



## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	April	2023		31	March	2024

### 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 6-7 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 help 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

## Achievements and performance

**Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year**

The achievements during April 2023 to March 2024 were:

- Members of staff of the local Cylch Meithrin and Primary School were able to attend training and obtain Forest School qualifications as a result of an HLF grant obtained by Coed Y Bont in the previous reporting period.
- The improvements made to Coed y Bont by the volunteers encouraged a local provider to run outdoor play activities in the woodland for local children from spring through to autumn.
- An open day was held in the local village hall in June to tell the story of Coed y Bont's journey to become one of the first Welsh National Forests.
- Volunteers continued to meet monthly to undertake general maintenance and improvements, including brush cutting to keep paths clear, the installation of a new self-closing pedestrian access gate and a post and rail fence beside the children's' glade and fire pit area.
- Some volunteers attended an accredited training course to gain or renew qualifications in the use of brush cutters.
- Coed y Bont once again received the Keep Wales Tidy Green Flag Award for 2023-24, giving continued recognition to the site as a well-managed public green space.
- Coed y Bont continues to support the work of Llais y Goedwig. A representative attended the Llais y Goedwig stand at the Royal Welsh Show and the National Eisteddfod to promote community woodlands in Wales.

The enthusiasm and keenness of Coed y Bont's volunteers continues unabated. Sometimes the work is quite strenuous and physically demanding but people enjoy seeing the progress and improvements arising from their efforts.

## 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 £1723.

**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 £1178 all of unrestricted funds obtained from fund raising and donations. All expenditure 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**

18.11.2024



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 01.04.2023	To	Period end date 31.03.2024
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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 £
<b>A1 Receipts</b>					
Fund raising	725	-	-	725	-
Donations	445	-	-	445	-
Other trading	149	-	-	149	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total (Gross income for AR)</b>	1,319	-	-	1,319	-
<b>A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	1,319	-	-	1,319	-
<b>A3 Payments</b>					
Insurance	331	-	-	331	-
100 Club prizes	240	-	-	240	-
Licences	40	-	-	40	-
Equipment	163	-	-	163	-
Training		-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	774	-	-	774	-
<b>A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)</b>					
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Sub total</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	774	-	-	774	-
<b>Net of receipts/(payments)</b>	545	-	-	545	-
<b>A5 Transfers between funds</b>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>A6 Cash funds last year end</b>	1,178	-	-	1,178	-
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	1,723	-	-	1,723	-

## 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 £
<b>B1 Cash funds</b>	Cash in the bank	1,178	70	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
	<b>Total cash funds</b>	1,178		-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	OK	OK
		Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
<b>B2 Other monetary assets</b>		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
<b>B3 Investment assets</b>			Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
	Tools and equipment	unrestricted	-	20,000
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
<b>B5 Liabilities</b>			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	18.11.2024