



# Community update

Spring 2021



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## Hello and welcome

to the Spring 2021 edition of *Community Update* from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

We still find ourselves in very uncertain times and the past twelve months have been unlike any other in the Brecon Beacons National Park. It hasn't been an easy time with Covid19 and other changes happening within the Park. But we are moving forward and things are looking brighter. We have successfully recruited a Transition Director – Stephanie Evans, who is with us until July. We are in the final stages of recruiting a new CEO and look forward to introducing the successful candidate in our next community newsletter.

We are expecting a very busy visitor season, welcoming new visitors who are excited to discover the beauty of our National Park. We have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure we are prepared and have extra feet on the ground and provisions in place.

If you would like to be placed on our mailing list, please contact our Communities Team via the A-Z of services at the end of this newsletter. This newsletter is also available online at <https://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/communities/community-newsletter/>

*Cllr Gareth Ratcliffe, Chair of the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.*

## A warm welcome to Stephanie Evans

**Stephanie started on March 8th and has been appointed as Transition Director until a new CEO takes up post.**

Stephanie says, "I am delighted to be joining the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority for the next few months as the Transition Director. I'm being seconded from my permanent role as Head of Placemaking, Design and Specialist Advice for the National Trust where I have worked for the last 19 years; ever since, in fact, I left my role as the Head of Development Control for the Authority in 2003. I've lived with my family just to the south of the Beacons or within the Park for 32 years.

There will be more change and challenges ahead but as we begin to emerge into the sunshine this summer; I'm confident the Brecon Beacons will have renewed meaning for people in a changed world. With the beauty and grandeur of the landscape offering real benefits to the health and wellbeing of both Park communities, South Wales and beyond. I will be working closely with Authority staff, partners, stakeholders, residents and visitors for the benefit of this wonderful place and its communities."



## Introducing the National Park Authority's New Volunteer Development Officer



### AMANDA BRAKE

*"Hi everyone, I'm Amanda, and I am very excited to be taking on the role of Volunteer Development Officer with the National Park from April 2021.*

*I have previously worked for a number of charities in Wales, mainly focusing on coordinating volunteering and development projects. I hope to put my skills and experience to good use in this new role.*

*I am very much looking forward to getting to know the National Park's volunteers and developing new opportunities for people to get involved with the work of the Authority.*

*I look forward to getting to know some of you in the future!"*

**Please check the Authority website for updates on volunteering opportunities.**  
[www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/the-authority/volunteering/](http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/the-authority/volunteering/)



Ponticill reservoir © Welsh Water

## Brecon Beacons Mega Catchment – a partnership for safeguarding our drinking water

**The Brecon Beacons Mega Catchment (BBMC) is a Welsh Water led programme, in which the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority is an important partner.**

It represents a proactive approach to safeguarding drinking water quality, bringing together a range of partners to address common issues and achieve a host of benefits for the whole community. The BBMC programme, which covers the same territory as the National Park boundary, continues to develop ideas and projects across the Beacons that will help improve the quality of drinking water at source, before it enters a water treatment works.

One project is the Taf Fechan Landscape and Community Project, an initiative which aims to not only improve and protect drinking water quality at the Pontsticill and Pentwyn reservoirs, but also contribute to the wellbeing of the local community and the health of the local countryside.

**The BBMC partnership has looked around the world for the best ideas and is now trying some new ideas of its own. If you'd like to find out more about the BBMC, please visit the website: [www.dwrcymru.com/bbmc](http://www.dwrcymru.com/bbmc)**

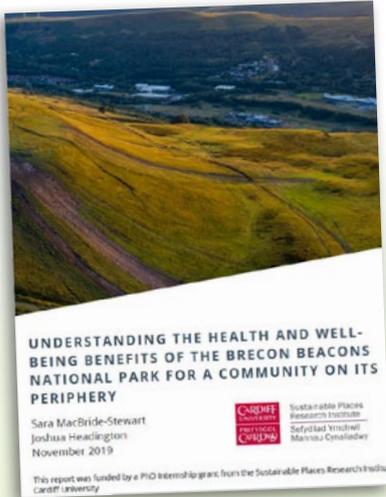
## Take a look at our National Park Young Ambassador videos

**Following on from the National Park Young Ambassador's pack which we created at the beginning of lockdown, we are now making short videos to inspire creative activities with outdoor learning at their core.**

They are great starting points for teachers, families and community groups. The themes are seasonal and topical - for example, hibernation, natural art, trees, birds, nocturnal animals with even a nod to the Six Nations Rugby! A special 'THANK YOU' goes out to the Thomas family for their wonderful help filming the activities!

**These exciting bilingual activities are being regularly created as we respond to our current way of engaging with people online. They are available on the Park Authority's Facebook page and our website [www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/learning/brecon-beacons-national-park-young-ambassador-award/young-ambassador-resources/](http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/learning/brecon-beacons-national-park-young-ambassador-award/young-ambassador-resources/)**





## Well-being report is timely for a post-Covid recovery

'Understanding the health and well-being benefits of the Brecon Beacons National Park for a community on its periphery' is a report based on Merthyr Tydfil written by Dr Sara MacBride-Stewart and Joshua Headington. A partnership with the National Park Authority, it includes a message from the Authority's Member Champion for Resilient Communities, Christopher Coppock. The report identifies the positive environment that the National Park provides to its local communities, but also identifies some of the barriers that limit access and use. Funded by the Sustainable Places Research Institute, Cardiff University, the study took place before the Covid pandemic, which delayed the report- but increased its relevance.

Sara MacBride-Stewart writes, "The community spirit in Merthyr came alive through the sharing of ideas and opportunities to access its outdoor spaces. It is now, without a doubt, that the value of the outdoors has become part of a public discourse. It seems timely to release this report. Its findings are supported by our experiences of lockdown, and it seems we have always known how much places like our National Parks are valued, but also that we need to find new ways to address access and 'green' inequality."

**The report is available on both the National Park Authority and Sustainable Places Research Institute, Cardiff University websites.**

[www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/communities/](http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/communities/)

[www.cardiff.ac.uk/sustainable-places](http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/sustainable-places)



Some of the Healthy Lives participants with Susan and Francesca

## Online environmental sessions are a hit with the Healthy Lives Project

**Up to 15 participants in the Healthy Lives Project recently enjoyed weekly online sessions about the National Park, delivered by Francesca Bell from the Authority's Sustainable Communities Team.**

This project for adults with a learning disability within Powys, promotes self-advocacy, independence and leading a healthy, happy lifestyle and is funded by the National Lottery. The participants usually like to get outdoors but, due to the current lockdown, took part in the sessions to learn about the special qualities of the National Park, looking after the environment and the trees, plants, birds, mammals and insects found in the area. They also watched some videos of practical activities they could do at home, such as willow weaving and wildlife gardening. Susan Deval, Project Co-ordinator said: "I could see they were all engaged and loving it. I was really impressed with their knowledge. This really does make a difference."

The group are looking forward to taking part in some walks and activities later in the year with the Community Team if restrictions lift.

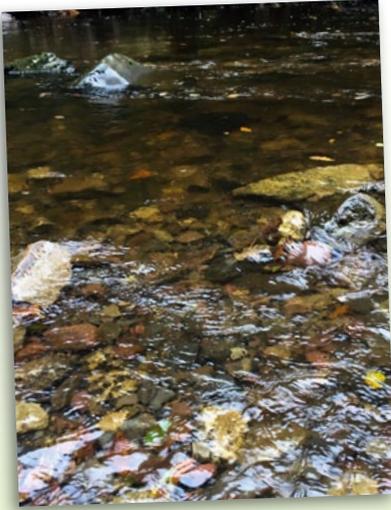
**If you are a community organisation and are interested in walks and activities in the National Park under our social inclusion programme, please contact Francesca Bell, Community Development Officer [francesca.bell@beacons-npa.gov.uk](mailto:francesca.bell@beacons-npa.gov.uk) Tel: 07854997530**

## Wales Outdoor Learning Week 19th - 25th April 2021

**This is a special time to get outdoors and highlight all the wonderful opportunities we have on our doorsteps to learn outdoors every day.**

The week will celebrate the important role outdoor learning plays in education, health and well-being in Wales. Please join in the fun from your community, you could use some ideas from our very own National Park Young Ambassador resources, or view the full programme of what's going on online across Wales at [www.walescouncilforoutdoorlearning.org](http://www.walescouncilforoutdoorlearning.org). The National Park Authority's Education team are looking forward to supporting this exciting campaign. They encourage all schools and communities to join in if they can! Please share all your local outdoor learning activities during this special week via social media using the hashtags #WalesOutdoorLearningWeek #WythnosDysguAwyrAgored and #breconbeacons

**For further details of the Education team's activities and resources, please see [www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/learning/](http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/learning/)**



## A new Community Organisation for Waterfall Country

**Waterfall Country Cymru, Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) was formed at the beginning of 2021 to act as a representative body for the communities in the area.**

Historically, the residents had little say in what happened in their communities and this organisation will address that by being an equal member in the Waterfall Partnership. It is also able to identify and run projects and initiatives that benefit the area.

During the past year, Ystradfellte Community Council, with support from the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority and funding from Pen-y-Cymoedd, ran a year's feasibility project with consultants Severn Wye. This was to investigate if an organisation such as this would be beneficial to the area and what form it should take. Thankfully, some in-person consultation was achieved before the first lock down, but the setting up continued online and now has a board of thirteen dedicated and energised trustees.

There is representation from the communities of Pontneddfechan, Ystradfellte, Penderyn, Glynneath, Melincourt and Tawe Uchaf on the Board.

The first few projects have been identified and these include developing a digital presence and identity and also a Nature Recovery Project.



Pen y Crug, Brecon © Mark Burnett

## Working together to care for our heritage

*“The historic environment is the physical manifestation of Wales’ cultural heritage; a precious inheritance that we must care for and pass on to our children to love, cherish and enjoy”*  
(Lord Ellis Thomas, Minister for Culture, Sport and Tourism 2018).

Some of Wales’ finest and most treasured landscapes, archaeological sites and historic buildings may be found within our National Park, but they are facing increasing pressures including climate change and changing patterns of land use and development.

To help celebrate, conserve and enhance our historic environment, the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority is working to develop a new voluntary partnership of heritage organisations and community groups. The Brecon Beacons Historic Environment Partnership will work together to raise awareness of the significance of our historic environment, promote conservation management, and support nature recovery and wellbeing initiatives.

It is intended that a core group will be formed to drive the partnership forward and a wider partnership forum will be established to meet periodically.

**For more information, please contact [HEAP@beacons-mpa.gov.uk](mailto:HEAP@beacons-mpa.gov.uk).**



Blaen Glyn Tarell



Craig Cerrig Gleisiad

## Revealing some of the secrets of the A470

**As we slowly emerge from winter hibernation and the latest lockdown, more and more of us will be exploring the Park when we’re allowed to do so.**

Before long, we hope to reacquaint ourselves with favourite haunts and discover new ones; some of which can be accessed from the A470. As you venture on that familiar road trip south to Cardiff, you may notice new interpretation panels along the way. There will shortly be seven new panels at various locations, telling those who stop off, a little about the local heritage and landscape and a walk they can go on from that spot. These panels are the culmination of the Wales Way project, which has also seen four poetry stones installed at other roadside locations and the kinetic Red Kite sculpture adorning the outside of the National Park Visitor Centre.



## New native woodland wildflowers for Craig-y-nos Country Park

**Craig-y-nos Country Park will soon look even more beautiful with thousands of new native woodland wildflower plants and bulbs.**

Craig-y-nos Warden and Site Manager, Paul Chapman and the National Park Authority's Ecology team, made a successful application to the Welsh Government's 'Greening of the Public Estate' scheme which paid for the plugs and bulbs. Over the coming months these will be planted by Paul and Craig-y-nos volunteers to benefit wildlife and visitors to the Country Park. Paul Chapman says: "The species of plant were chosen to bring life and colour to the woodland edges that border the meadows and paths of the Country Park. The plants and bulbs are UK grown and come with their own health guarantee. They are all suited to the places they are planted, are great for insects and pollinators, some are steeped in history and some are traditional medicinal plants. Most are tiny and yet to bloom, but should make themselves visible throughout the year."

## Brecon Beacons Tree Wardens receive commemorative elm from the Tree Council

**To celebrate thirty years of the Tree Warden scheme, the Tree Council has presented 30 disease-resistant elm trees to volunteer tree wardens to plant.**

The newly formed Brecon Beacons Volunteer Tree Wardens group has been chosen as one of the recipients of an Ulmus 'New Horizon' elm. It is 100% Dutch elm disease resistant, suitable for all soil types, resilient to urban and rural conditions, very high and very low temperatures and windy locations, so it is perfect for the Brecon Beacons.

Sam Harpur, Warden and co-ordinator for the Brecon Beacons Tree Warden volunteers said, "Elm trees were a prominent feature in the Brecon Beacons National Park and their loss through Dutch elm disease had a significant impact on the landscape. The aim to plant a resilient elm species will not only help to highlight tree planting in the National Park, but will also hopefully inspire the planting of more elm trees in the future, so that they can once again become a common sight in the landscape. The planting of this elm tree will also celebrate the start of a relationship between the Tree Council and the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority."

We will be recruiting Volunteer Tree Wardens later this year. Details will be circulated to our current volunteers and placed on our website and social media.



Sam Harpur with the elm tree

## Introducing the new Bee Friendly Champion for the Brecon Beacons

**The National Park Authority's Local Nature Partnership Officer Maria Golightly, is now the Bee Friendly Champion for the Brecon Beacons. Bee Friendly is an initiative aimed at communities, schools, town and community councils, businesses, colleges, places of worship and many other organisations across Wales. Although the scheme is called Bee Friendly, it is about all pollinators, not just bees.**

Maria is not new to the initiative as she was one of the founding members when it was created in 2013 from the work on Wales' Action Plan for Pollinators <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2019-04/action-plan-for-pollinators.pdf>

Maria was the Champion for Cardiff and says, "I took some great groups and locations through Bee Friendly status in Cardiff from schools, to allotments and even a café, but I think my favourite was Flatholm Island – Channel 4 even came to Wales to film us."

Anyone can be Bee Friendly; all you need is a space which can be managed with pollinators in mind, however large or small. Maria is particularly keen to have some more interesting sites in the area under her wing - maybe a restaurant, community gardens, visitor attraction, or a pond.

**For more information on the scheme visit Wales Biodiversity Partnership - Bee Friendly: <https://www.biodiversitywales.org.uk/> Bee-Friendly**

**If you have a site in mind and want to discuss it with Maria, please contact her on [NatureRecovery@beacons-npa.gov.uk](mailto:NatureRecovery@beacons-npa.gov.uk)**

Maria Golightly, Bee Friendly Champion





Kevin Booker receiving another award at the 2020 event

## Eco Superstar Award for Park Authority's Fleet Manager

Kevin Booker, IT Systems Officer and Fleet Manager, has been named as this year's Eco Superstar in the prestigious 2021 Fleet World Great British Fleet Awards.

Kevin Booker said, "It is a real honour to be recognised in these awards for the second year running. We have done a lot of work to ensure we have the greenest fleet possible. We currently operate a fleet of 25 vehicles for use by wardens and staff. 100 per cent of the pool fleet is now fully electric or plug-in hybrid (PHEV). Our aim is to be zero-emission by 2025. Our Visitor Centres will shortly be taking ownership of two fully electric tractors to be used for upkeep of the grounds and replacing petrol tools with rechargeable, where possible."

Working with Pod Point, the Authority has introduced publicly accessible charge points at its facilities. 17 charge points are already in place and more are being planned in 2021.

## Find out more about National Parks

**National Parks UK have launched a new monthly email newsletter- Postcards from the Parks.**

Every month it features an interview with a public figure or activist about how they were inspired by nature and what they are doing as a result. There are also articles from people working in National Parks about a special location or journey in a Park that has been a big influence on their life. There will be regular links to special offers from partners and news of special events too.

**To receive your monthly Postcard from the Parks, please use the link below. You can also send this link to friends, partner organisations and family members so that they can be inspired too. <https://mailchi.mp/nationalparks/postcardsfromthepark>**



Controlling rhododendron on Cribarth

## Invaders of the National Park – Update

**David Jermyn of the Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) team reports:**

Despite another Covid-19 lockdown in the autumn, pausing fieldwork for the second time in 2020, the INNS Team continued to undertake and complete various aspects of the Invaders of the National Park Project in both the River Usk and the River Tawe catchments within the Brecon Beacons.

In the Upper Usk Valley, the specialist contractor engaged to treat the Japanese knotweed between Llanhamlach and Llanspyddid near Brecon, made a return visit and successfully completed phase one of the treatment programme.

Further up the River Usk, the search for the source of Himalayan balsam continued. During the riverbank surveys, small pockets of knotweed were found mainly on the right bank of the river below Sennybridge, but no signs of balsam were found – the hunt will fortunately continue this season as the INNS Project has been granted an extension until the end of September 2021. The team would like to take this opportunity to thank all the landowners who were contacted as part of the survey and who all kindly gave us access to their land.

In the Upper Tawe Valley, the INNS Team joined forces again with the Western Area Warden Team, for the third visit to the Cribarth hillside, (an area of old limestone quarries and tram-roads situated high above Craig-y-nos Country Park) to continue the control of the evergreen shrub rhododendron on the Scheduled Ancient Monument. Many thanks to National Park Wardens, Wyn and Steffan, for all their help and we are pleased to report that phase one of the control programme has been successfully completed. A follow up work party will return to the site in early autumn to treat the small patches of regrowth.

Further up the valley, the search continued for the source of the knotweed. With the INNS Project now extended for another field season, we can continue that search and, with help from the local landowners, begin to control the source of the balsam in the Glyntawe area.

### How can you help the project?

You can help by reporting sightings of invasive non-native species. Please use the contact details below or send them directly to the Biodiversity Information Service (BIS) [www.bis.org.uk](http://www.bis.org.uk) or Tel: 01874 610881. You can also submit your INNS sightings to BIS using WiReD or use the Local Environmental Records Centre (LERC Wales) App to record any INNS sightings on your mobile phone whilst out and about.

If you are interested in helping with the project, or you would like any further information please contact [Beverley.Lewis@beacons-npa.gov.uk](mailto:Beverley.Lewis@beacons-npa.gov.uk) Tel: 07854 997 508.

Remember you can help protect the environment by adopting the national campaign to 'Check, Clean, Dry' your clothing, footwear, bikes, canoes, fishing rods, dogs and horses for any plant fragments or seeds after visiting and before your next visit to the countryside. This helps prevent the spread of INNS and other harmful pests and diseases from one area to another.

## New review aims for a strong network of wildlife-rich sites

The Brecon Beacons National Park Authority has been successful in its bid to Natural Resources Wales (NRW) for a grant to review Sites of Importance for Nature Conservation (SINCs) within the Brecon Beacons National Park.

**What is a SINC?** It is an area of land rich in wildlife under positive management, but it does not qualify for Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) status. It is designated for its role in nature conservation and considered in the planning process.

**Why do this project now?** This project will provide a robust list of sites for inclusion in the current review of the Local Development Plan. Some of the legislation is out of date so we want to review the system to make sure it fits with current legislation and policy. Some sites will be added to the list and some will be removed as they may no longer qualify.

**What do we want to achieve?** We want to have an up-to-date list of sites across the National Park under positive management, and to work alongside landowners to help influence the planning process. The key is "bigger, better and more joined up" and we want to create a strong network of wildlife-rich sites across the National Park.

The project will run for one year and in that time, we will:

- Develop a working partnership with landowners, NRW, the Wildlife Trusts and the Biodiversity Information Service for Powys and the BBNP (BIS) to review the current list of SINCs
- Review existing criteria for the suite of SINCs
- Review site selection criteria to ensure it fits in with updated legislation
- Contact landowners to review management of SINCs
- Provide habitat management advice and produce management portfolios for all sites
- Work with landowners to designate new SINCs.

**What next?** We will contact and work alongside landowners of current sites. Work will commence in April 2021.

**Watch this space for more updates or contact Nicky Davies, Ecologist**  
[nicola.davies@beacons-mpa.gov.uk](mailto:nicola.davies@beacons-mpa.gov.uk)  
Tel: 07854 997 514



### Need A Grant? Can we help?

Funding is available through the Sustainable Development Fund, Our Heritage Fund, Green Energy for Community Facilities Fund or Community Nature Recovery Fund



### Sustainable Development Fund



We are offering funding towards projects which develop and test ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living across the National Park. We can help develop and support projects which have social, environmental, economic and cultural benefits for the community.

### Community Decarbonisation Fund/Green Energy Fund

Funding of up to £5,000 to install energy saving measures or renewable energy in your community facilities.



### Heritage Grant Fund

We are offering individuals and community groups grants of up to £5,000 to undertake works to conserve and enhance the Heritage assets of our towns and villages. This is a conservation scheme, which seeks to promote the appropriate and timely repair of buildings or structures of architectural or historic importance, or improvements in interpretation of historic assets located within the towns and villages of the National Park.

### Community Nature Recovery Fund

If you have a project idea that is about helping nature recover, we would love to hear about it and we may be able to provide the funding to take it forward. Thanks to the Local Nature Partnership we can provide 100% of the funding if necessary - anywhere from £50 to £500. We will need to know how it is helping nature recover or people within your community connect to nature, and ideally you will have volunteers.



**For more information on any of these grants or to discuss your idea please contact [ceri.bevan@beacons-mpa.co.uk](mailto:ceri.bevan@beacons-mpa.co.uk) or [helen.roderick@beacons-mpa.gov.uk](mailto:helen.roderick@beacons-mpa.gov.uk)**

## Reporting Rights of Way Issues

You can report any issues regarding our rights of way, such as damage to footpaths, stiles or fingerposts to our Rights of Way Officer, Eifion Jones

eifion.jones@beacons-mpa.gov.uk  
or call 07854 997563

## Planning Services

Please see  
[www.beacons-mpa.gov.uk/planning/](http://www.beacons-mpa.gov.uk/planning/)  
for the most recent update  
regarding planning services or call  
Reception on 07973 781479 or  
07973 781510.

## Sustainable Development Fund Enquiries

For further information and advice about the Fund please see  
<https://www.beacons-mpa.gov.uk/communities/sustainability-2/subsustainable-development-fund/> or contact either:

Helen Roderick on 07790 944 443  
Ceri Bevan on 07854 997 578

Email  
helen.roderick@beacons-mpa.gov.uk  
ceri.bevan@beacons-mpa.gov.uk

Grant application deadlines for the next six months:

2nd June 21  
25th August 21  
3rd November 21

## Brecon Beacons Dark Skies - Stargazing Podcasts

Listen in to our stargazing podcasts by Nick Busby, an experienced observer and astro photographer from Usk Astronomical Society in the Brecon Beacons.

This month's talk is about the winter triangle, which takes in the brightest stars in six of the most prominent winter constellations and helps you to find and recognise them. In this podcast you will visit Orion, Taurus, Auriga, Gemini, Canis Minor and Canis Major.

You may find it helpful to first listen to the podcast and refer to a star chart or phone app to familiarise yourself with locations of the objects- before heading out and looking up!

[www.breconbeacons.org/things-to-do/activities/stargazing/monthly-stargazing-podcasts](http://www.breconbeacons.org/things-to-do/activities/stargazing/monthly-stargazing-podcasts)

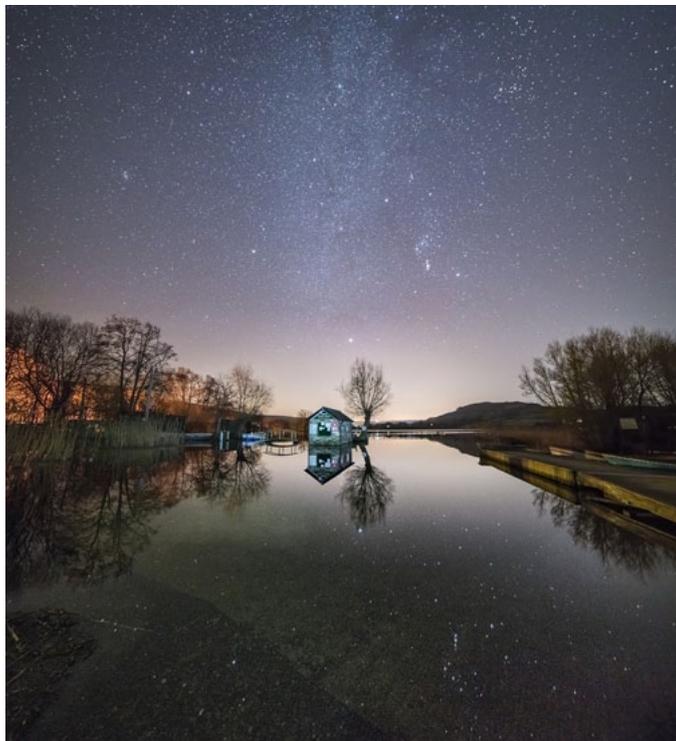


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## Follow the new Countryside Code!

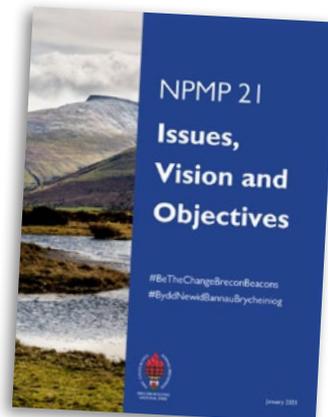
A new, refreshed Countryside Code has recently been launched by Natural Resources Wales and Natural England. The Code allows people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy the health and wellbeing benefits that nature offers, whilst respecting the environment and people who live and work in it. The new Code can be read here: <https://naturalresources.wales/days-out/the-countryside-codes/the-countryside-code/?lang=en> and a short video is available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MaeO4NUNko>

## Your views sought on next Management Plan

**Have you ever thought about what the Park will look like in 20 years' time? Do you think about what Brexit and climate change will bring to our special qualities? Do you have a view about what the Authority should do to look after the National Park over the next 5, 10 or even 50 years?**

Members and staff of the Authority are grappling with just these issues as we start to put together our next Management Plan for the area. The Management Plan is a document that we are required to produce by law, which sets out how the Authority will seek to work with others to ensure the best possible future for the National Park. We have undertaken some initial work to define what we think the issues the National Park is facing, along with a broad series of future objectives and potential vision.

Now we are seeking your views on whether we are on the right track. The consultation is available here: <https://www.beacons-mpa.gov.uk/the-authority/who-we-are/nmpm/management-plan-review/> and runs until **26th May**. The document also explains how you can get involved in the future Management Plan by volunteering to be on one of our Citizen Panels. If you would like to learn more, please call 01874 620429 or email [nmpm21@beacons-mpa.gov.uk](mailto:nmpm21@beacons-mpa.gov.uk)



## National Park Visitor Centres

For the latest details of opening times and facilities at our Visitor Centres please check:

National Park Visitor Centre, Libanus

<https://www.breconbeacons.org/discover/easier-access/attractions/national-parkvisitor-centre>

<https://www.breconbeacons.org/discover/easier-access/attractions/national-park-visitor-centre>

Tel: 01874 623366

Craig-y-nos Country Park, Pen y Cae

<https://www.breconbeacons.org/poi/carparks-craig-y-nos-country-park>

Abergavenny Tourist Information and National Park Centre

[www.visitmonmouthshire.com/Abergavenny-Abergavenny-](http://www.visitmonmouthshire.com/Abergavenny-Abergavenny-)

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## Community Marquee Available

*The Community Marquee loan scheme offers groups, schools, charities and other nonprofit organisations within the National Park the opportunity to use the 20' x 30' Community Marquee at their local events. A donation is requested.*

For booking forms please contact Ceri Bevan on 07854997578 or [ceri.bevan@beacons-npa.gov.uk](mailto:ceri.bevan@beacons-npa.gov.uk)

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## Webcasts

*All the Authority's meetings are available to view via our webcasts microsite. To find out more visit:*

[www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/the-authority/webcasting/](http://www.beacons-npa.gov.uk/the-authority/webcasting/)

## Events

Please check on the Welsh Government website for up to date details of restrictions in and around the National Park. <https://gov.wales/local-lockdown>  
Most events are currently online.

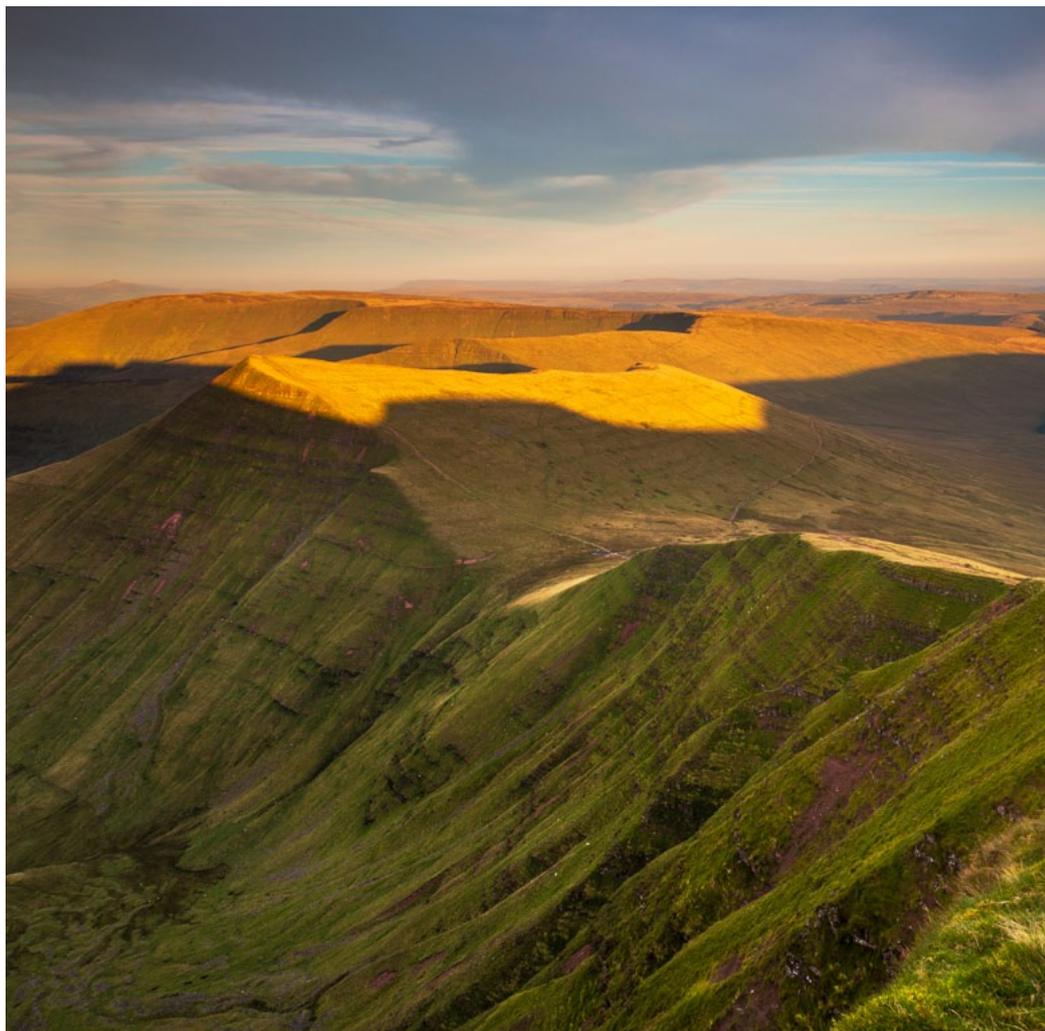
For further details of activities and events in the National Park please visit [www.breconbeacons.org/events](http://www.breconbeacons.org/events)

**May 22nd-6th June 2021**

## Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark Geofest

The Authority's Geopark Development Officer and others are exploring ideas for some talks and walks during the usual Geofest fortnight. These may be online and depend on Covid-19 safety restrictions. Please check on the Geopark website nearer the time.

<https://www.fforestfawrgeopark.org.uk/geofest-2021/>



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BRECON  
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SAFELY**

**BE SURE**  
you comply with the latest  
Welsh Government guidance

**BE SMART**  
plan ahead, as not all  
facilities will be open

**BE SOCIALLY  
DISTANCED**  
always stay at the right distance away  
from others, and don't overcrowd. If  
it feels too crowded, it is too crowded

**BE STRICT**  
about good hand hygiene

**BE SUPPORTIVE**  
we need to work together to ensure  
that tourism in Brecon Beacons is safe  
for staff, community and visitors alike

**BE SENSITIVE**  
of our unique, natural environment  
– please comply with the  
Countryside Code and take your  
rubbish home with you

**BE SAFE**  
the safety of yourself and others  
should be your top priority

**BE SENSIBLE**  
if you or anyone in your household  
has any COVID-19 symptoms at  
all, please do not visit - stay home  
for at least 14 days

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