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**COETIR ANIAN  
(FORMERLY WALES WILD LAND FOUNDATION CIO)  
ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

**Charity Number 1158185**

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## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**Status**

Coetir Anian (Formerly Wales Wild Land Foundation CIO) is a charitable incorporated organisation registered with the Charity Commission of England and Wales on 8<sup>th</sup> August 2014 (Number 1158185). The Charity Commission is a national organization which regulates charities such as Wales Wild Land Foundation CIO.

**Working Names:**

Sefydliad Tir Gwyllt Cymru, Wales Wild Land Foundation, Coetir Anian and Cambrian Wildwood

**Trustees**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and financial statements of the Charity for the period ended 31 March 2023.

The Trustees (who are directors for the purpose of company law) who served during the year and since the year end were as follows:

Peter Taylor BSc  
Nicola Hart  
Mat Mitchell  
Nicola Charlesworth BSc  
Dr Sophie Wynne-Jones BSc, PhD  
Kara Moses BSc  
Dr Joseph Cornelius Ellis Hope  
Wendy Elizabeth Joss  
Jonathan Walker  
Simon Ayres MSc (appointed on 6 December 2022)

**Registered office**

Unit 6F, Cefn Llan Science Park, Aberystwyth, Ceredigion, SY23 3AH

**Independent Examiner**

Joanna Roderick ACA, WJ James & Co, Bishop House, 10 Wheat Street, Brecon, Powys LD3 7DG

**Bankers**

CAF Bank, 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent ME19 4JQ

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The Trustees have pleasure in presenting their report and the financial statements of Wales Wild Land Foundation for the year ending 31 March 2023.

#### **Objects**

The Objects of Wales Wild Land Foundation CIO are

- To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity, for the benefit of the public.
- To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, and deepen their connection and appreciation of it.

#### **Activities for the year 2022-2023**

The activities of the charity were directed exclusively towards delivering our objectives on the land at Bwlch Corog, Glaspwll, nr Machynlleth.

The main aims for the year were: to increase native woodland cover across the Bwlch Corog site; restore conifer woodland to native species; to restore the blanket bog and heathland habitats; to restore missing native fauna and flora; to enable public access; and to enable education, nature connection, and wellbeing for a wide range of people, especially those with limited access to nature.

#### **Governance**

No trustees resigned during the year. Simon Ayres became a trustee on December 2022 at the AGM. Three sub-groups continued to meet regularly and report to the Board; Finance and Governance; Land Management; Education and Community. A schedule of delegation to the Director was in place. No trustee recruitment took place.

#### **Strategy and Development**

The primary goals for the year were to continue to deliver existing programmes while seeking urgently to secure funds for the following years. In addition, the former Director planned to step down and so a search for his replacement was required. The new Director, Katy Harris, started work in November 2022.

#### **Funding**

Income from the Sustainable Management Scheme finished in the previous financial year – this had provided almost all the project funding for three years. For much of 2022-23, the charity drew on its reserves to support the operational costs. The trustees decided to use some of these to create a permanent fundraising post in August 2023. The Fundraising Manager started work in October 2023. By March 2023, we had secured sufficient funds to deliver all our project aims for 2023-5 including the creation of a new Habitat and Species Manager post.

#### **Reserves**

The trustees noted the need to increase reserves again. Trustees have committed to aiming for a minimum of 6 months and a maximum of 12 months reserves. A plan to rebuild and maintain the reserve is being drafted.

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#### **Land**

##### *Woodland and wood pasture*

Tree planting and fencing was carried out over the winter as part of a scheme managed by North Wales Wildlife Trust. 519 trees were planted in bracken within a newly fenced area next to existing woodland, where natural regeneration is also expected. 225 trees were planted in cactus guards (spiked metal mesh cylinders) as single trees in suitable places across open land. 94 trees were planted in groups with no fencing or guards in places considered unlikely to be browsed.

The larch plantation was thinned and high pruned according to schedule to encourage the growth of native trees and woodland ground flora. The larch timber was cut and split to store for use as firewood for the campfires.

##### *Peatland Restoration*

Monitoring was carried out on the trial intervention supported by the National Peatland Action Programme. Flat areas dominated by purple moor grass were scraped off down to the soil. Some areas were planted with sphagnum moss plugs. The initial response in some areas was a growth of rushes on the exposed peaty soil; other areas had growth of grass and sedge species other than purple moor grass; other areas, particularly those that remained waterlogged for most of the time and are situated on deep peat, had more success with establishment of sphagnum moss. There was about 50% survival of sphagnum plugs.

Trails were cut during the autumn, following the bridleway and the circuit around the upland area. Where trails were cut previously, a more diverse sward developed, and the animals continue to graze. This response was developed this year by cutting an experimental area next to a scraped area, so that long term outcomes of treatments can be compared.

##### *Grazing*

Grazing by horses and cattle is the main process contributing to the restoration of the dwarf shrub vegetation of upland heathland, for example heather species and bilberry, along with the diverse mosses and flowers of an upland heath. Areas of acid grassland have been favoured by the herbivores and have been restored to diverse pastures rich in flowering species.

The semi-wild herd of Konik horses had three foals during the spring of 2022. However the horses did less well over the winter, so we have formulated a plan to replace them with a breed better suited to the terrain. For a third year, a herd of Highland cattle were brought over from the neighbouring farm for the period 1 July to 30 September. This year the number of cattle was up from 12 to 19.

##### *Bracken management*

Bracken was cleared in the paths and camping areas, and around young trees.

#### **Volunteers**

11 land restoration volunteering days were held at Bwlch Corog, led by staff. 37 individual volunteers over the course of the year resulting in 570 volunteer hours. Activities included tree planting, bracken slashing, moving timber, flora, and bird surveys, collecting, and distributing native tree seeds.

Our volunteers included local people and a regular group of asylum seekers and refugees from Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary.

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#### *Wider landscape impact*

Discussions were held with the owners of four neighbouring properties, and it was agreed to have further talks about forming a landscape partnership. Funding to support this work was agreed by Esmee Fairbairn Foundation. The activities of this group in practice depends on what can be agreed and the conditions and incentives of government support mechanisms.

We also maintained contact with Tir Canol, a regional nature partnership.

#### **Woodland Trust partnership**

The charity continues to work in partnership with our landlords, Coed Cadw (The Woodland Trust), through joint meetings held every 6 months, and through hosting site visits for Woodland Trust personnel.

#### **Education and wellbeing programmes**

##### *Primary schools*

Groups of children from local primary schools visit the site as part of a three-year programme. The charity worked with the following schools: Talybont; Pennal; Dyffryn Dulas (Corris); Dafydd Llwyd (Newtown); Rhydypennau (Bow Street); Comins Coch; Bro Hyddgen (Machynlleth).

This year the children reported enjoying the following activities:

Art and nature; Wild living skills; Making animal homes; Making mandalas from materials foraged on site; Learning about the Celtic Rainforest; Oak tree days.

##### *Youth camps*

The youth camps are led by local contractor Jane Robertson, who has excellent experience of leading teenagers on camps and nature activities. The activities include fire making, foraging, filleting fish, spoon carving, mindfulness, nature awareness, singing, river walking, sleeping out in the open and much more. Feedback is consistently very positive, and it is a powerful experience for many of the participants.

Four youth camps were held during this year, with the following groups:

- 10 teenagers from Penparcau Community Hub;
- 9 young carers with the charity Ceredu;
- 10 pupils from Llanidloes High School;
- 9 teenage asylum seekers with Cardiff City of Sanctuary.

##### *Tiny Tots Wild Days Out*

This new program made a start in March 2023. Pre-school age children attended structured days out on site accompanied by a parent or other relative or guardian. The activities include storytelling, art, crafts, and exploring the site. Funded by the Powys Childcare Development Fund.

##### *Haf o Hwyl Summer of Fun*

A summer holiday programme of 3 nature activity sessions, funded by Welsh Government for 8 teenagers.

#### **Community Events**

##### *Open Day*

The annual open day for the project took place in May 2022, on site at Bwlch Corog.

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### *Tree Dressing Day*

The annual tree dressing day was held during National Tree Week in December 2022, on site at Bwlch Corog.

### *El Sueño Existe, Machynlleth*

Coetir Anian had a stand, shared with Wolverhampton City of Sanctuary.

Several third-party events also took place on site, generating a small income for Coetir Anian.

### **Monitoring and Impact**

Two evaluation reports by external consultants were presented as part of the monitoring and evaluation at the end of the Sustainable Management Scheme project:

Ecological Evaluation by Mick Green in August 2022; and  
Social Evaluation by Arwel Jones in October 2022.

Both reports provide a very positive reflection on the activities undertaken during the three-year project and demonstrate clear benefits and measurable changes.

Spatial data was mapped and presented as part of reporting on the SMS project.

Young tree regeneration was mapped, with species and densities noted.

### **Shared Learning**

#### *Moors for the Future*

At a conference hosted by National Trust and Moors for the Future on managing purple moor grass, Katy Harris presented a paper on our experience at Bwlch Corog to date.

#### *Amsterdam University*

At an online seminar for MSc students at Amsterdam University, Simon Ayres presented a talk about Coetir Anian.

We hosted student groups from Bangor, Aberystwyth, and Cardiff universities with two MSc students carrying out dissertation research on site.

There were additional visits from Wildwood founders, John Muir Trust, and The Woodland Trust.

### **Communications**

Website maintained and continuing developments:

<https://www.coetiranian.org/>

<https://www.cambrianwildwood.org/>

Regular social media posts, giving news on project, publicity for events and sharing photos of the site and the activities.

Paper newsletters for Glaspwll local community published and distributed.

A documentary film commissioned by Greenpeace included material about Coetir Anian, with footage taken on site at Bwlch Corog.

Film-maker Aim King started to make a series of films at Bwlch Corog which form part of a PhD in film. Networking with Tir Canol partnership.

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**Notes on accounts**

The charity accounts ended the year with a net loss of £58,582.

Restricted income was £62,123, from SMS grant against expenditure, and other grants for specific purposes.

Unrestricted income was £47,944, mainly from the Basic Payment, Glastir Advanced and donations.

Total expenditure was £168,649.

The statement of assets and liabilities ended the year at £132,482, excluding Fixed Assets of £107,131, Land fund of £77,530, and cash reserves of £54,952.

Addition to notes on accounts:

Income:

*Glastir Advanced Welsh Government Rural Communities - Rural Development Programme 2014-2020,*  
Funding capital works and including revenue payments for grazing

*Basic Payment, the standard farm subsidy from the European Union via Welsh Government*  
This income goes towards the charity's unrestricted funds.

*Summer of Fun*  
Welsh Government funding administered by local authorities. School holiday activities on site.

*Comic Relief / Child Development Fund*  
Funding for the new Tiny Tots Wild Days Out program.

*National Peatland Action Programme*  
Natural Resources Wales grant awarded for trial intervention to reduce purple moor grass on the moorland.

*Enraw via North Wales Wildlife Trust*  
Funding for tree planting, educational activities, volunteering, and community days at Bwlch Corog.

*Donations to Land fund*  
An ongoing programme of fundraising for land purchase with the aim of extending the project area.  
The donations to this Land fund are ring-fenced for this purpose only.

*Donations to Project fund*  
Donations via the website from individual and corporate supporters.

*Gift Aid on donations*  
This income goes towards the charity's unrestricted funds.

**Trustee changes:**

None



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#### ***Public benefit considerations:***

*What is the charity's purpose?*

The charity's objects or purposes are:

To promote the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment by promoting biological diversity, for the benefit of the public;

and:

To advance the education of the public in the conservation, protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment, and deepen their connection and appreciation of it.

*How are these purposes beneficial?*

The purposes are 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. Also, the education activities help to increase understanding of the importance of the natural world and how it can improve health and wellbeing, and the activities promote health and wellbeing for people visiting the site.

*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. Participants on the education and wellbeing programmes enjoy the specific benefits provided for these beneficiaries.

*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, and securing income to manage the land and run projects to restore natural habitats and wildlife, enable the public to access the land, and maintain and expand the education and wellbeing programmes.

#### **Governance**

As a Board of Trustees, we are bound by the Constitution last amended 15 July 2014. This is available should anyone request it. All major decisions are made by our Board of Trustees. The period of office of the initial Trustees on registration was for a minimum period of 2 years, 3 years and 4 years. All subsequent trustees must be appointed on a minimum term of three years by a resolution passed at a properly convened meeting of the trustees. Trustees are appointed according to their relevant qualification and experience. Trustees must be willing to undertake training in order to understand the charity's operations and to keep up to date with relevant changes in regulations.

#### **Trustee induction and training**

The Charity provides an induction program for all new Trustees to fully equip them with the information and knowledge which they need to enable them to become effective Board members as quickly as possible. They are given all the Charity's key documents, including the current version of the constitution, CIO's Latest Trustees Report and accounts. In addition the Charity provides ICT Training to all new Trustees.

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**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period.

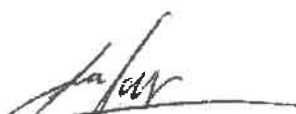
In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2019 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

Signed by order of The Trustees

Dr Joseph Cornelius Ellis Hope Chair



DATE: 08 01 2024

# COETIR ANIAN (FORMERLY WALES WILD LAND FOUNDATION CIO)

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

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I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023 which are set out on pages 11 to 13.

### Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

### Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act;  
or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Joanna Roderick ACA  
WJ James & Co  
Bishop House  
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Brecon  
Powys LD3 7DG

Date: 08/01/2024,

# COETIR ANIAN (FORMERLY WALES WILD LAND FOUNDATION CIO)

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Year ended 31.03.2023 Total	Year ended 31.03.2022 Total
	Notes	£	£	£	£
<b>RECEIPTS</b>					
Donations		10,377	954	11,331	27,249
Grants	2	34,379	61,169	95,548	114,442
Other income		3,188	-	3,188	250
		47,944	62,123	110,067	141,941
<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
Wages and salaries		56,979	57,256	114,235	99,039
Materials, camp food and trees		35	2,565	2,600	4,030
Equipment and tools		145	1,020	1,165	3,701
Contractors and consultants		9,061	13,135	22,196	30,556
Marketing		752	270	1,022	3,508
Recruitment		1,011	-	1,011	-
Travel		3,738	720	4,458	6,102
Telephone and IT costs		1,121	27	1,148	1,205
Printing, postage and stationery		377	-	377	161
Premises costs		7,280	-	7,280	8,294
Bank Charges		518	-	518	339
Training		600	-	600	639
Insurance		3,435	-	3,435	1,765
Horse costs		-	2,813	2,813	209
Accountancy fees		5,075	-	5,075	4,953
Independent examiners fee		-	-	-	720
		90,127	77,806	167,933	165,221
<b>ASSET PURCHASES</b>					
Plant and machinery equipment		716	-	716	-
Building		-	-	-	-
Furniture and fittings		-	-	-	-
		716	-	716	-
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		90,843	77,806	168,649	165,221
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>		(42,899)	(15,683)	(58,582)	(23,280)
<b>Cash funds as at 31 March 2022</b>		44,862	146,202	191,064	214,344
<b>Cash funds as at 31 March 2023</b>		1,963	130,519	132,482	191,064

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## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Year ended 31.03.2023 £	Year ended 31.03.2022 £
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
Cash at bank - Land Fund	-	77,530	77,530	76,563
Cash at bank	1,963	52,989	54,952	114,501
Total Cash Fund	1,963	130,519	132,482	191,064
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Land and Building			81,793	81,793
Furniture, Equipment & Fittings			25,338	24,622
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Creditors			3,400	500

Signed by the trustee on behalf of the board of trustees

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Dr Joseph Cornelius Ellis Hope - Chair  
08 01 2024

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Date



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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

### 1. Grants

	Year ended 31.03.2023 Total	Year ended 31.03.2022 Total
	£	£
Welsh Government : SMS	29,605	74,936
Welsh Government : Glastir Advanced	10,170	12,580
Welsh Government: Glastir Advanced - Sabre Tree Planting	2,400	-
Welsh Government : Basic Payment	21,809	21,503
Other grants	31,564	5,423
	<u>95,548</u>	<u>114,442</u>

### 2. Movement in funds

	Funds Brought forward £	Income £	Expenditure £	Funds Carried forward £
<b>Restricted funds</b>				
Land purchased	70,986	954	-	71,940
The Beryl Thomas Animal Welfare Trust	5,000	-	-	5,000
Winter of Wellbeing	1,733	-	(1,733)	-
Summer of fun	114	-	-	114
Sustainable Management Fund	42,102	29,605	(65,430)	6,277
Glastir Advanced	26,267	-	(3,254)	23,013
Powys Summer of Fun	-	1,124	(1,124)	-
Comic Relief	-	4,072	-	4,072
Child Development Fund	-	1,573	-	1,573
National Peatlands Action Project	-	14,845	(1,265)	13,580
North Wales Wildlife Trust	-	4,950	-	4,950
Employment Allowance	-	5,000	(5,000)	-
<b>Total Restricted</b>	<u>146,202</u>	<u>62,123</u>	<u>(77,806)</u>	<u>130,519</u>
<b>Unrestricted</b>	<u>44,862</u>	<u>47,944</u>	<u>(90,843)</u>	<u>1,963</u>
<b>Total Unrestricted</b>	<u>44,862</u>	<u>47,944</u>	<u>(90,843)</u>	<u>1,963</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>191,064</u>	<u>110,067</u>	<u>(168,649)</u>	<u>132,482</u>

**The Beryl Thomas Animal Welfare Trust** - The grant was given to fund the Red Squirrel and Water Voles introduction work.

**Land Purchased** - These are donations received by charity to enable the purchase of land.

**Sustainable Management Scheme** - This fund is for ongoing work in relation to the Cambrian Wildwood project which is grant funded by Welsh Government Rural Communities. The fund was in deficit at the year as the funds were not received until post year end following receipt of signed agreement dated 26th April 2019.

**Glastir Advanced** - Welsh Government agri-environment scheme with capital and revenue elements.

**Powys Summer of Fun** - Used for Wild Days out. Funded by Powys County Council as part of a national holiday activity grants scheme.

**Comic Relief** - Used for Tiny Tots. Administered by PAVO, small grants scheme to help young children get the best start in life.

**Child Development Fund** - Used for Tiny Tots. Small grants scheme to help children aged 0 to 5 years.

**National Peatlands Action Project** - NRW funding for peatland restoration works.

**North Wales Wildlife Trust** - funded us to plant trees, run volunteer days, Wild Days out and Spring Community event.

Some of the restricted funds allow core cost spending. Therefore even though unrestricted funds are low at 31 March 2023, the funds that are actually available for ongoing operating costs are £57,120.