



**Partneriaeth
Ogwen**
Annual
Report

2023

Introduction

This report is a record of the work completed by Partneriaeth Ogwen between December 2022 and November 2023. This report provides a summary of the Partneriaeth's main projects and highlights Partneriaeth Ogwen's staff and volunteers' efforts during the year.

Partneriaeth Ogwen's Vision

Collectively create a future where the economy, the language and culture, the environment and our community thrive.

Annual Report 2023

In line with our business Plan, Partneriaeth Ogwen aims to create a robust community and organisation that operates innovatively for the benefit of Dyffryn Ogwen's communities, economy and environment.

We aim to do this by:

Strengthening the organisation's foundations by increasing our staff's competence to provide services and projects of the highest quality.

Protecting and creating new income streams.

Reinforcing our internal policies and procedures to protect our staff and volunteers.

Prioritizing projects that create economic, environmental and social benefit with a focus on community asset transfer, the purchase of new assets to generate income and projects that make our community more resilient, sustainable and robust.

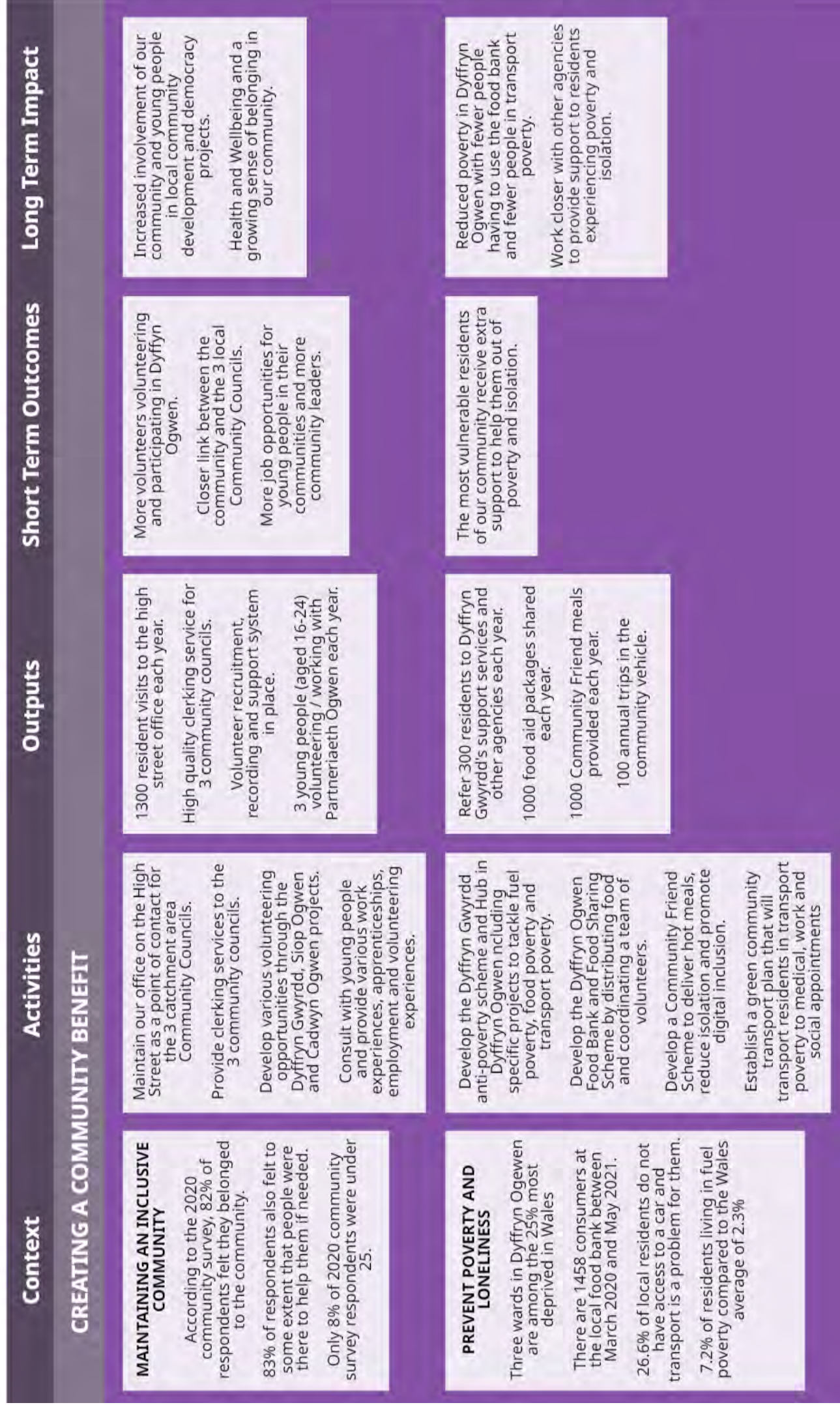
Collaborating innovatively with local, national and regional partners.

Underlying all this is the sustainability theme that underpins all of our activities and encompasses environmental, economic, social and cultural sustainability.

In 2021 a Transformation Pathway (Theory of Change) was adopted which sets short and long term objectives and outcomes for our work as well as a framework to measure the impact of our projects. This annual report is in line with the targets outlined in our Transformation Pathway. An analysis of our attainment against the outputs and outcomes of that plan is attached in Appendix 1.

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THEORY OF CHANGE



Context	Activities	Outputs	Short Term Outcomes	Long Term Impact
CREATING AN ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFIT				
COMMUNITY GROWTH PROJECTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERING FOR WELFARE There are a number of community growing projects in the valley and a desire to plant more for the purposes of preventing food poverty and well-being.	Dyffryn Gwyrdd project to lead well-being and environment sessions combining physical health and environmental action (eg e-bike Sessions and Community Planting Sessions) New community green areas to be identified and developed.	50 well-being and environment sessions held. 3 community green areas developed and Llys Dafydd garden regenerated into a nature friendly space.	The most vulnerable residents in our community helped to get out of fuel poverty. More environmental volunteering opportunities bringing well-being and environmental benefits. More green areas maintained locally.	Dyffryn Ogwen's carbon footprint decreases. Closer collaboration with other agencies seeking to prevent fuel poverty and promote energy efficiency.
TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE According to the 2020 community survey Preventing climate change is important to 81% of respondents. 87% of respondents agreed that we have the opportunity to create a sustainable environment and community.	Gwyrddni to start in 2021 with the intention of developing a Climate Change Assembly in Dyffryn Ogwen. New environmental projects set up including electric shuttle bus and community electric vehicle.	Climate Change Assembly established and meets twice a year. Shuttle bus service and electric vehicles established.	Local people working together to tackle climate change. Reduced carbon emissions in the National Park.	Dyffryn Ogwen becoming a leader in community sustainable development. New type of tourists coming to the area and supporting the local economy.
CREATING A LINGUISTIC AND CULTURAL BENEFIT				
According to the 2020 community survey, 85% of respondents believed that Dyffryn Ogwen was rich in language, culture and heritage. 59% were worried about the future of the Welsh language.	Continue to maintain workplaces, volunteering opportunities and Welsh medium projects in Dyffryn Ogwen. Continue to support the development of Siof Ogwen - a Welsh language book and craft shop on Bethesda High Street. Lead on culturally relevant projects e.g. the 200th anniversary of Bethesda Promote the use of Welsh by local businesses	3 Welsh medium workplaces maintained by Partneriaeth Ogwen. Siof Ogwen remains open on the High Street and increases sales online and in local markets. 5 heritage events / activities per year. 50 businesses using Welsh on ogwen.cymru and Cadwyn Ogwen.	More Welsh medium workplaces. More opportunities to work in Welsh. Local people have the opportunity to celebrate heritage and culture. Increased use of Welsh by businesses.	Normalize Welsh as a workplace language. Raise people's confidence in using their Welsh at work. Sustain the Welsh language and culture locally. Increased status of the Welsh language among the business sector.

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CREATING AN ECONOMIC BENEFIT

HIGH STREET REGENERATION AND SUPPORT OF SMALL BUSINESSES

The number of shops closed on Bethesda High Street is increasing and SMEs are facing a difficult time with Covid-19.

According to the 2020 community survey, 74% felt there were not suitable employment opportunities available locally and 71% felt there were not enough opportunities to expand skills and business.

According to the 2020 community survey, 88% thought buying local produce was important

Buying vacant buildings on the High Street ensuring that they are kept in local ownership and renting out to other businesses or running projects from them.

Development of Cadwyn Ogwen - ordering and delivery service for local produce in a community electric vehicle.

Providing micro-level business support services in our communities.

Maintain the www.ogwen.cymru website

Organize High Street Regeneration activities including events at Llys Dafydd.

90% of Partneriaeth Ogwen's Partnership properties in use throughout the year.

20 local businesses selling on Cadwyn Ogwen platform.

Collaborate or support 30 local businesses each year.

Increase the number of local businesses that have a presence on the www.ogwen.cymru website.

Holds 10 events at Llys Dafydd each year.

Recording High Street footfall on Pattern monitoring system.

More shops open on High Street.

Local producers with local 'outlet' online for their product.

Local businesses grow and prosper.

More locals backing High Street.

Local people supporting local businesses.

Local micro businesses grow and prosper.

Private investors open shops in the area.

GREEN ECONOMY

Develop Canolfan Cefnfaes as a Centre for Sustainability of Excellence with bunkhouse, economic development and utility space for hire.

Develop Sustainable and Community tourism projects.

Prepare grant applications to set up an electric shuttle bus that would carry visitors from the Dyffryn Ogwen to and from Nant Ffrancon.

Canolfan Cefnfaes refurbished by Spring 2022.

Dolan Community Tourism Project developed by Spring 2022.

Electric Shuttle Scheme established by 2022.

An upgraded community asset for the benefit of our community, environment and economy.

Localise the tourism sector locally and where possible, own some tourism assets.

Reduce parking problems in Nant Ffrancon and increase the local economic benefit from tourists to the area.

Strengthening the community and environmental benefit of tourism.

Partneriaeth Ogwen

Staff, Management Committee and Board Members

Chief Executive – Meleri Davies
Deputy Chief Executive and Administrative Manager – Donna Watts
Clerk and Administrative Officer – Bethan Griffith
Clerk – Caroline Jones
Human Resources and Grants Finance Manager – Lliwen Morris
Property Caretaker – Dylan Jones
Community Driver – Colin Jeffreys
Community Driver – Efan Thomas
Advisory Work Project Manager – Cynan Jones
Dyffryn Caredig Manager – Huw Davies
Community Driver – Dewi Roberts
Administrative and Marketing Officer – Menna Thomas
Community Friend – Linda Brown
Volunteers Coordinator - Anna Sethi
Energy Warden – Ianto Shea
Maintenance Officer – Morgan Griffith
Hwb Ogwen Manager – Marie Hodson
GwyrddNi Community Facilitator – Chris Roberts
Community Marketing Mentor – Abbie Jones
Local Economy Projects Manager – Robyn Meredydd
Project Support Officer – Esme Sethi

Employees that have since left for new posts –

Wellbeing and Environment Officer – Judith Kaufmann
Beics Ogwen Coordinator – Tom Simone
Cadwyn Ogwen and Pantri Pesda Officer – Lucinda Enston
Prosiect Petha Coordinator – Catrin Wager
Prosiect Petha Support Officer – Kerry Walters
Siop Ogwen Development Officer – Elen Williams

Partneriaeth Ogwen's Directors

Dafydd Meurig
Einir Williams
Rheinallt Puw
Bethesda Community Council (Represented by Neville Hughes, Dyfrig Jones, Michael Williams, Bleddyn Williams and Elin Prysor)
Llanllechid Community Council (Represented by Jen Morris, Lowri Evans)
Llandygai Community Council (Dafydd Owen and Mair Owen Pierce)

Management Committee

The Management Committee is a delegation of Partneriaeth Ogwen's full Board and is representative of the three local community councils. The Management Committee meets bi-monthly to monitor Partneriaeth Ogwen's work programme. Here are the members of the Management Committee:

Neville Hughes – Bethesda Community Councillor
Dafydd Meurig – Chair of Partneriaeth Ogwen and County Councillor
Jen Morris – Llanllechid Community Councillor
Dyfrig Jones – Bethesda Community Councillor
Einir Williams – County Councillor
Mair Pierce – Llandygai Community Councillor
Rheinallt Puw – County Councillor



A photograph of some of Partneriaeth Ogwen's Staff and Directors at the company's 10 year anniversary in July 2023.

Maintaining an Inclusive Community

Supporting our community is at the heart of all of Partneriaeth Ogwen's activity and our community services have increased in 2023.



Community Councils

Partneriaeth Ogwen provides a clerical service to three Community Councils – Bethesda Community Council, Llandygai Community Council and Llanllechid Community Council. This entails organizing, preparing documents and minute taking at Council meetings, dealing with correspondence and enquiries from the public and managing funding on behalf of the Councils. The Clerks are also responsible for additional tasks such as co-ordinating Llanllechid Mountain Committee's grazing payments and organising the councils' Finance Sub-Committees. This high quality service is provided to the councils by a team of professional staff. The service is led by Donna Watts with Bethan Wyn Roberts clerking on behalf of Bethesda Community Council and Llandygai Community Council and Caroline Jones clerking on behalf of Llanllechid Community Council.

With the financial support of Bethesda and Llandygai Community Councils, Morgan Griffith is also employed as a Maintenance Officer to collect litter in the area.

In addition to the clerical tasks, the clerks have supported improvements to the Pant Dreiniog and Rachub park, assisted with CCTV installation and the installation of new bus stops during the year.

Morgan Griffith – Maintenance Officer funded by Bethesda and Llandygai Community Councils



Partneriaeth Ogwen' Offices

Partneriaeth Ogwen now has 4 workplaces for our staff. These include the Partneriaeth Ogwen office, Dyffryn Gwyrdd Office, Hwb Ogwen and a new office in Canolfan Cefnfaes. Staff are now mainly working from our offices. Visitors to the offices remain constant and range from enquiries from community councillors, enquiries regarding the police, requests for support or enquiries regarding services.

Volunteering

Partneriaeth Ogwen has over 84 volunteers who help with the Partnership's practical projects. In addition to this, we have county and community councillors, on Partneriaeth Ogwen's Management Board, who oversee our work. We are also working with the local schools to provide meaningful volunteering experiences to local children and young people. 56 primary school children have supported voluntary work with over 25 volunteers from secondary schools volunteering as part of projects such as Bro Ogwen and the Duke of Edinburgh Award. The volunteering opportunities range from collecting litter, doing the laundry for the school uniform recycling project, cooking in the food sessions for Swpar Chwaral and volunteering with Siop Ogwen. Dyffryn Gwyrdd's Volunteer Coordinator has taken leadership over our work to support volunteers during 2023 and has successfully managed to

- Provide 1042.5 hours of volunteering to local residents during the year.
- Collect 103 bags of litter during 12 litter collecting sessions during the year.
- Organize 8 sessions for families with 176 attendees during the year.



Angharad



I moved from Bangor to the Dyffryn Ogwen area over 20 years ago with my family to raise my children and I have lived here ever since. I have been volunteering with Swpar Chwara! on Wednesday afternoons. I am self employed and was looking for something to do to contribute to the community.

I enjoy cooking and love to create recipes with anything in the cupboard, which is great as I volunteer with Swpar Chwara! to create nutritious meals with food donations from Dyffryn Gwyrdd's Food Club. Volunteering in the community has not only helped my Welsh but it has also helped me make new connections locally and recognize all the great things that are happening in our community. Volunteering comes with so many opportunities including training to develop new skills.

I am very proud of the opportunity to volunteer. It's really nice to be able to make connections and have a bit more of a social life! The opportunity has also given me time away from my business and has given me a chance to think about what I want to do in the future.



Natasha

I am originally from Kiyv, Ukraine and I moved to the Dyffryn Ogwen area in July 2022 as a result of the war.

I heard about volunteering opportunities with the Hwb from my social worker, and I'm very proud of that. I study at Coleg Menai 4 days a week and volunteer with Partneriaeth Ogwen Food Club on Friday afternoons.



Volunteering with everyone at the food club has helped my English but I'm also learning a few Welsh words. I also want to teach Russian to everyone. This opportunity to practice my English and Welsh is a great help to my confidence when speaking.

The team are very supportive and help me with any challenges I face, I look forward to coming over and seeing everyone every week, not only the Food Club team, but the attendees too. I'm starting to get to know people in the community and everyone is so friendly and nice. I am very grateful for the opportunity to volunteer in the Dyffryn Ogwen community.



Alun a Jan

We are both originally from the Dyffryn Ogwen area and are proud to support community projects in the area.

It's a pleasure to volunteer in our community, meet new people and old friends! The community driving has also meant visiting new places in our area. Our main reason for volunteering is to help the residents of Dyffryn Ogwen and enjoy meeting new people.



We have volunteered with several projects over the years including driving for the Cadwyn Ogwen project, helping in the Siop Ogwen community shop and helping with litter collection sessions. Al also volunteers with the Maker Space because of his experience working with machines and his experience running his own slate work business. The voluntary work with the Maker Space has included leading sessions with local schools to help kids use laser printers and equipment to create products.

Both Jan and I suggest that anyone volunteer. We are really enjoying it and it's a great opportunity to give something back to the community.

Opportunities for Young People

We take great pleasure in providing work opportunities for local people and we have taken advantage of schemes such as Llechi, Glo a Chefn Gwlad, Kick-start and Byw a Bod to support young people over the years. Today, there are 4 members of staff at Partneriaeth Ogwen under the age of 30, all of whom have engaged with the Partneriaeth through voluntary work or work placements before joining the team as valued members of staff. During the year, our Volunteer Coordinator has provided work experiences or volunteering opportunities to 25 young people. These include Duke of Edinburgh sessions where young people assisted with the running of Swper Chwaraol evenings, Bro Ogwen sessions and sessions in the Gofod Gwneud / Maker Space. The collaboration with schools continues with 10 pupils from year 7-9 attending voluntary sessions as part of the Bro Ogwen scheme.

Poverty Prevention

The main development in terms of our poverty prevention projects in 2023 is the establishment of Hwb Ogwen – a community hub that provides poverty prevention advice to local residents. This is achieved in twice-weekly drop-in sessions where local residents can receive emergency food parcels, fuel vouchers and energy-saving and money-saving advice.



Canolfan Hwb Ogwen on Bethesda High Street

Here are some of our achievements since opening the Hwb in February -

- 2297 visitors to Hwb Ogwen between February and the end of November 2023
- 1152 Food Parcels distributed and 81 further Referrals to Arfon or Bangor Food Banks
- 353 Fuel Vouchers distributed worth £15,568
- 33 people received advice from Citizens Advice
- 44 SIM Cards
- 93 people received advice from Gwynedd Ddigidol
- 125 families received free school Uniforms



**ARE YOU
STRUGGLING WITH
THE COST OF LIVING
CRISIS?**

**Come and see us at Hwb Ogwen,
we're here to help you!**



FOOD BOX

We can offer you an emergency food box and can refer you to a local food bank.

BENEFITS

We can provide advice on benefits, e.g. Universal Credit, PIP, and Tax Credits.



UTILITY BILLS

We can provide advice on utility bills, e.g. electricity, gas, water, phone etc.

COMPLETING FORMS

We can also help with completing forms, e.g. Bus Pass, Blue Badge.



Hwb Ogwen are also responsible for the Swpar Chwaral scheme where local residents can enjoy a nutritious cooked meal every Wednesday night. The food is cooked by local volunteers with the support of the hwb staff. We also use local food donations, contributions from the Fareshare scheme and financial donations from organisations to fund the costs of the scheme.

663 hot meals were provided in the weekly sessions during 2023. There are now between 25-35 regulars every week.



Partnership Working

In addition to the service from Hwb Ogwen's staff, our staff have organized sessions with Citizens Advice, Citizens Online and Gwaith Gwynedd.

The following funders have contributed towards the running costs of Hwb Ogwen during 2023 – Ynni Ogwen, Stad Penrhyn, Gwynedd Council, Betsi Cadwaladr.

School Uniform Campaign

In the summer of 2023, Hwb Ogwen and our Volunteer Coordinator led a campaign to collate school uniforms for the purpose of recycling them in our community. Volunteers worked together to collate, wash and sort contributions from our community before arranging specific sessions to distribute the uniforms. This was an opportunity for our community to save money as well as reduce waste and to encourage our community to reuse and share resources.



Energy Warden

With thanks to Ynni Ogwen and Sero Net Gwynedd for their support, Partneriaeth Ogwen has continued to employ Ianto Shea as an Energy Warden. Our Warden works in Hwb Ogwen and organizes appointments to share energy advice with our community on matters such as fuel poverty and benefits. Also, during the year, the Energy Warden gained experience and qualifications such as the ability to award Environmental Performance Certificates (EPC). The Hwb is open twice a week and as a result has gained the community's trust in our services by providing advice and support in the Hwb and through home visits.

The Warden also offered a variety of other services, by working in conjunction with Sero Net Gwynedd and Citizens Online projects, such as access to a social tariff for reduced-price internet access and fuel vouchers through the Fuel Bank Foundation. Recently, and following the drop in temperature, the Warden's work to support residents using pre-pay meters has increased significantly – which is a reflection of the cost of living crisis impacting our community.

Another good example of working in partnership was receiving support from Elusen Ogwen to create Family Packs – a bag of resources and pamphlets providing advice and support on how to save energy at home. In sharing these packages with eight local schools we engaged with almost 1,000 people and raised significant awareness of the services of the Energy Warden and Hwb Cymunedol.

During 2023, the Energy Warden has supported 539 clients and 229 Fuel Vouchers were distributed.

Community Friend

Partneriaeth Ogwen continues to employ a Community Friend who provides support to older residents in the Valley. The great work that has been achieved since the lockdown continues as we deliver hot meals weekly to residents, providing important personal weekly contact and a significant boost to the work of Caffi Coed y Brenin. The Community Friend leads on the work to engage with and support residents who are isolated and lonely. During the year, Clwb y Dyffryn was supported to host its regular coffee mornings by arranging speakers and transport for the members. The Community Friend has also been busy visiting other coffee mornings, working with Plas Ogwen and visiting individuals in their homes. She was also responsible for supporting residents to enjoy wellbeing walks during the pleasant spring and summer weather. 20 community events were held during the period, with 331 attendees, along with 29 Keep Fit sessions with a total of 261 participants. During this period we have worked with -

Age Cymru, Hwb ogwen, Pontio, Transport for Wales, Plas Ogwen, Bws Barabara, Caffi Coed y Brenin, Dementia Actif Gwynedd, Gwynedd Council, Neuadd Ogwen, Tai Chi Cymru, Plas Ffrancon, Adra, Church in Wales Diocese, Capel Carmel, Marchnad Ogwen, Capel Jeriwsalem, Ambulance Services, Ysgol Penybryn, Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen, Mantell Gwynedd, Prynawn Da, Arfon Access, Capel Talybont, Canolfan Gerdd William Mathias.

CHRISTINE IRIS JONES

RACHUB, BETHESDA



This is Christine Iris Jones, aged 78, who is from Bethesda, but now resides in Rachub. She has been confined to her home for 9 years now, and feels very frustrated and isolated. Through her Community Friend work, Linda Brown has been visiting Christine every week. She assists Christine, alongside her social worker, with the Housing Association on improving accessibility within her home. Linda presented her with a gift recently - a bird table from the Veterans Shed so that Christine is able to watch the little birds through her window. Christine is very thankful to Linda for visiting her weekly, the visits make her feel happy and moves her mind.

NERYS OWEN

PLAS OGWEN, BETHESDA



Nerys Owen is from Bethesda originally, but now resides in the elderly people's home in the area - Plas Ogwen.

Linda Brown, Community Friend, takes Nerys for weekly walks around Bethesda. Nerys is in her element when walking the area. Recently, Linda and Nerys walked through Parc Meurig, as she'd told Linda that she had never been before! She had a great time seeing the amazing artwork of characters from the children's book "Llyfr Mawr y Plant" which are located in and around the trees. Characters include Wil Cwac Cwac. Ifan Twrci Tennau and Sion Blewyn Coch. Seeing the pictures took her back to her childhood. Hearing Nerys, who is almost 80, talk about how much she enjoys her walks with Linda really cheers you up.

Community Transport

The Partneriaeth's fleet of four cars and electric and accessible bikes have remained busy over the last 12 months. Bws Ogwen was used between April and October for the Bethesda – Llyn Ogwen service, along with twice-daily trips to Capel Curig. The service was well received and through working in partnership with the T10 service contributed to reducing the number of vehicles parked along the A5. Also, the bus was used for wider community use during the winter months – days out, sport clubs and local schools.

'Efan' the six seater accessible vehicle that transports members of the community to their social or medical appointments has also remained busy. During 2023, Efan was used for 155 journeys and travelled 13,000 miles – all without any emissions. Similarly, Carnedd the community car based in the Community Library has had considerable use from our community, and has travelled over 10,000 miles using the Library's solar panels as a charger.

Also, the van – Tryfan – continues to be used by the Partneriaeth for the Cadwyn Ogwen project, to transport Fareshare foods and bicycles as required.

During this period, the community transport element of the Partneriaeth's work has been well-established and there has been considerable collaboration with strategic partners such as the Community Transport Association (CTA), Friends of the Earth and Sustrans Cymru. The Partneriaeth presented at the CTA's Wales Conference, contributed towards the Sustrans and the Welsh Government event and also gave a presentation on our work at the 2023 National Eisteddfod in Boduan.

Also, during this period we received confirmation that a bid made by partneriaeth Dolan to the Levelling Up Fund was successful along with Dyffryn Caredig's bid to the National Lottery's Community Fund. As a result, a fixed team of staff will lead our community transport provision over the next two years.



Colin and Evan –
two of our com-
munity drivers

TRAFNIDIAETH WERDD



I use the Co-Wheels hire car on average twice a month. I work freelance in lots of different places and use the car mainly for commuting to work in areas where public transport is inadequate or I have to be at work particularly early. My wife and I own one vehicle between us and if she is using our vehicle, I use the hire car. This means we can function owning the one vehicle between my wife and myself, reducing our costs and environmental impact.

I also use public transport, but the bus service in Bethesda is often poor and time consuming and the hire car is a flexible, cost effective, alternative.

I've used the car to commute to Liverpool and Wrexham and the battery hasn't needed recharging for either journey. The range of a full battery charge is stated as 200 miles and I confirm that is accurate.

It's also a very comfortable and smooth car to drive. It's a quality vehicle offering a valuable service to our community. Thanks to all who work to keep it in place.



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Beics Ogwen

Following support from the Welsh Government's Active Travel Fund, we continued to provide cycling facilities and resources to our community. Sessions were held with schools in the Valley and the wider community. Nine specific events were held as well as weekly bike workshop sessions and sessions such as the women's cycling sessions were a big success. One of the highlights of the trips was an electric bike ride for Pobl i Bobl sponsored by Bangor City Council – a ride for our friends from Ukraine from Bangor Pier to the Rugby Club and back.

Another significant development was establishing a partnership with the Byw'n lach Company, Sports Disability Wales and Bethesda Rugby Club. By working in partnership with these organisations and as a result of the Club providing the location, we secured funding for a shipping container and accessible bikes for Dyffryn Ogwen community. As Beics Ogwen is located a stone's throw away from Lôn Las Ogwen it's an ideal spot for accessible, adapted and electric bike rides.

We engaged with over 350 people during the period of this report although the Active Travel project came to an end at the end of March 2023. Dyffryn Gwyrdd's resources were used to continue with the work and the continuation of the Beics Ogwen project is now an integral part of the work of Dyffryn Caredig's project.



More information about the provision of the Beics Ogwen scheme can be found here <https://beicsogwen.co.uk/>

Environment

The Food Club

With the support of the Fareshare scheme, Dyffryn Gwyrdd's team has continued to share food that would have otherwise gone to waste in our community. Following a consultation with consumers, it was decided to review the food distribution system and charge for each weekly bag. A portion of the Fareshare food is now used towards the work of Hwb Ogwen – specifically the Swpar Chwaral evenings and emergency food parcels. However the rest of the produce is packaged for the Food Club members who collect their bags every Friday. The bags are £4.50 each and for that price members receive at least £10 worth of different foods which in turn helps to reduce waste. This scheme appeals to a wide cross-section of our society, from families, single people, young and older people, people in employment and unemployed people. This latest development has now earned its place in the Partneriaeth's provision with over 140 members contributing towards the work and an average of 30 bags distributed every week. This means that 180kg of food is saved from going to waste per week. The financial saving is a minimum of £5 per week per bag, with an average of 30 members a week, totalling a saving of £5550 for the community during the last year. An example of the newly generated appetite and enthusiasm for the scheme is the Facebook group recently set up by one of the members to share recipes among the club's members.

During 2023 –

- 1110 bags were distributed
- 8460kgs of food was saved from going to waste.
- £5550 was saved for our community

COMMUNITY GROWING AND ENVIRONMENTAL VOLUNTEERING WELLBEING PROJECTS

Community Growing and Planning

During the current year, Dyffryn Gwyrdd's team members continued to lead wellbeing and the environment sessions, which combine physical health and environmental action. This work included gardening sessions, walks and more. Work continued on developing Gerddi Ffrancon allotments in partnership with the Byw'n Iach Company and our local residents. Six new allotments were created during the year and all 24 have now been claimed. The site is now an incredible resource for our community that provides healthy, nutritious food for local families. It also proved to be an excellent year as an enthusiastic group of individuals developed the Community Garden and one of the highlights was a social cuppa and cake session at the end of a sunny afternoon below the wonderful Carneddau mountains.



The work at Llys Dafydd has also been developed with considerable planting taking place during the regular gardening sessions with our Environmental Wellbeing Officer and the volunteer team. Undoubtedly, one of the highlights was an apple pressing session with Afallon leading a joint session with GwyrddNi where sacks of the Valley's best produce was pressed to create almost 100 litres of mouth-watering apple juice.

In addition, with financial support from Gwynedd Council's Library Service and practical support from the Veterans Shed, a new resource was created for our community – a wellbeing and sensory garden in Dyffryn Ogwen's Community Library. By combining some vision, planting expertise and some elbow-grease we transformed a null area into a beautiful and secure garden that's welcoming to wildlife and Library users.



The Dyffryn Gwyrdd Lottery funding period came to an end at the end of October 2023 however funding was secured from the Wales Council for Voluntary Action Landfill Tax Fund. This funding will enable us to move forward to continue with the great work completed in creating so many of the gardens, orchards and green spaces throughout the Valley.

PETHA

The Llyfrgell y Petha pilot scheme, a partnership with cyfeillion Dolan (Siop Griffiths Penygroes a Chwmni Bro Ffestiniog, Blaenau Ffestiniog) came to an end at the end of April 2023. Although the pilot scheme has ended, Partneriaeth Ogwen has continued to promote the goods and collaborate with Benthyc Cymru and Gwynedd Council to seek resources to continue with the scheme. This included submitting an application to the Welsh Government's Circular Economy Fund for Circular Economy Officers and working together with the Council and Benthyc to develop continuity for the service.

Tackling Climate Change

GwyrddNi

Partneriaeth Ogwen remains a partner in the GwyrddNi project – a project that has established climate change schemes in Pen Llŷn, Dyffryn Nantlle, Bro Ffestiniog, Dyffryn Peris and Dyffryn Ogwen. This year, GwyrddNi partners have received further funding from the National Lottery Climate Action Fund to continue to support communities, for another four years, to take action in the face of climate change.

Between May 2022 and March 2023, 50 Dyffryn Ogwen residents were part of a Community Assembly responding to the question “How can we in Dyffryn Ogwen respond locally to Climate Change?”.

Following a learning and discussion process and receiving input from local schools, the assembly agreed on its local Action Plan. The plan has an abundance of ideas on how to tackle the emergency, including establishing a Community Energy Grid, creating a Kinetic Park, Growing Community Food and holding a Climate Festival.

We are now working with the community as a whole to implement these plans. Regular events, meetings and workshops will be held locally. We have already held a successful Climate Festival in May 2023 which attracted over a 100 people to Bethesda High Street. We have also set to work on moss mapping in the area.

GwyrddNi’s work in schools includes raising awareness of the climate emergency, learning about local solutions and encouraging and equipping pupils to take action themselves.



A meeting of the GwyrddNi community assemblies

Sero Net Gwynedd and Pioneering Places

Partneriaeth Ogwen remains a partner in the Sero Net Gwynedd project. A scheme led by Adra Housing Association which aims to improve the energy efficiency of homes across Gwynedd. The financial support from Sero Net Gwynedd's scheme contributes towards the employment costs of the Energy Warden for Partneriaeth Ogwen as well as energy efficiency resources such as LED bulbs.

During 2023, Partneriaeth Ogwen and Ynni Ogwen were partners in the Pioneering Places project, led by Gwynedd Council and Energy Local. The aim of the scheme is to consider new methods of supplying energy locally. The project funded the Valley's renewable energy potential mapping report and another report discussing the potential of a green transport network. Phase 1 of the project has come to an end and a further bid has been submitted to Innovate UK for 2 million in funding to develop the project in Bethesda and Blaenau Ffestiniog.

Language and Culture

Sustaining the Welsh Language

We continue to promote the Welsh language in Partneriaeth Ogwen's activities and continue to administer our organization, as well as any new projects we establish, through the medium of Welsh. We offer Welsh-medium employment and volunteer opportunities for local people and are delighted that so many learners volunteer and improve their Welsh with us. During 2023 we submitted a successful bid to the Arfor Enterprising Communities fund to strengthen the economy in Welsh areas. As a result, marketing and community finance services are available for our community through the medium of Welsh.

Siop Ogwen

Although the shop is an independent legal entity, the Partnership continues to manage the administration of the shop and support the Development Officer in managing the shop's work programme and activities. The shop contributes towards the viability of the High Street but it is also important in terms of promoting the Welsh language and Welsh literature. As well as selling books and crafts, the Shop also ventures out into the community to offer art and story workshops for children. 5 art and story sessions were held in the community in 2022 including yoga sessions for children in Gerd-di Ffrancon and sessions as part of Gŵyl Gwenllian. With the support of the UK Community Regeneration Fund, Siop Ogwen led a scheme to paint the High Street shops' windows in an effort to attract more people to support the High Street.

Book signing events with the author Dewi Prysor were also arranged during the year along with a literature event in partnership with Gŵyl Ara Deg.

Gŵyl Gwenllian

With the support of Partneriaeth Tirwedd y Carneddau, Partneriaeth Ogwen organized workshops, lectures, activities and walks to commemorate Princess Gwenllian in June 2023. Celebrating Merched y Carneddau / the Women of the Carneddau was the theme of this year's festival. On the Saturday we hosted a series of panels and talks by local female artists and authors. This included a panel discussion hosted by Rebecca Hardy-Griffith with Anna Pritchard, Ann Catrin Evans and Rhiannon Gwyn, which focused on how their habitat inspires their artistic practice. Some entertaining sessions were also held with Angharad Tomos, a pre-recorded interview with Alys Conran, and a discussion between Annes Glynn and Manon Steffan Ros. Over 40 people bought tickets for the event, which was held in the newly renovated Community Room in Cefnfaes. All conversations were recorded and are available to stream on Amam and YouTube.

On the Saturday there was also an art workshop for children as part of the festival, followed by a free lunch served by Hwb Ogwen's volunteers. On the Sunday morning, there was a guided bike ride and a yoga session for families. This was followed by a "Walking and Weaving" event which included a guided walk up Moel Faban by members of Partneriaeth Tirwedd y Carneddau's team, with an opportunity to capture impressions of the natural landscape on small hand-held looms. To bring the festival to a close, the Reverend Sarah Roberts led a pilgrimage as part of the Eglwys Wyllt service.



A Weaving Session on Moel Faban as part of Gŵyl Gwenllian 2023



A Weaving Session on Moel Faban as part of Gŵyl Gwenllian 2023



Angharad Tomos discussing the literature of the slate communities and her volumes

Local Businesses Promoting the Use of the Welsh Language

Partneriaeth Ogwen's language policy is completely sound and we also take every opportunity to encourage the use of the language locally by businesses and partners. This includes helping local businesses to produce bilingual content for the business directory www.ogwen.cymru and the Cadwyn Ogwen pages on the Open Food Network website. There are over 50 businesses on these 2 digital platforms.

Promoting local Heritage with Partneriaeth Tirwedd y Carneddau

Partneriaeth Ogwen committed to a one year Service Level Agreement with Partneriaeth Tirwedd y Carneddau in April 2023 to carry out projects for the Partneriaeth in Dyffryn Ogwen. As well as Gŵyl Gwenllian in June, we have started to fulfil a number of other projects.

We have started Lleisiau Lleol / Local Voices – an oral history project which is related to the Lleisiau'r Carneddau project. A group of volunteers have received training to host and record oral history interviews, and the first few interviews have already been held. We will catalogue and release the content on our website along with reference to other oral history resources that are also available.

To help develop the next generation of local guides, the group of 8 volunteers have started training as Lowland Guides. In addition to the required course, an additional training day specific to the Dyffryn Ogwen area has been arranged with the National Park staff and local guides. Funding is also available to train a further group due to the overwhelming response to the project. These new leaders are committed to leading walks on a voluntary basis for Partneriaeth Ogwen during festivals and events, as well as giving back to the community to assist Dyffryn Ogwen residents to connect with their habitat.

A free art session for children was also held during the summer along with a seed processing activity with a group of Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen students.

Perthyn Project

Partneriaeth Ogwen and Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog have commissioned us to provide support in establishing new community initiatives in areas where there's a high number of second homes. Our work includes assisting community-owned housing initiatives and new social enterprises. Cynan Jones has been assisting initiatives across the north-west including Menter Felinheli, Y Fic Llithfaen, Hwb Penmachno, Bys a Bawd Llanrwst and Menter Rabar, Abersoch. A local group was supported in Aberdyfi to secure a grant of £500,000 to purchase the village shop and post office. Cynan has also supported the communities of Nefyn, Llithfaen, Llanaelhaearn and Trefor in establishing a new Land Trust in Bro'r Eifl.

Economy

SUPPORTING SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED BUSINESSES AND REGENERATING THE HIGH STREET

Property

Our property portfolio is a combination of buildings as follows:

- Buildings we have purchased using grant funding and/or a loan and/or Partneriaeth Ogwen reserves (e.g. 26 and 27 on the High Street and the Spar Building)
- Buildings we are responsible for through a beneficial ownership agreement with Bethesda Community Council
- Buildings we have leased from Gwynedd County Council (Dyffryn Ogwen Community Library and Canolfan Cefnfaes)

Shops, Flats and Studios for local tenants

Partneriaeth Ogwen continues to administer units on Bethesda High Street under a beneficial ownership agreement with Bethesda Community Council. All commercial units are fully occupied and the tenants include:

Cwrw Ogwen – a local beer brewing company

Cwmni Bwyd Môr Menai – a local seafood business

Siop 55 – an antiques shop that sub-leases from Cwmni Bwyd Môr Menai

Annie's Orphans – a charity shop selling second-hand clothes, toys and books

We also hire 2 studios for local creative companies -

9Bach – music artists who hail from Gerlan

Stiwdio Ffram – a local picture framing company.

6 flats are also let to local tenants and commercial units are rented out in Canolfan Cefnfaes. The rental income from these properties goes towards the maintenance costs of the buildings and the running costs of Partneriaeth Ogwen which includes employing a Property Caretaker one day a week.

Cadwyn Ogwen

Cadwyn Ogwen is a cooperative scheme to sell, deliver and support local produce in Dyffryn Ogwen. It was established in response to the pandemic in 2020 with support from local businesses and public grants. In 2023 Cadwyn Ogwen has evolved with a grant from Menter Môn's Neges project. In April, Cadwyn Ogwen began working with Dyffryn Nantlle's Food Hub to combine the two food hubs in order to increase the variety of produce available and expand our customer reach. Furthermore, in September Cadwyn Ogwen struck up a partnership with Bangor University creating a collection point in the university making Cadwyn Ogwen and Hwb Bwyd Dyffryn Nantlle produce available to students and staff. We are currently working with 25 producers and offer over 600 different produce. From the beginning of the year up until November 7, 382 orders were received through Cadwyn Ogwen, which is a total of £10,736.09.

Unfortunately, despite efforts to trial new ideas and expand the Cadwyn Ogwen network, we haven't seen a corresponding increase in sales or customers. The project is funded until the end of February 2024, and we are currently discussing options with shareholders regarding the future of the project following that date.

Cydweithfa - Co-working Space

As part of the renovation work at Canolfan Cefnfaes, one room has been developed into a Cydweithfa – a co-working space where desks can be hired through an online booking system. We have had a number of people come in to try the space and give feedback during October and November 2023 and the space will officially open before the end of 2023.



Gofod Gwneud / Maker Space

With support from the Circular Economy grant from Gwynedd Council, a Make and Repair Space has been developed in Canolfan Cefnfaes. There are various items and equipment such as a 3D printer, sublimation printer, sewing machines and a vinyl cutter. Public sessions with a technician were held at the beginning of the year until we were forced to close Canolfan Cefnfaes for refurbishment. As the latest round of Circular Economy funding was unsuccessful, we are working with Menter Môn and other Ffiws sites on a Her Arfor Fund bid to fund technicians for the sites. Since the re-opening of Canolfan Cefnfaes, we have been making use of the small pot of money we have left to hire a technician to hold specific training sessions as well as sessions with Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen pupils.

A Sewing Group was established with volunteers in February 2023 with the aim of helping people develop their sewing skills. 16 sessions were held with a total of 73 people taking part. The group also helped create costumes for the Royal Family in Bethesda Carnival in May. In addition, the group have led a community session to make draft excluders for Hwb Ogwen's winter boxes.



Draft excluders will be distributed to help local households with energy costs

Business Support Services and other Initiatives

In 2023, Partneriaeth Ogwen was successful with a bid to the Arfor Enterprising Communities fund to finance a community mentoring scheme. The mentoring includes financial and marketing mentoring with the intention of helping small and medium-sized businesses and local organizations. As part of the financial mentoring work, we offer a variety of different services to local businesses and individuals such as book-keeping, setting up financial processes for new businesses, a payroll service and mentoring individuals with their self-assessment.

Since starting this work, Lliwen Morris our Community Finance Mentor has established a new accounting system for Cymunedoli Cyf and received a transfer of payroll service from Gwynedd Council for employers who receive direct payments for carers. She has also mentored the local initiative Coed Parc y Moch.

In November 2023, Abbie Jones started working as a Community Marketing Mentor and she will take the lead on mentoring local businesses and organizations to improve their marketing skills. We look forward to expanding the marketing and finance service in 2024.

We also continue to offer a consultancy service to other enterprises with Cynan Jones leading on the creation of business plans and community benefit studies for enterprises. Clients during the period include Gorwel Cyf and Friends of the Earth.



FINANCE MENTOR

ARE YOU SELF EMPLOYED?

Do you need help with your self assessment? Are you looking for help with your accounts? Contact us here at Partneriaeth Ogwen where we can help.

For more information contact Lliwen Morris
lliwen@ogwen.org or 01248 602131

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Canolfan Cefnfaes

Construction on the community wing of the Canolfan Cefnfaes building was completed in mid-2023 following delays by the contractors. The community room has already had extensive use with parenting groups and a local baby club held there. The Co-working Space will soon be officially open too. This renovation work was funded through a Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme grant.

The Centre has continued to be home to local businesses and projects with Black Dragon Martial Arts, Eagle House and Partneriaeth Tirwedd y Carneddau as our tenants on site. The Youth Club has also resumed its weekly sessions together with various sessions from local societies.

We have delayed phase 2 and 3 of the project due to lack of staff capacity. 2 Shared Prosperity Fund bids were submitted to Gwynedd Council and Mantell Gwynedd which would have funded some repair and project management costs but these bids were unsuccessful. We will be collaborating with Ynni Ogwen soon in 2024 to install solar panels on the roof of the building.

Community Tourism

Bws Ogwen has continued to offer a shuttle bus service between Bethesda and Llyn Ogwen in 2023 and our Beic Ogwen service has hired out bikes for the use of visitors to the area.

Through collaboration with the Foundational Economy Alliance, Siop Griffiths and Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog, a grant of £25,000 was secured from the UK Government's Research Initiative (UKRI) to carry out research on community tourism in the slate communities. Community researchers were employed across all three areas to ascertain attitudes towards community tourism.



Architectural design of canolfan Yr Hen Bost

Yr Hen Bost (Spar)

Since purchasing the Spar building in 2022, Partneriaeth Ogwen has set about raising capital funds to pay for the costs of repairing the building. In 2023, we have succeeded in securing funding from Westminster Government's Levelling Up fund through Gwynedd Council and funding from the Welsh Government's Circular Economy fund towards the capital costs of developing the building. We have now commissioned the Chief Architect and the full design team to develop the building and at the end of November 2023, planning permission was secured.

Construction will begin in Spring 2024.

Corporate Matters

Marketing, Engagement and Publicity

Partneriaeth Ogwen hosts the following websites www.partneriaethogwen.cymru, www.ogwen.cymru/www.ogwen.wales and www.cadwynogwen.cymru We also host the Facebook accounts - Ogwen360, Ynni Ogwen, Siop Ogwen, Dyffryn Gwyrdd, Beics Ogwen, Cadwyn Ogwen, Hwb Ogwen a Petha and update these pages regularly. We also have Twitter accounts @PartneriaethOg and @YnniOgwen and these accounts have over a thousand followers. All marketing and publicity work is shared between the Partneriaeth's core staff however our new Marketing Mentor, Abbie Jones, will support staff to improve our marketing methods in 2023. We also have Youtube channels and a channel on www.amam.cymru.

The Partnership also receives requests to speak to local and national organizations regarding our projects and we carry out regular visits to our projects. These visits include community groups such as Cymunedoli Cyf and Pembrokeshire's Together for Change as well as organizations such as ADRA Housing Association. In addition, we have welcomed foreign visitors from Lithuania and Uganda. Our staff also give presentations on our work in conferences and events all over Wales and our organization is profiled in a number of case studies.

In October 2023, Partneriaeth Ogwen was shortlisted for Social Enterprise of the year at the Social Business Wales Awards. This was an honour and it recognized our work as an organization.



Social Business Wales Awards, Y Senedd Cardiff



A Visit from Pembrokeshire's Together for Change

Partnership Networks and Projects

We continue to work in partnership with other organizations across Gwynedd and beyond to expand our work, campaign for the sector and gain access to further grants. An example of this is the recent collaboration with 33 community enterprises across Gwynedd to establish Cymunedoli Cyf. This new initiative has collaborated with Menter Môn to secure SPF grant funding to fund 6 new community posts in Gwynedd and establish a grant fund to help community enterprises such as Partneriaeth Ogwen.

During 2023, we have supported strategic work with Gwynedd Council including representing the sector on the World Heritage Site Benefits Group and the Gwynedd Visitor Economy Task and Finish Group. We also contributed to the work of Gwynedd Council's Regeneration Department developing the Ardal Ni regeneration plan for Dyffryn Ogwen.



The Cymunedoli Cyf team visiting Partneriaeth Ogwen

Partneriaeth Ogwen's Income Streams

Since establishing in 2013, we have increased our funding streams as an organization. Originally, the organization's main income source was providing a clerical service but by now the clerical service only counts towards 6% of our income with rents equivalent to 8% of our income. Our accounts this year reflect an increase once again in the value of the grants we bring to the area representing 74% of our income. The main grants that were received in 2022-23 were the WEFO grant towards the Bws Ogwen scheme, Betsi Cadwaladr and Gwynedd Council grants towards Hwb Ogwen's costs and the Community Lottery grant towards Dyffryn Gwyrdd's project costs. The advisory and administrative service is an income stream that we anticipate will increase over the coming year. Mainly because of more uncertainty regarding public grants and our desire to protect jobs and retain the wonderful team of staff we have in the organization.

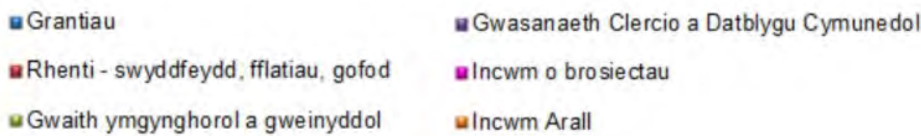
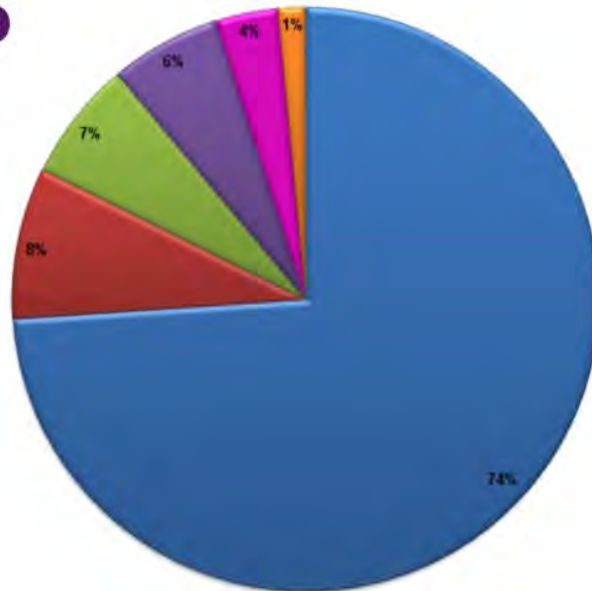
As well as analysing our income and expenditure as an organization, we now research the financial savings for the community as a result of our work. A number of our projects save money directly and indirectly e.g. Swpar Chwaral's hot meals and Hwb Ogwen's food parcels save costs for local families and the benefits advice service can help individuals save significant amounts of money. Our work in reducing energy bills and our efforts to recycle school uniforms also create savings. We have started to estimate these types of savings and we presume the savings for our community totals over £40,000 a year.

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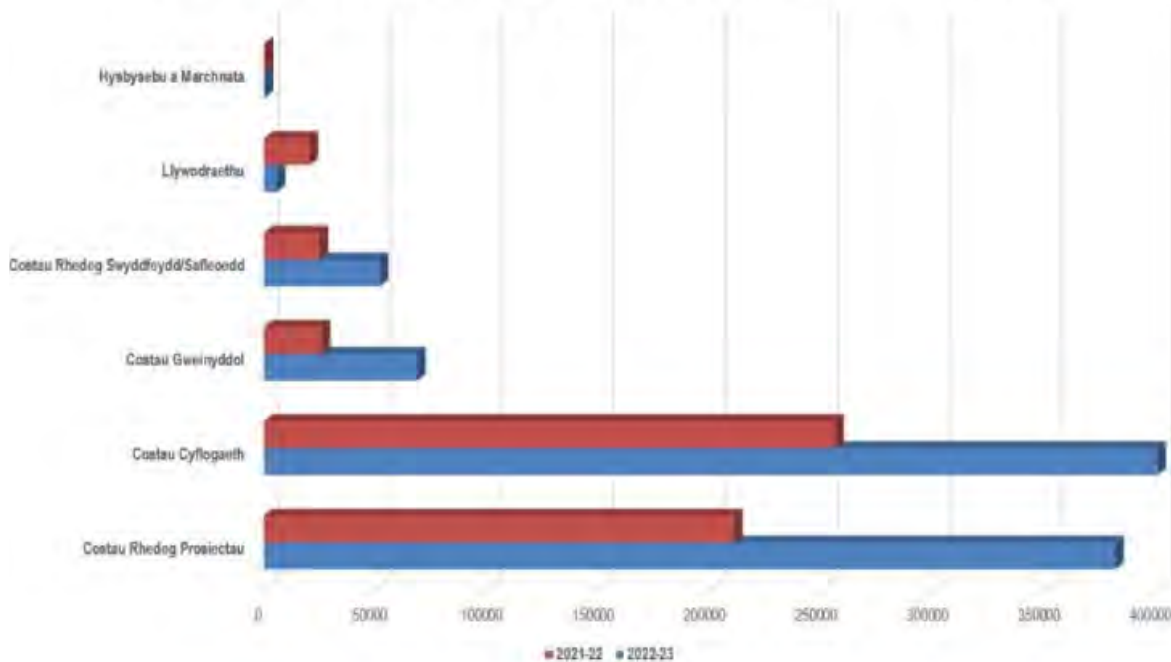
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Conclusions and Moving Forwards

Partneriaeth Ogwen has succeeded in achieving and exceeding the targets in our Transformation Pathway and our projects are making a difference locally. This is down to the hard work of staff and volunteers who want to make a difference to our community, economy, language and culture and environment. The staff would like to thank all the volunteers on our Board and those who assist with our projects for their help and support.

MD 30/11/2023

Appendix 1 – Attainment of the Partneriaeth Ogwen Transformation Pathway

An analysis is shown below of our attainment against the organization's Transformation Pathway over the past 3 years. A statistical analysis against our output targets as well as an analysis of our short term and long term impact.

Transformation Pathway Targets - Maintaining an Inclusive Community

Activity	Output Target	Accomplishment by December 2023	Short Term Outcomes Achieved
Maintaining the Ogwen office on the High Street as a point of contact for the catchment area's 3 Community Councils.	1300 visits from residents to the Ogwen office each year.	Visits during 2023 = 570 people visited the Dyffryn Gwyrdd Office with 1,200 visiting Partneriaeth Ogwen.	Closer contact between the community and the 3 local Community Councils.
Providing a clerical service to the 3 community councils.	High standard clerical service to the 3 community councils.	Continue to provide a clerical service to the 3 Community Councils with 32 Community Council meetings administered during 2023.	An increase in people volunteering and participating in Dyffryn Ogwen.
Develop various volunteering opportunities through the Dyffryn Gwyrdd, Siop Ogwen and Cadwyn Ogwen projects.	The procedure for recruiting, recording and supporting volunteers is in place.	84 volunteers and a total of 1042.05 hours of volunteering accomplished in 2023.	More job opportunities for young people in their communities and more community leaders.
Consult with young people and providing them with work experiences, apprentices, paid employment and various volunteering opportunities.	3 young people (16-24 years old) volunteering / working with Partneriaeth Ogwen each year.	4 young people under the age of 30 on Partneriaeth Ogwen's payroll during 2023 and 3 young people have worked for Siop Ogwen. 25 young people have volunteered with us in 2023. During 2020-23, a total	

		of 8 young people have worked for us (3 as part of the Byw a Bod scheme, 2 through the Llechi, Glo a Chefn Gwlad scheme, 2 through the Kickstart scheme and one through Coleg Llandrillo Menai's work experience scheme)	
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LONG TERM IMPACT TARGETS –

- Greater participation by our community and young people in community development projects and local democracy.
- An increase in health and wellbeing and a sense of belonging in our community.

COMMENTS ON THE POTENTIAL LONG TERM IMPACT BASED ON THREE YEARS OF THE ABOVE ACTION

We note that the number of volunteers involved in the Partnership's projects is increasing and more young people have worked and volunteered with Partneriaeth Ogwen over the last three years. Schemes such as Byw a Bod and Llechi, Glo a Chefn Gwlad have helped us to develop new community leaders in 2020-2022 and by 2023 the percentage of staff under the age of 30 in the organization has increased to 19%. Beyond the Dyffryn Ogwen catchment area, Partneriaeth Ogwen has also worked on partnership schemes such as Grymuso Gwynedd which has succeeded in creating community leader roles for 5 individuals with Cymunedoli. According to one young person who has worked with us –

"I wouldn't have got the job I'm in now if it wasn't for the opportunities I had with Partneriaeth Ogwen"

Our volunteer numbers over the last 3 years has been increasing and the quality of those experiences has been rich and diverse. Our systems to record, develop and support volunteers have also improved under the guidance of our Volunteer Coordinator, with many of the new volunteers being individuals who have benefitted from our support services.

Transformation Pathway Targets – Poverty Prevention

Activity	Output Target	Accomplishment by December 2023	Short Term Outcomes Achieved
Develop a plan and Hwb Dyffryn Gwyrdd	Refer 300 residents to Dyffryn Gwyrdd and	2297 visitors have attended Hwb Ogwen	Our community's most vulnerable residents

to prevent poverty in Dyffryn Ogwen including specific projects to address fuel poverty, food poverty and transport poverty.	other agencies' support services each year.	in 2023. Our Energy Warden supported 539 clients and 353 Fuel Vouchers were distributed.	have received additional support to help them overcome poverty and loneliness.
Develop a Food Bank and a Dyffryn Owen Food Sharing Scheme by distributing food and coordinating a team of volunteers.	1000 food support parcels are distributed each year.	In 2023, 1120 emergency food parcels were distributed and 225 people were referred to Arfon or Bangor Food Bank for additional support.	
Develop a Community Friend Scheme to deliver hot meals, reduce isolation and promote digital inclusion.	1000 Community Friend meals are provided each year.	726 Community Friend meals have been distributed in 2023 which is a total of 2498 meals since the start of the scheme in 2020. During 2023, the Community Friend has held 20 events, with 331 attendees and 29 Fitness Sessions with 261 participants.	
Establish a green community transport scheme that will transport residents in transport poverty to medical, work and social appointments.	100 annual trips in the community vehicle.	155 journeys in Efan the community car.	

LONG TERM IMPACT TARGETS

- Less poverty in Dyffryn Ogwen with fewer people having to use the food bank and fewer people in transport poverty.
- Closer collaboration with other agencies to provide support to residents facing poverty and loneliness.

LONG TERM IMPACT ATTAINMENT –

Over the three year period of this Transformation Pathway, we have exceeded all output targets and developed additional projects to prevent poverty in Dyffryn Ogwen. The development of Hwb Ogwen and the growing demand for these services show an increasing demand for support to tackle poverty. The service offered by Hwb Ogwen is cross-agency giving users the opportunity to refer to other services e.g. digital support, SIM cards. Measuring the impact of the service is

difficult but the Hwb's support and Dyffryn Gwyrdd's wellbeing and community transport services have helped a large cohort of our community.

Transformation Pathway Targets – Community Growing and Environmental Volunteering Wellbeing Projects

Activity	Output Target	Accomplishment by December 2023	Short Term Outcomes Achieved
Dyffryn Gwyrdd project to lead wellbeing and environment sessions combining physical health and environmental action (e.g. E-biking Sessions and Community Planting Sessions)	50 wellbeing and environment sessions have been held.	87 wellbeing sessions during 2023.	Our community's most vulnerable residents receiving support to overcome fuel poverty. More environmental volunteering opportunities bringing wellbeing and environmental benefits.
Identify and develop new community green spaces.	3 community green spaces have been developed and Llys Dafydd garden has been regenerated to be nature friendly.	4 new allotments have been developed in 2023 with a total of 24 allotments now in Gerddi Ffrancon. We have continued to maintain Tan Twr community gardens, Gardd Gymunedol Ffrancon and Llys Dafydd.	More green spaces being maintained locally.

LONG TERM IMPACT TARGETS

- A decrease in the Valley's Carbon footprint.
- Closer collaboration with other agencies that seek to prevent fuel poverty and promote energy efficiency.

LONG TERM IMPACT ATTAINMENT –

A number of our projects reduce the Valley's carbon footprint. Our whole fleet of vehicles are electric and some are powered by Ynni Ogwen's solar panels. The community vehicles have travelled over 26,000 miles in 2023 which is a saving of 181g of carbon per kilometre. This is equivalent to 11,651KG of carbon savings.

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47,930 miles in 2023. This is equivalent to 30.3 tonnes of carbon savings.

Over the period of this Transformation Pathway, the vehicles have travelled 87,930 miles. This is equivalent to 55.5 tonnes of carbon savings over three years.

There has been a wide range of wellbeing work over the last three years with our community having access to outdoor events, art, cycling and much more to boost their mental and physical wellbeing. Many of these experiences have also given them the opportunity to engage with their community.

We have also co-created new community green spaces over the last two years which are a haven for local residents and new habitats. These are community resources which will need to be maintained and nurtured over the coming years.

The community benefit value of the Dyffryn Gwyrdd project is £10.71 for every pound invested in the scheme.

Transformation Pathway Targets – Tackling Climate Change

Activity	Output Target	Accomplishment by December 2023	Short Term Outcomes Achieved
GwyrddNi Project to start in 2021 with the intention of developing a Climate Change Assembly in Dyffryn Ogwen.	Climate Change Assembly has been established and meet twice a year.	Community Assembly to prevent Climate Change in Dyffryn Ogwen has been established and have met 3 times.	Local people working together to tackle climate change.
New environmental projects being established including an electric shuttle bus and a community electric vehicle.	Shuttle bus and electric vehicle service has been established.	Shuttle bus service established in summer 2022. Cynllun Beics Ogwen has been established. Cynllun Petha has been established. Partner in the Sero Net Gwynedd scheme to improve the energy efficiency of homes and community centres across Gwynedd.	Less carbon emissions in the National Park.

LONG TERM IMPACT TARGETS

- Dyffryn Ogwen leading the way in terms of sustainable community development.
- New type of tourists visiting the area and supporting the local economy.

LONG TERM IMPACT ATTAINMENT –

The short term outcomes of reducing emissions are certainly realized through our use of electric vehicles and bikes and our work has also succeeded in bringing a wide range of people together to tackle climate change, whether through our projects or through the Community Assembly on climate change which was established through our GwyrddNi project.

In terms of the long term impact of this work, we continue to work towards this and other communities turn to us for advice or inspiration in terms of sustainability. We are one of Friends of the Earth's case studies and we also share information about our sustainability work in various national conferences and events.

We hope that Bws Ogwen and the Beics Ogwen scheme will attract new types of tourists to the area. Joint marketing work together with the National Park is underway and we are members of Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri and Gwynedd Council's Sustainable Tourism Strategy Working Group.

Transformation Pathway Targets – Language and culture

Activity	Output Target	Accomplishment by December 2023	Short Term Outcomes Achieved
Continue to maintain workplaces, volunteering opportunities and Welsh-medium projects in Dyffryn Ogwen.	3 Welsh-medium workplaces to be maintained by the Partneriaeth.	Swyddfa Ogwen, Swyddfa Dyffryn Gwyrdd, Hwb Ogwen and Canolfan Cefnfaes office are Welsh-medium workplaces for Partneriaeth Ogwen staff.	More Welsh-medium workplaces.
Continue to support the development of Siop Ogwen – a Welsh books and crafts shop on Bethesda High Street.	Siop Ogwen to remain open on the High Street and increase online sales and sales in local markets.	Siop Ogwen to remain open and selling online on Cadwyn Ogwen and in local Christmas markets.	More opportunities to work through the medium of Welsh.
Leading relevant cultural projects e.g. Bethesda's 200th anniversary celebrations.	5 heritage events / activities each year.	10 events / activities in 2021. 12 events in 2022 and 14 events in 2023 (Dyffryn Gwyrdd art activities and Gŵyl Gwenllian activities).	Local people having the opportunity to celebrate heritage and culture.

Promote the use of the Welsh language by local businesses.	50 businesses using the Welsh language on ogwen.cymru and Cadwyn Ogwen.	There are 50 businesses on Ogwen.cymru with a bilingual company description. Cadwyn Ogwen producers also promote bilingually on www.cadwynogwen.cymru .	Greater use of the Welsh language by businesses.
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LONG TERM IMPACT TARGETS

- Normalizing the Welsh language as a working language
- Boosting people's confidence to use their Welsh at work.
- Maintaining the Welsh language and culture locally
- Raising the Welsh language's status among the business sector

LONG TERM IMPACT ATTAINMENT–

The short term outcomes are undoubtedly realized with a sound language policy and measures to support the use of the Welsh language by Partneriaeth Ogwen. Welsh is the natural administrative and operational language of Partneriaeth Ogwen and we support our staff's linguistic journey by offering language proficiency / gloywi iaith training. We also organize cultural events and support the use of the Welsh language by the business sector. We refer businesses to the Welsh Government and Comisiynydd yr Iaith's support services and help with translations as required. Our language assertiveness is also strong with staff giving interviews and presentations through the medium of Welsh in a number of conference across Wales and on British television programmes such as Countryfile and a British Friends of the Earth campaign video.

In 2023, we are providing bilingual finance and marketing mentoring services to our community and helping new social enterprises to set up in Welsh communities as part of the Perthyn scheme.

Transformation Pathway Targets – Supporting small and medium sized businesses and Regenerating the High Street

Activity	Output Target	Accomplishment by December 2022	Short Term Outcomes Achieved
Purchase empty buildings on the High Street to keep them in local ownership and renting them out to other businesses or running projects from them.	90% of Partneriaeth Ogwen's property in use throughout the year.	One flat is unoccupied at the end of 2023 but all other properties are occupied.	More shops open on the High Street.

Development of the Cadwyn Ogwen service – ordering and delivering of local produce service in a community electric vehicle.	20 local businesses selling their produce on Cadwyn Ogwen's platform.	We have collaborated with 25 companies as part of Cadwyn Ogwen in 2023 and have sold 600 products on Cadwyn Ogwen's platform.	Local manufacturers have a local online outlet for their produce.
Providing business support services on a micro level in our communities.	Collaborate with or support 30 local businesses each year.	We continue to support businesses through the Cadwyn Ogwen scheme, the Mentoring Scheme and through maintaining the www.ogwen.cymru website	Local businesses growing and thriving.
Maintaining the www.ogwen.cymru Website.	Increase the number of local businesses that appear on the website www.ogwen.cymru	There are 50 businesses on ogwen.cymru and 25 on Cadwyn Ogwen.	Local businesses growing and thriving.
Organizing activities to regenerate the High Street including events at Llys Dafydd.	Host 10 events in Llys Dafydd each year and record the increase in footfall on the High Street on the Patrwm monitoring system.	Llys Dafydd's back wall was repaired and the site was opened at the beginning of January 2023.	More local people supporting the High Street.

LONG TERM IMPACT TARGETS

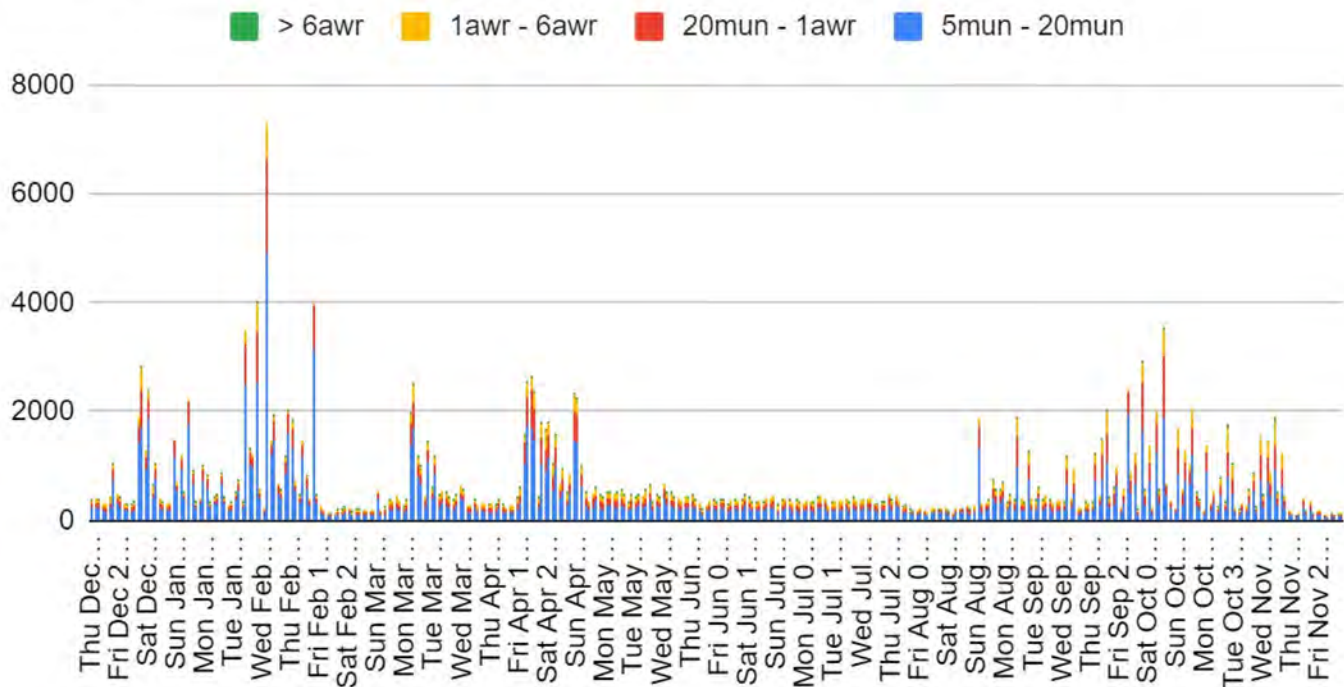
- Local people supporting local businesses
- Local micro businesses growing and thriving
- Private investors opening shops in the area

LONG TERM IMPACT ATTAINMENT –

During the Transformation Pathway period, we have increased our number of assets and secured significant investment to regenerate our buildings on the High Street. This includes the purchase of the Spar building and securing an investment worth 1.6 million through the support of the Levelling Up Gwynedd fund and the Circular Economy fund. New business units will be created within this building as well as a Heritage Centre.

In terms of ensuring that more local people support the High Street, an analysis of the PATRWM system data helps us to identify trends in terms of an increase or decrease in the number of people on the High Street. In the period from December 1st 2022 – November 30th 2023, 672 people had visited Bethesda high street every day on average. This is significantly higher than last year's average of 151.

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Our hope is that the development of the Hen Bost centre will attract more visitors to the High Street in years to come and we will continue to support and promote local businesses and seek to attract tourists to support the High Street businesses.

Cadwyn Ogwen and the www.ogwen.cymru website help to support the small businesses in our community and Cadwyn Ogwen and Siop Ogwen foster small local businesses.

Transformation Pathway Targets – Green Economy

Activity	Output Target	Accomplishment by December 2023	Short Term Outcomes Achieved
Develop Canolfan Cefnfaes as a Sustainability Centre of Excellence with bunkhouse space, economic development and a multi-purpose space to hire out.	Renovate Canolfan Cefnfaes by Spring 2022.	Phase 1 of the Canolfan Cefnfaes development has been completed which is the development of the new community space, an office, a maker space and a Co-working space. Further grant bids will be submitted for phase 2 and 3 of the project.	Community asset has been upgraded for the benefit of our community, environment and economy.
Develop Sustainable and Community Tourism projects.	Dolan Community Tourism Project developed by Spring	Holiday Home Communitization Report has been drafted on	Communalize the tourism sector locally and where

	2022.	behalf of Dolan. Other sustainable tourism projects have been developed – specifically the purchase of the old Spar to develop the Hen Bost Heritage Centre.	possible, take ownership over some tourist assets.
Prepare grant bids to establish an electric shuttle bus that would transport visitors from Dyffryn Ogwen up to Nant Ffrancon and back.	Establish an Electric Shuttle Bus scheme by 2022.	Grant bids have been successful and a shuttle bus service has been established in 2022.	Reduce the parking problems in Nant Ffrancon and increase the local economic benefit from tourists to the area.

LONG TERM IMPACT TARGETS

- Strengthen the community and environmental benefit from tourism.

LONG TERM IMPACT ATTAINMENT –

We have started to achieve the short term outcomes following completing phase 1 of the Cefnfaes development project. Also, the development of the Bws Ogwen scheme has contributed to the communitization of the tourism industry, has reduced parking problems in Nant Ffrancon as well as attracting more visitors to the High Street. During the last year, 1063 people travelled on the shuttle bus service. In developing the Bws Ogwen scheme, we have ensured that the resource is used as a community resource as well as a tourist resource, with the bus being used by our community beyond the tourist seasons. The community use includes shopping trips for the elderly and the Rugby Club and other local organizations also use the bus service.

As we look towards the future, we will compare the High Street's footfall figures on the PATRWM system to analyse and see if there are more visitors visiting the area following projects such as Bws Ogwen and the Heritage Centre.

The development of the business mentoring and community funding service are steps to support the small businesses in our community and Cadwyn Ogwen and Siop Ogwen also foster small local businesses.

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