



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	April	2022		31	March	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Cymdeithas Coedwig Cymuned Pontrhydfendigaid Community Woodland Association

Other names charity is known by

Coed y Bont or CyB

Registered charity number (if any)

1162376

Charity's principal address

Dolgoed

Pontrhydfendigaid

Ceredigion

Postcode

SY25 6ER

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	James Cowie	Treasurer		
2	Christopher Harris	Chair		
3	Mandy Cowie	Secretary		
4	Jason Goodwin			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Association
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected at the AGM in April or May each year

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Coed y Bont is run by a management committee numbering 7-8 people. There are normally three formal committee meetings in the year including an AGM in April or May. The official positions are chairperson, secretary and treasurer who are elected or re-elected at the AGM.

Coed y Bont is 25 hectare woodland near Pontrhydfendigaid which is part of the Welsh Government Forest Estate managed by Natural Resources Wales (NRW). In December 2012, NRW entered into a Management Agreement with a group of local people who formed a committee representing the community. This Agreement was extended to 12 years from 1 April 2014. It sets out the terms and conditions under which we can develop this area for the benefit of the community. We liaise closely with the local NRW Forest Manager in all aspects of its work that impinge on the woodland.

Coed y Bont became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2015, Charity Registration Number 1162376.

CyB has policies in place covering: equality and diversity; health and safety; environment; children and vulnerable persons; the Welsh language; volunteering; and shared values.

CyB is also an active member of Llais y Goedwig, the organisation that promotes community woodland groups throughout Wales and supports networking to share knowledge and experience.

None of the trustees receive any payments or any benefits in kind from their involvement in CyB.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

To promote, for the benefit of the inhabitants of Ystrad Fflur and surrounding communities, the provision of facilities for recreation or other leisure time occupation for the public at large in the interests of social welfare and with the object of improving the condition of life of the said inhabitants in particular by developing the woodland known as Coed y Bont as a community woodland.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

1. The provision and improvement of access to the woodland. This involves: installing new paths, including way-marked easy access paths; repairing and improving existing paths; providing picnic tables and benches and ensuring continued maintenance.
2. The provision of publicity and information including: a welcome and information board at the woodland entrance; printing publicity leaflets that explain and interpret what the woodland has to offer; holding public events to show people different aspects of the woodland's wildlife; and publicising our activities and events through social media, posters and the press. Coed y Bont has a very active Facebook page, providing news and detailing events and achievements.
3. The conservation of the woodland's wildlife including undertaking surveys of the fauna and flora and carrying out woodland management to enhance the biodiversity.
4. Involving as many local people as possible by: engaging local volunteers to undertake practical work in support of the provision of access, conservation and information provision objectives; involving the children from the local primary school and the youth club in projects like making bird and dormice boxes.

In undertaking the activities and in making decisions about them the trustees have constantly had due regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The vision was to create an attractive, interesting and quiet place that is free and open at any time for people to visit, where they can enjoy the woodland and its wildlife. We believe that this has been fully achieved and because the people in the local community have been heavily involved in making this happen it gives them an added sense of pride and ownership in their achievement. Local people regard Coed y Bont as an extremely valuable asset to the area and many visit it for walks on a daily basis. It is also a popular place for visitors and it is now on NRW's own website that promotes visitor attractions at their woodlands in Wales.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Volunteers from the local community have helped the charity in all sorts of different ways: acting as trustees, helping with the management group; organising and running events; designing producing and organising publicity material, being responsible for financial control and records; providing technical expertise on wildlife and woodland management; and carrying out the hard physical work that is required for the management and maintenance of the woodland and all the infrastructure facilities that we are installing. Without our volunteers there would be no community woodland project.

Any funds that are not required for Coed y Bont activities are deposited in the bank to gain interest

Section D

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The main project undertaken by our volunteers was the construction of a 130m long all ability access track. Designed mainly with public safety in mind, this new path will allow pedestrians from the village wishing to access the woodland on foot to enter it as soon as they reach it, so avoiding a narrow stretch of potentially hazardous country lane.

During the footpath project the enthusiasm and keenness of the volunteers to take part was notable. The work was quite strenuous and physically taxing but people enjoyed seeing the slow but steady progress arising from their efforts.

In July 2022 a new roof was installed on the woodland shelter, funded by Natural Resources Wales, in recognition of the value of this structure to the work of the Charity

Coed y Bont once again received the Keep Wales Tidy Green Flag Award for 2022-23, giving continued recognition to the site as a well-managed public green space

In September 2022 Coed y Bont was awarded a grant of over £24,000 from the Heritage Lottery Fund. This for training and equipment for volunteers, Forest School training for the local leaders of the Cylch Meithrin and primary school, an open day, a car trailer to transport heavy loads, contractor's costs for a culvert and associated structural work to link our new path to the public road over, a safety gate and fencing and number of other items. A major element to the success of this grant application was the high degree of community involvement and benefit in the outcomes.

Coed y Bont continued to support the work of Llais y Goedwig and a representative attended the Llais y Goedwig stand at the Royal Welsh Show and the National Eisteddfod to promote community woodlands in Wales.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

At the end of the year we held an unrestricted surplus of cash funds of £1178 and a sum of £70 which is restricted from unspent grant funding to be carried forward to the following year.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

We started the year with an opening balance of £1473 of unrestricted funds obtained from fund raising and donations. Over the course of the year we secured the first 50% instalment amounting to £12226 of a Heritage Lottery Grant, primarily for equipment, materials, volunteer training and associated expenses. All expenditure whether of unrestricted or restricted funds has been in support of the key objectives of the Charity.
There are no outstanding liabilities.

Section F Other optional information

Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

J D Cowie

Full name(s)

JAMES DELANEY COWIE

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Trustee and Treasurer

Date

05.12.2023



Charity Name Cymdeithas Coedwig Cymuned Pontrhydfendigaid Comr	No (if any) 1162376
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Receipts and payments accounts

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For the period from	Period start date 01.04.2022	To	Period end date 31.03.2023
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Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Fund raising	770	-	-	770	-
Donations	100	-	-	100	-
Other trading	392	-	-	392	-
Heritage Lottery Grant	-	12,226	-	12,226	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	1,262	12,226	-	13,488	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	1,262	12,226	-	13,488	-
A3 Payments					
Insurance	223	-	-	223	-
Maintenance and materials	269	857	-	1,126	-
100 Club prizes	240	-	-	240	-
Licences	-	497	-	497	-
Equipment	411	7,318	-	7,729	-
Room Hire	66	95	-	161	-
Expenses	-	234	-	234	-
Other trading	348	-	-	348	-
Training	-	3,155	-	3,155	-
Sub total	1,557	12,156	-	13,713	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	1,557	12,156	-	13,713	-
Net of receipts/(payments)	- 295	70	-	- 225	-
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	1,473	-	-	1,473	-
Cash funds this year end	1,178	70	-	1,248	-

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	Cash in the bank	1,178	70	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	1,178	70	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	OK	OK	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Tools and equipment	unrestricted	-	20,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees		Signature	Print Name	Date of approval
		J D Cowie	J D COWIE	05.12.2023