



Sefydliad Tir Gwyllt Cymru
Wales Wild Land Foundation

WALES WILD LAND FOUNDATION CIO

**ACCOUNTS AND TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2018**

WALES WILD LAND FOUNDATION
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT
31ST MARCH 2018

DONATIONS		
Restricted Income	£6,185.50	
Unrestricted Income	<u>£1,191.37</u>	
	£7,376.87	
<u>Other Income</u>		
Bank Interest	£0.00	
Total Income		£7,376.87
<u>Less Direct Costs</u>		
Sales Promotion & Advertising	£0.00	
Gross Profit		£7,376.87
Less Overheads:		
Contractors/Consultancy	£14,270.65	
Rent	£112.00	
Insurance	£550.00	
Licences	£189.64	
Printing	£184.70	
Website and Internet	£202.63	
Stationery	£57.00	
Postage	£31.66	
Bank charges	£125.00	
MyDonate Fees	£37.62	
Global Giving Fees	£86.48	
Accountancy and book-keeping fees	£516.00	
Legal Fees	£466.00	
Sundry	£486.91	
Depreciation	£740.79	
Total Overheads		£18,057.08
NET PROFIT		<u><u>-£10,680.21</u></u>

WALES WILD LAND FOUNDATION
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST MARCH 2018

	<u>31st March 2018</u>
<u>Fixed Assets</u>	
Furniture and fixtures	£798.47
Office Equipment	£306.00
Intangible Assets	<u>£170.00</u>
	£1,274.47
<u>Current Assets</u>	
Debtors	£0.00
CAF Bank Land	£26,049.35
CAF Bank General	£1,410.38
MyDonate	£158.73
Global Giving	£640.32
Petty Cash	<u>£162.53</u>
	£28,421.31
<u>Current Liabilities</u>	
Accruals	£516.00
Creditors	<u>£2,044.90</u>
	£2,560.90
	£27,134.88
 NET ASSETS	 £27,134.88
 <u>Capital Account</u>	
Reserves	£37,815.09
Net Profit	<u>-£10,680.21</u>
	£27,134.88
	 £27,134.88



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Charity Number 1158185

Trustees Annual Report for year ended 31st March 2018

Official name:	Wales Wild Land Foundation CIO
Working names:	Sefydliad Tir Gwyllt Cymru, Wales Wild Land Foundation
Principal office:	Lletty, Parcyronnen, Llanbadarn Fawr, Aberystwyth SY23 3SS
Trustees:	Dominick Spracklen, Kara Moses, Mat Mitchell, Milly Jackdaw, Nicola Charlesworth, Peter Taylor, Lesley Hughes, Rhun Rowlands, Simon Ayres, Sophie Wynne-Jones
Constitution:	Charitable Incorporated Organisation, registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales charity number 1158185 Governed by the Constitution made on 15.07.14
Objects:	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 2017-18:

Our partners Woodland Trust completed the purchase of the freehold of Bwlch Corog on 31.05.17 for a price of £375,000. The tenure of the land passed immediately to WWLF under a 125 year lease. WWLF is charged with delivering our Coetir Anian/Cambrian Wildwood project as lead partner, while Woodland Trust is to provide background support with communications and advice. The aspect of our project that most interests Woodland Trust is the expansion of native woodland areas in the uplands, using minimum intervention and cost. Our proposal to plant relatively small areas to introduce seed sources and rely mainly on natural colonisation is therefore of great interest.

The main aims of the project are to increase native woodland cover across the site; to restore the blanket bog and heathland habitats by blocking 12km of drainage grips and introducing grazing; to enable public access; and to provide education, nature connection and adventure activities, plus other courses and events provided by the charity or by third parties.

The plan is to graze the site with horses. Feasibility studies for introducing water vole and red squirrel are to be carried out by partners Wildwood Trust. 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.

During the summer of 2017, most of the charity's activities centred on submitting project funding applications for major project funding. It was clear that without staff employed and the funds to pay contractors, the ambitious and inspiring plans for the project are unlikely to come into fruition. In November, we heard that our initial application to the Welsh Government's Sustainable Management Scheme (SMS) for £560,000 was successful.

During the autumn, the first draft of the management plan for the site requested by Woodland Trust was produced. Feedback suggested some amendments: these were not completed by 31.03.18 due to the commitments of producing the full SMS application. Also during the autumn, the volunteer work programme for 2018 was established. Demand from people to volunteer for the project influenced us to press ahead with organising monthly work days on Saturdays, before the funded project started. The first work day was held in November, to collect tree seeds. The main activity during early 2018 was the removal of internal fencing.

From December to March, work concentrated on compiling the full SMS project application. This involved designing in detail the habitat management and education strands of the project, submitting a planning application for the proposed structures, collecting quotations for all goods and services to be procured, producing a detailed budget, a project timeline, and a monthly cashflow for the 3 years. This process was still ongoing at 31.03.18.

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. It is about 3 acres of wet woodland set within the SSSI. As at 31.03.18 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.

Discussions were held with two parties, private individuals, wishing to buy land to retain as an asset and to rewild, and interested in participating in Cambrian Wildwood. We showed them Mynydd Dynyn and put them in touch with each other. It resulted in the two parties having an offer accepted by Lewis Jones following protracted negotiations. Our initial conversations included questions about how to manage the feral herd of horses at Dynyn, without deciding on an acceptable arrangement if Dynyn and Blwch Corog are to be managed as one area. Transaction still pending as at 31.03.18.

Public facing activities have continued, mainly in the form of talks. Trustees Milly Jackdaw and Simon Ayres gave a talk on rewilding and Cambrian Wildwood and told some stories at Dolgoch Hostel, set in a remote part of the Cambrian Mountains, to the Elenydd Wilderness Hostels wardens. Simon also gave talks to North Wales Wildlife Trust, to Knucklas Castle Festival, and with Milly at the Centre for Alternative Technology. There were a number of guided tours of Bwlch Corog, including to our new patron Jane Davidson, and Mark Boyle (Moneyless Man) who has been a generous donor to the land fund. The site hosted for a day the first 'Introduction to Rewilding' course by Kara Moses of the Centre for Alternative Technology and Trustee. In October 2017, we hosted a meeting on site to which we invited all the neighbouring landowners, to introduce ourselves and the project. Representatives from three neighbouring farms attended. We met with Cambrian Archaeology and Nettleseed in January 2018 to discuss possible collaborations. This resulted in engaging Jane Robertson

of Nettleseed to deliver the youth camp programme. Jane has excellent experience with providing camping and experiential programmes for teenagers, teaching primitive skills, and practicing wilderness survival skills.

The charity has been engaging with Rewilding Britain's 'Summit to Sea' project, and has agreed to be a project partner. This initiative concentrates on the area between Pumlumon and the Dyfi and the marine SAC in Cardigan Bay, and will seek to improve the landscape for wildlife while enabling nature-based economic opportunities. With Bwlch Corog set within the area, and our aims closely aligned for the same area, it is an obvious move to be associated as a partner. The existence of Cambrian Wildwood inspired and enabled the conception of 'Summit to Sea': the new owners of Pumlumon bought the estate due to the rewilding interest in this area created by the presence of Cambrian Wildwood, and on condition that an ambitious project for the area between Pumlumon and Dyfi was initiated.

The charity spent significant sums on contracting and consultancy fees during this year. In the absence of any salaried staff it enabled the charity achieve some significant outcomes during this year: to be fully engaged with the Woodland Trust for the fundraising and acquisition process for Bwlch Corog; to develop all aspects of the project in detail; to secure 3 years' project funding; to develop the website with improved design and much increased content, making it a useful educational resource and source of information about our work; to prepare the exhibition resources for an Open Day in April 2018; and to establish the volunteer work days. A habitat survey of Bwlch Corog was carried out in September 2017 by ecologist Stuart Hedley, as a follow up to the 2005 NVC (National Vegetation Classification) survey carried out in 2005. This is one of several baseline surveys to be commissioned which will provide references to monitor the evolution of the site over time. Work done on securing income concentrated on the bigger picture, that is the SMS funding, the Basic Payment Scheme (first payment due December 2018), and Glastir Advanced agri-environment scheme (to commence 2019).

With relatively little income at around £7,400, and expenditure at around £18,100, mainly on contractor and consultancy fees, the charity made a net loss this year of about £10,700. Most of the shortfall came from unrestricted funds accrued in previous years and during this year, which are intended for these purposes anyway. The balance is borrowed from the Land Fund which stands at around £30,000. Although we have obtained authority from donors to utilise the land donations for project management purposes, we do not wish to dip into the Land Fund in this way, and so the Land Fund will be reimbursed in due course, by claiming project development costs from the SMS funding and from other income. The cash flow forecast shows that we will be able to fully reimburse the Land Fund by July 2019.

Some background administrative work was completed during May 2017 which rationalised our various accounts and legal presence: the original MyDonate account pertaining to the old charitable trust was closed down, following communication with the last few supporters providing monthly donations to this account; the Cooperative Bank account pertaining to the old trust and receiving funds from MyDonate was closed; the old charitable trust was dissolved and removed from the charity register. All accounts and registrations are now solely pertaining to the CIO.

Trustee changes:

Kara Moses was appointed trustee 17.09.17.

Lesley Hughes stepped down as trustee 09.02.18.

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:

and signed by:



CHAIR 18/11/18



Treasurer 26.11.18