area to learn Welsh • 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 • As part of Policy B3.1 and B3.3 provide training for businesses in the Welsh language and culture 	<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: Yr Wyddfa and Cader Idris volunteers are paired according to language ability to ensure learners can practice their language skills. The Eryri Ambassador scheme has over 1000 members by November 2023.

CESS: Has ensured that all of our public-facing staff are bilingual, so there is the opportunity to make use of Welsh on all our volunteer events.

PAA: Plans to organise specific sessions on for learners within Caru Eryri programme. Possibility of collaboration with the Centre of Language Schools in Gwynedd and Nant Gwrtheyrn in the future.

CG: Menter Iaith has collaborated with community groups and Welsh language learning course providers to ensure there are opportunities for Welsh learners in the area.

Woodland Trust: Ensure that all our activities are promoted bilingually and able to accommodate Welsh learners. We have been recruiting with Welsh language provision in mind and all our staff are encouraged to learn or improve their Welsh with an aim of increasing our own staff Welsh language abilities to support our external engagement and internal awareness and ability in the Welsh language.

C1.3		<p>Protect Welsh place names</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 • Implement measures in the Local Development Plan that encourage the use of bilingual signs • Link to UNESCO's Indigenous Languages programme to promote the local names of the National Park and its most recognisable assets 	<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 continue to collect place names to contribute to the List of Historic Welsh Names. The names are interpreted and promoted through creative projects. The names of Eryri's lakes are now standardised and will be adopted by Ordnance Survey in their mapping services.

NRW: Idwal Partnership – Carneddau Partnership educational n-line module on Welsh Place Names.

BMC launched several videos on Welsh pronunciation, following the official changes from Snowdon to Yr Wyddfa, and Snowdonia to Eryri. We will be looking to expand this in the future to more areas.

CG: The Place Names Project continues to be addressed with a focus on issues within Gwynedd Council's control and assists us in protecting Welsh names.

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.

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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"> • Support partners to deliver innovative and landscape sensitive initiatives to improve broadband, mobile data and internet infrastructure in rural areas • Support initiatives within the regional growth strategies that improve digital connectivity whilst protecting the landscape • Work with Gwynedd Council to develop further proposals for creating high value jobs across a range of areas. 	<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>Progress report: CCBC – supported Betws y Coed Community Council to seek funding and install free Wi-Fi in the centre of BYC. CG: a) Working with North Wales Ambition to develop and realise Digital Programme plans b) Install Smart Towns equipment in the main centres of the county. Encouraging and facilitating the commercial investments of Openreach company in the county.</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"> • Support and promote opportunities for land managers to take part in public goods schemes as set out in policy A2.1 • Encourage and support the development of businesses and skills relating to delivery of public-goods schemes • Support environment and Special Quality related initiatives with the regional growth strategies • 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 • Support projects that aim to shorten the local food supply chain • 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 • 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 • Explore opportunities for developing a framework for collaboration in the development of whole-estate plans, by researching successful implementation in other protected areas 	<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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NRW - Tenancy agreement for Bike retail and hire at Coed y Brenin. NRW operated Café and facilities at Coed y Brenin run throughout the year in support of hospitality business. NRW placement scheme supports this.

CG:

a) Support for local businesses to diversify and develop into the future

b) Support for residents to return to work and have the skills to increase their earning potential.

c) Selected, with the help of local partners, 39 projects from across Gwynedd to receive funding from the UK's Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF).

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"> • Support public goods schemes as set out in policy A2.1 • Work with the economic development departments within the local authorities to develop opportunities through Snowdonia Enterprise Zone and strategies creating other employment • Support opportunities in the tourism sector that are high value, high quality and considerate of protecting the National Parks environment • Increase the number of Welsh speaking outdoor instructors in the sector • Support outdoor recreation initiatives linked to improving people's well-being • Develop a campaign to encourage IT and tech businesses to establish in the area 	<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: Volunteering is a route to employment and accredited modules are available through the Caru Eryri volunteering Programme.

Through the policy of partnering those who speak Welsh with those who are learning, volunteers also have the opportunity to practise and normalise the use of the Welsh language.

Carried out a new joint scheme with NT and NRW to provide specialist training for local contractors on developing 'pitching' skills. A successful course that increases the availability of consultants for the partnership, providing training for local businesses, and opportunities for local businesses. An important part of the course was the element of raising awareness of working within a National Park and protected areas in general.

CG: See C2.2

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.

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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"> • Work with rural housing enablers to identify affordable housing needs within our communities • Work to influence changes to legislation so that change of use of a dwelling into a holiday home requires planning permission • Lobby mortgage lenders to ensure that finance for affordable homes is readily available • Work with partners to ensure the best use of affordable housing financial contributions, to assist in the delivery of affordable housing • A detailed analysis of availability of affordable homes within the National Park has influenced planning policies in the LDP • Support work to identify empty premises to be developed for business or housing use • Encourage mixed tenure housing 	<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.

APCE: The Authority has decided to introduce an Article 4 Instruction - it will prevent the ability to change use from a residential house to a / holiday home - unless planning permission is received. Preparation and consultation work will begin on this in 2024.


NRW sit on the 2025- adequate and quality homes first online discussion.

Grŵp Cynefn: RHE Board held over zoom and a representative from PCE present. RHE has been working in Llanuwchllyn together with Grwp Cynefn 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.


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.

C3.2		<p>Through the LDP create policies that encourage affordable housing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To meet the affordable housing target of 375 (average 25 affordable housing units per annum) over the LDP period of 2016-2031 	<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"> Policies encourage sustainable design and sustainable development of housing 	<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 SNPA officer has been recruited and in post..

Conclusion:

There has been 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.

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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"> 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 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 	<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</p> <p>Community and Town Councils</p> <p>Un Llais Cymru</p>
<p>Progress report: APCE have created a Community Engagement Officer role to deliver the Cronfa Cymunedol Eryri and to ensure consistent engagement across the Authority when contacting and engaging in projects with Eryri's communities. The Officer is meeting with all Clerks of Community Councils in the NP to ensure that they have a point of contact and as an opportunity to share information about the work of the Authority.</p> <p>Several Partners have engaged with GwyrddNi groups and the work of Cymunedoli.</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"> 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 Support the upskilling of communities wishing to develop projects which protect and enhance Snowdonia's special qualities as per Outcome B3 Work with community-based organisations to develop Warden Area Plans, based on local needs and priorities Work with Conwy and Gwynedd councils to identify further opportunities for joint working 	<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>
<p>Progress report: SNPA: The community Engagement Officer has been sharing copies of Cynllun Eryri and the wider work of the Authority with all Community Councils throughout 2023 and into 2024.</p> <p>Cronfa Cymunedol Eryri is a way of supporting community projects which contribute to the protection of the Special Qualities of the area. The Young Ranger scheme teaches the Rangers the special qualities of the Park through a variety of engaging sessions. NRW also do this through the Llifo Conwy group.</p>				