



**Sefydliad Tir Gwyllt Cymru**  
**Wales Wild Land Foundation**

## **WALES WILD LAND FOUNDATION CIO**

**ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2017**

**WALES WILD LAND FOUNDATION CIO**  
**PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT**  
**31ST MARCH 2017**

|                                   |                          |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| DONATIONS                         |                          |
| Restricted Income                 | £5,370.96                |
| Unrestricted Income               | <u>£7,852.70</u>         |
|                                   | £13,223.66               |
| <u>Other Income</u>               |                          |
| Bank Interest                     | £0.00                    |
| Total Income                      | £13,223.66               |
| <u>Less Direct Costs</u>          |                          |
| Sales Promotion & Advertising     | £0.00                    |
| Gross Profit                      | <b>£13,223.66</b>        |
| Less Overheads:                   |                          |
| Rent                              | £150.00                  |
| Telephone                         | £8.81                    |
| Printing                          | £58.40                   |
| Clothing costs                    | £166.68                  |
| Bank charges                      | £45.00                   |
| MyDonate Fees                     | £54.44                   |
| Accountancy and book-keeping fees | £240.00                  |
| Consultancy                       | £1,734.00                |
| Sundry                            | £35.00                   |
| Depreciation                      | £479.09                  |
| Total Overheads                   | £2,971.42                |
| NET PROFIT                        | <b><u>£10,252.24</u></b> |

**WALES WILD LAND FOUNDATION CIO**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**AS AT 31ST MARCH 2017**

31st March 2017

Fixed Assets

|                        |           |  |
|------------------------|-----------|--|
| Furniture and fixtures | £1,437.26 |  |
|------------------------|-----------|--|

Current Assets

|                  |                |  |
|------------------|----------------|--|
| Debtors          | £0.00          |  |
| Co-op Bank       | £2,821.62      |  |
| CAF Bank Land    | £16,545.39     |  |
| CAF Bank General | £16,119.61     |  |
| MyDonate         | £968.68        |  |
| Petty Cash       | <u>£162.53</u> |  |
|                  | £36,617.83     |  |

Current Liabilities

|          |         |            |
|----------|---------|------------|
| Accruals | £240.00 |            |
|          |         | £37,815.09 |

**NET ASSETS**

**£37,815.09**

Capital Account

|            |                   |  |
|------------|-------------------|--|
| Reserves   | £27,562.85        |  |
| Net Profit | <u>£10,252.24</u> |  |
|            | £37,815.09        |  |

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**Wales Wild Land Foundation CIO/Sefydliad Tir Gwyllt Cymru**  
**Charity Number 1158185**  
**Trustees Annual Report for year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**

|                          |   |
|--------------------------|---|
| <b>Official name:</b>    | Wales Wild Land Foundation CIO  |
| <b>Working names:</b>    | Sefydliad Tir Gwyllt Cymru, Wales Wild Land Foundation  |
| <b>Principal office:</b> | Lletty, Parcyronnen, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth SY23 3SS  |
| <b>Trustees:</b>         | Dominick Spracklen, Lesley Hughes, Mat Mitchell, Milly Jackdaw, Nicola Charlesworth, Peter Taylor, Rhun Rowlands, Simon Ayres, Sophie Wynne-Jones                         |
| <b>Constitution:</b>     | Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales charity number 1158185<br>Governed by the Constitution made on 15.07.14 |
| <b>Objects:</b>          | To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity, for the benefit of the public.         |

**Activities for the year 2016-17:**

This year was characterised by significant steps towards acquiring the first piece of land for Cambrian Wildwood. Bwlch Corog is 350 acres of moorland dominated by purple moor grass, with about 25 acres of 'ancient woodland site', made up of ancient woodland, planted native woodland, larch plantation and bracken. The land has been on the market since 2013 under the name of Cefn Coch. It is part of Cefn Coch farm purchased by Adam Besterman in 2004 from Alun Jones, and subsequently divided into three properties.

We have been raising money for land purchase since 2013 through our Wildwood Founder programme. Bwlch Corog is our first goal, because it is on the market and because of its strategic location within the wider landscape. In June 2016 The Waterloo Foundation approached us to offer assistance with land purchase, on condition that we form a partnership with a larger and more established charity. Woodland Trust expressed interest in the project and the arrangement. It is in line with their aim of increasing native woodland in the uplands, and they have considerable experience of forming partnerships with local groups. After two site meetings and internal discussion, Woodland Trust agreed to proceed, and a partnership arrangement was formalised in a meeting at the Woodland Hub in Machynlleth in January 2017. An option agreement was agreed with the vendor and Woodland Trust launched a fundraising campaign to raise £150,000 to add to the £200,000 pledged by The Waterloo Foundation to achieve the purchase price. Woodland Trust will

retain the freehold of the property, and transfer to Wales Wild Land Foundation rent free under a 125 year lease. We are also charged with delivering the project as agreed.

[Note: the acquisition was successfully completed on 31<sup>st</sup> May 2017].

The main aims of the project are to increase native woodland cover across the site; to restore the blanket bog and heathland habitats; to enable public access; and to provide public engagement activities. We propose to graze the site with horses and we will carry out feasibility studies into introducing water vole and red squirrel. In the longer term, we will explore the possibilities for introducing other large herbivores and other missing native species that will not cause problems for our neighbours. More detail is on our website.

Discussions are still ongoing for the Community Asset Transfer of land alongside Afon Rheidol in Llanbadarn Fawr from Welsh Government to the charity on behalf of the local community. We await registration of the land with Land Registry, and completion of works to control Japanese Knotweed and Himalayan balsam on the land, before proceeding with the transfer. It is about 3 acres of wet woodland set within the SSSI.

The money raised through the Global Giving crowdfunder campaign plus additional grant for a project manager has been fundamental to enabling us to pursue our aims this year without relying on the limited capacity provided by volunteer input. The engagement of Jenny Lampard as part time project support officer has proved very valuable in establishing a reliable contact person for the ongoing discussions regarding Bwlch Corog. Jenny has been heavily involved in grant applications, provides administrative support and has generated news material for the website and social media. Ellie Howe offered help as a volunteer in April 2016 and spent the year producing species profiles of native animals and put them on the website. This is a huge contribution to the educational element of Cambrian Wildwood offered through the website, also making the website far more interesting.

While much of the work for acquiring Bwlch Corog was behind the scenes, we have continued to participate in public facing activities. Trustee Sophie Wynne-Jones gave a talk to the British Ecological Society Annual Conference in Edinburgh; and to Natural Resources Wales in Bangor; and participated in a panel debate on rewilding at Hay Festival. Trustee Simon Ayres gave a talk on rewilding and participated in a panel discussion alongside Jane Davidson (former Welsh Government environment minister) at a Trwco event in Cardigan. Trustee Milly Jackdaw arranged a Cambrian Wildwood benefit at the Folkus music event at the Arts Centre; and has been storytelling at a large number of events, with an emphasis on local myths and animals. We had a stand at Rheidol Fun Day in July. We participated in a Christmas Fair at the Art House.

An economic analysis of Cambrian Wildwood was carried out by environmental economist Sophus zu Ermgassen, a contact through Rewilding Britain. A number of student research projects have been carried out with Cambrian Wildwood as a subject.

The charity has made informal contact with several local groups involved in outdoor and environmental education activities with a view to working together: either using other sites for our own activities, or hosting other parties on our site when acquired.

The charity rented space at the Art House in Aberystwyth for a few months. It provided a useful meeting and storage space.

Jane Davidson, having expressed an interest in being connected to Cambrian Wildwood, accepted our invitation to be patron alongside George Monbiot.

Accounts with Coop Bank and MyDonate belonging to the old charitable trust (Charity Number 1152287) were closed down following logistical work to redirect recurring donations into the new accounts, which enabled the final closing down of the old charity. This was an important action considering the potential for reaching the old charity when searching the internet, for example on the Charity Commission website, and receiving a false impression of our level of activity.

***Trustee changes:***

No changes to trustees were made.

***Public benefit considerations:***

What is the charity's purpose?

The charity's objects or purpose is to promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity, for the benefit of the public.

How is this purpose beneficial?

This purpose is beneficial because land managed by the charity provides many services for the public, in particular biodiversity, public access, carbon sequestration and storage, and water regulation.

How does this purpose benefit the public or a section of the public?

The benefits apply to the entire planet, because increased biodiversity and carbon sequestration and storage is a global benefit. In particular, the benefits apply to residents and visitors to the area who have open access to the land and are able to enjoy the scenery and wildlife, and benefit from the other ecosystems services.

How the trustees will further the charity's purpose for the public benefit?

The trustees will further the charity's purpose for the public benefit by raising money to buy more land, managing the land and carrying out projects to restore natural habitats and wildlife, and enabling the public to access the land.

Approved by the Trustees on: 17 SEPTEMBER 2017

and signed by:

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SIMON AYRES (CHAIR)

A complex, cursive handwritten signature in black ink, featuring multiple loops and a long trailing line.

LESLAY HUGHES (TREASURER)