



Tirweddau  
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Landscapes  
Wales

# Tirweddau Cymru:

## A Year of Collective Impact, 2025-26





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Wye Valley

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## Tirweddau Dynodedig yng Nghymru Designated Landscapes in Wales

- Parc Cenedlaethol  
National Park
- Tirwedd Cenedlaethol  
National Landscape

# Working Together for Wales' Landscapes

I am proud to introduce this report which, as I step down after my two years as Chair, reflects a year of strong collaboration, shared purpose and real progress for Wales' Designated Landscapes.

It has been a privilege to support Tirweddau Cymru during this important period of development and growing national impact. I am delighted to hand over to Tegryn Jones, whose leadership and commitment will help guide the partnership into its next chapter with confidence and ambition.

**Andrew Blake**

Outgoing Chair Tirweddau Cymru





## Introduction

Over the past year, Tirweddau Cymru has consolidated the bringing together of Wales' Designated Landscapes around the shared purposes of: caring for our most special places, supporting the people who live and work in them, and helping them thrive for generations to come.

This report celebrates what collaboration and leadership made possible in 2025-26. It reflects the combined efforts of our eight Designated Landscapes, partners across Wales, and the Tirweddau Cymru team.

In 2025-26, Tirweddau Cymru strengthened national leadership for Wales' Designated Landscapes and delivered practical results across farming, nature recovery, climate action, and inclusion. Achievements include:-

- Eight Designated Landscapes working together across Wales
- £1.55 million invested through Ffermio Bro, supporting 142 approved projects across Wales' Designated Landscapes
- Recognition that 25% of Wales is covered by Designated Landscapes, which are central to nature recovery and 30by30 ambitions
- 50+ staff trained and connected through national nature recovery work
- New inclusion work launched through See Cymru Differently - Hiraeth with RNIB Cymru

# Who We Are

Tirweddau Cymru is the partnership for Wales' Designated Landscapes – the 3 National Parks and 5 National Landscapes. We enable the Designated Landscapes to work together by strengthening leadership, sharing expertise, and amplifying our collective voice.

In 2025, the partnership adopted a stronger, more future-ready governance structure. The Landscape Wales Partnership became the Tirweddau Cymru Partnership Board, bringing clearer leadership and accountability while maintaining strong links with Welsh Government, Natural Resources Wales, and UK-wide landscape networks.

Our team works across Wales to coordinate farming, nature recovery, climate action, and inclusion at a national level.





# Highlights of the Year

## A Voice for the Sector

This year marked an important step change in Tirweddau Cymru's national role. Governance arrangements were strengthened, Terms of Reference updated, and succession planning introduced to improve continuity and resilience. An independent Task & Finish Group was also established to help shape the future of Designated Landscapes in Wales.

Tirweddau Cymru's profile continued to grow through active participation in UK and European networks and a strong presence at national events, including the Royal Welsh Show.

Our 2025 annual seminar, hosted by the Wye Valley National Landscape, brought together more than 60 partners and welcomed the then Deputy First Minister, Huw Irranca-Davies MS, to launch Ffermio Bro.



# Supporting Farmers through Ffermio Bro

One of the standout achievements of 2025–26 was the successful first year of Ffermio Bro, Wales' flagship farming support scheme for Designated Landscapes.

- More than £1.5 million was invested in farms across Wales' Designated Landscapes
- Advisers are now in post across all Designated Landscapes
- Consistent national systems and guidance are now in place, for applicants and Local Assessment Panels
- Strong financial management ensured effective targeting and use of public funding

Tirweddau Cymru led national coordination, adviser training, and scheme development, ensuring farmers received clear, consistent, and trusted support. Preparations are already underway for the next phase of Ffermio Bro (2026–2028), building on strong foundations and lessons learned.





## Case Study: Ffermio Bro – Farmers Leading Nature Recovery

Ffermio Bro's first full year showed how locally led action can benefit nature, climate, and farm businesses across Wales.

- Nature recovery work has been supported across more than 10,000 hectares of land
- Over 100,000 trees have been planted
- More than 37km of hedgerows have been restored or created
- Around 6km of traditional stone walls have been repaired or rebuilt
- Farmers were supported through practical advice, ecological guidance and local partnerships

In Eryri National Park, seven farmers in the Bro Machno group worked together on natural flood management in the Dyffryn Conwy catchment, restoring wetlands to reduce flood risk, improve water quality, and create wildlife habitat.

The scheme's success shows the value of trusted local advice and collaboration, helping shape thinking on Wales' future Sustainable Farming Scheme.

*"Ffermio Bro's first year has demonstrated the power of locally led action to support nature-friendly farming when farmers and Designated Landscapes work together with a shared vision."*

- Huw Irranca-Davies MS, Deputy First Minister

# Advancing Nature Recovery and 30by30

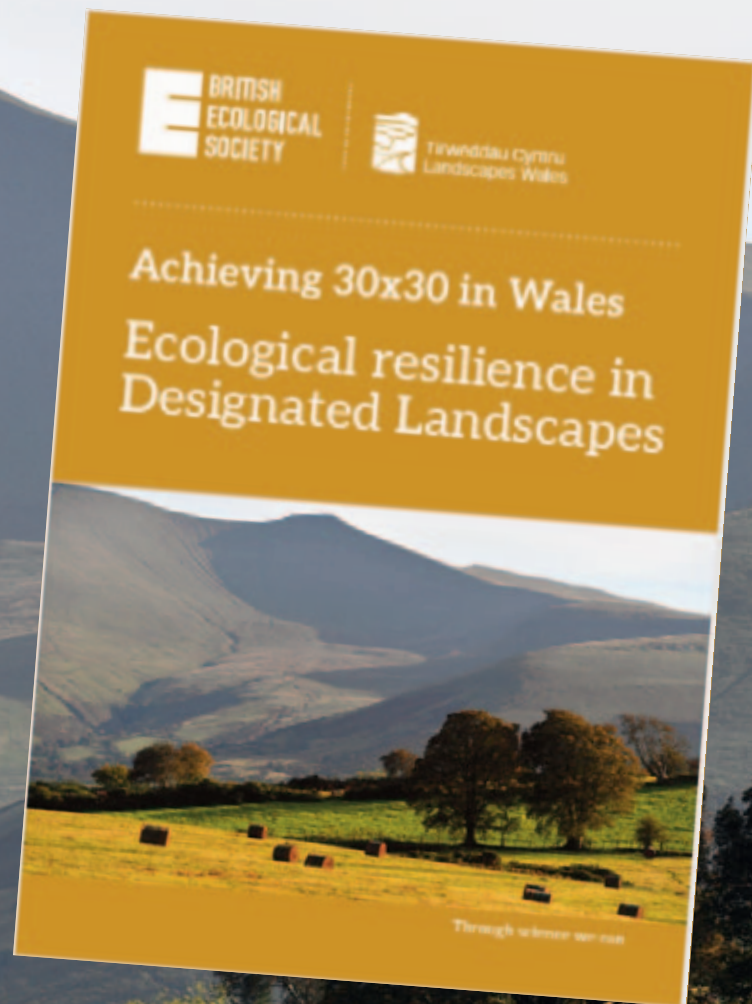
Restoring nature at scale is central to our mission. During 2025–26, Designated Landscapes across Wales made progress towards nature recovery and the 30by30 commitment.

Key achievements included:

- Establishing a national Nature Recovery Forum
- Delivering training and workshops for over 50 landscape staff
- Improving access to data, mapping and monitoring tools
- Strengthening partnerships with NRW and academic institutions

This collaborative approach is helping to ensure that Wales' most valued landscapes play a leading role in nature recovery, backed by strong evidence and shared learning.





## Case Study: Designated Landscapes and Wales' Nature Recovery

An independent report led by the British Ecological Society reinforced the role of Designated Landscapes in tackling Wales' nature emergency and meeting the "30by30" commitment.

Although these landscapes cover 25% of Wales, the report found that only a small proportion is effectively protected for nature and called for stronger leadership, investment, monitoring, and partnership working.

Its central message was clear: nature recovery depends on local knowledge, shared ownership, and practical action on the ground.

*"Designated Landscapes can't deliver nature recovery in isolation. Their plans have real impact only when shaped and owned by the people who live, work, and depend on these places. Collaboration is therefore essential — to connect land use decisions with local experience, to ensure that every voice is heard, and to balance the diverse needs and ambitions that together define these landscapes."*

- **Howard Davies**, Independent Environmental Advisor and co-lead author of the report.

# Climate Action Across Landscapes

Tirweddau Cymru provided national coordination for landscape-scale climate action, supporting all Designated Landscapes to move towards consistent and ambitious Climate Action Plans.

A Wales-wide workshop in Aberystwyth brought partners together to develop a shared approach, supported by ongoing collaboration with UK National Parks, climate specialists, and research networks. This work is helping Wales' Designated Landscapes both reduce emissions and adapt to the impacts of climate change.





## Inclusion, Belonging and Good Governance

Creating landscapes where everyone feels they belong is a core commitment.

Throughout the year, inclusion, diversity, and governance excellence were embedded across all Tirweddau Cymru programmes. This included:

- Establishing a national Belonging Working Group
- Leading inclusive access initiatives with partners such as RNIB
- Supporting youth engagement through ranger networks
- Influencing national policy on equality, access and wellbeing

From accessible trails to inclusive storytelling, this work is helping ensure that Wales' landscapes are for everyone.



## Case Study: See Cymru Differently – Making Wales' Landscapes More Inclusive

**See Cymru Differently – Hiraeth**, launched with RNIB Cymru in 2025–26, is helping improve access to Wales' Designated Landscapes for blind and partially sighted people.

Supported by the National Lottery Community Fund, the three-year project combines practical improvements, staff training, and community engagement so more people can enjoy nature independently and confidently.

Key areas of work include:

- Mapping accessible and sensory walking routes
- Exploring innovative technology to improve visitor experiences
- Delivering sight loss awareness training for staff and volunteers
- Promoting eye health awareness in rural and farming communities

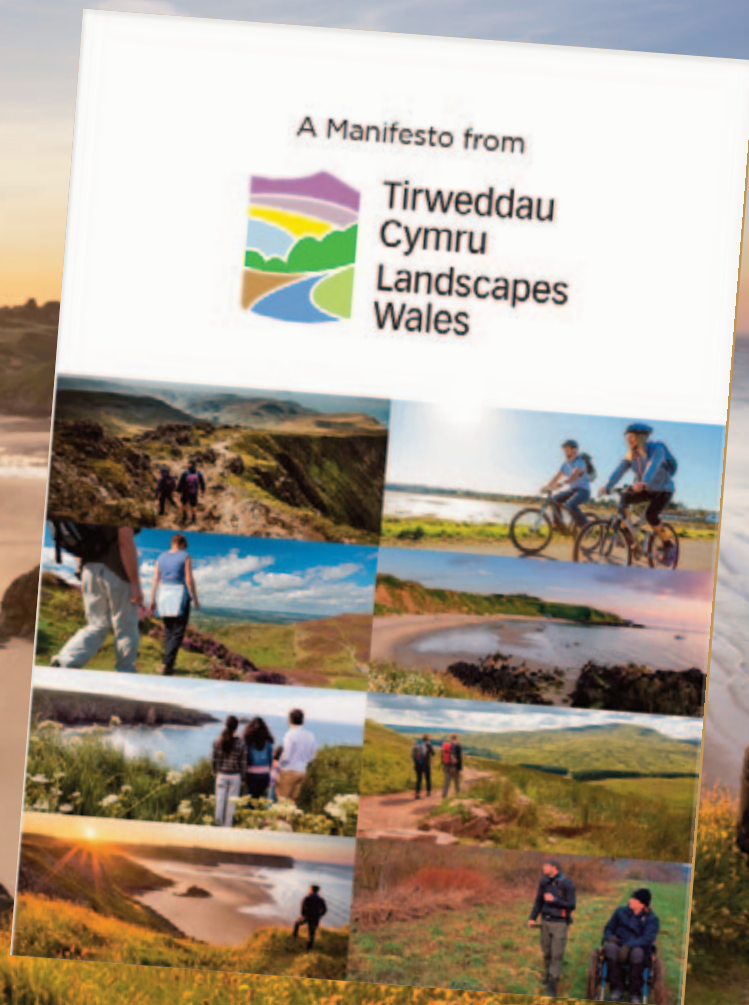
The project also addresses wider health inequalities in rural Wales through eye health awareness work with farming and community partners.

By embedding accessibility from the outset, the initiative is helping create a more inclusive approach to landscape management.

*"As someone with lived experience of sight loss, I know just how important this work is — and how powerful it can be to feel truly seen and supported in the landscapes we call home."*

- **Gareth Davies**, RNIB Cymru





## Building Evidence and Influencing Policy

Tirweddau Cymru continues to act as a bridge between research, policy, and practice.

During 2025-26, we published the Tirweddau Cymru manifesto ahead of the 2026 Senedd election, secured new research partnerships, contributed to national legislation, and engaged widely with universities, third sector organisations, and government.

By strengthening the evidence base for Designated Landscapes, we are helping to shape better policy and more effective action across Wales.



# Sharing the Story of Wales' Landscapes

Strong communications have helped raise the profile of Designated Landscapes nationally. This year included:

- Ongoing development of the Tirweddau Cymru website
- National video and storytelling projects
- Growing bilingual social media reach
- Publication of the Tirweddau Cymru Calendar

Together, these activities are helping more people understand the value of protected landscapes and the role they play in Wales' future.





# Tirweddau Cymru Landscapes Wales



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## Our Vision

Tirweddau Cymru Landscapes Wales unlocks the potential of Designated Landscapes to deliver more for climate, for nature, for culture and heritage and for people.

Designated Landscapes are exemplars in responding to the climate and nature emergency; where a people-focused approach ensures all voices are represented and all radical action is taken collaboratively.

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## Looking Ahead

The achievements of 2025-26 show the power of national collaboration. Looking ahead, Tirweddau Cymru will continue to strengthen leadership, support innovation, and champion Wales' Designated Landscapes on the national stage.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this year of progress. Together, we are helping shape a resilient, inclusive, and nature-rich future for Wales.

