

# THE ARK SNOWDONIA/YR ARCH ERYRI

England & Wales · Charity number 1172528

## Details

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** CIO

**Registered** 2017-04-11

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

**Objects:** TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC THE CONSERVATION PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE PHYSICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT OF THE RURAL UPLAND RHINOG AREA IN NORTH WALES BY PROMOTING BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY BY ACTING AS AN UMBRELLA BODY, MAKING GRANTS AND CARRYING OUT CONSERVATION ACTIVITIES AND RESEARCH PROJECTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE REESTABLISHMENT AND SUPPORT OF NATIVE FLORA AND FAUNA IN SUCH WAYS AS SHALL BE THOUGHT FIT

**Activities:** To promote for the benefit of the public the conservation protection and improvement of the physical and natural environment of the rural upland Rhinog area in North Wales by promoting biological diversity in particular but not exclusively by acting as an umbrella body, making grants and carrying out conservation activities and research projects associated with the reestablishment and support of n

## Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Sponsors Or Undertakes Research, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Arts/culture/heritage/science, Animals, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- Gwynedd

## Finances

| Period end | Income | Expenditure | Assets | Employees |
|------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------|
| 2025-01-01 |        | £0          | £0     | -         |
| 2024-01-01 |        | £0          | £0     | -         |
| 2023-01-01 |        | £0          | £0     | -         |
| 2022-01-01 |        | £0          | £0     | -         |
| 2021-01-01 |        | £0          | £0     | -         |

## Trustees

| Name                        | Role  | Appointed  |
|-----------------------------|-------|------------|
| CHARLES MARK MADOR          | Chair | 2017-01-16 |
| FRANCIS CHILDE              |       | 2017-01-16 |
| PATRICK HOLDEN CBE          |       | 2017-01-16 |
| RUTH TUDOR                  |       | 2017-01-16 |
| The Hon. PATRICIA HENNESSEY |       | 2017-01-16 |

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# Accounts

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December . 2025

## 1172528 The Ark Snowdonia / Yr Arch Eryri Annual Report and Accounts 2025

It was again a difficult year for the charity as we pursued a number of possible avenues for grants but none of them were successful. On the positive side we have finally been accepted by some of the local farmers and are learning from them how best to advance the objectives of the charity.

We have continued to focus on work related to the 50 acres of land at Glan-llunau Duon that was gifted to us and reported on over the last years.

Following the decision to completely exclude any grazing on the land in May 2023 we have lost the annual entitlement to subsidy on the land. However the land has started to regenerate and we have made a good connection with the 3 adjoining landowners. We were successful in assisting the neighbour on the other side of the river in obtaining a grant to fence off his side so the river is now completely protected from grazing along the full frontage of our site. We have introduced local Welsh Black cattle onto the site for 4 weeks in the autumn to help break up the land and allow more seeds to germinate.

The site is very exposed and it is taking time but there are now saplings extending out over the grasses, the streams running through the site have increased in size and complexity due to a slower runoff and we have seen the return of Curlews to nest along the apron of the river.

The ecology baseline study completed previously includes a proposal for initial conservation work on the land, which has been postponed and it is now intended that this work will begin in the spring of 2026, under the supervision of Dr Gritten, Included in this work will be tree planting [1500 broad leaf trees] and the creation of wetland habitat along the east boundary with the Afon Eden and also along the line of the four small streams that bisect the site. Provisionally this work has been programmed for spring 2026.

The establishment of a quadrant ecology study on the land to monitor ecological changes will be updated in the spring of 2026. This information will be available on our website for research purposes as the years go by.

Initial contact has been made with the Snowdonia National Park officers and the local officers of Natural Resources Wales. Both organisations are supportive but little progress was made in obtaining any grants.

### Accounts

The charity has established a bank account, which opened in 2022 and aside from an initial gift from the founding director to establish the account the charity has not received or spent any funds. All the work that has been done has been funded directly and gifted to the charity. We hope that 2025-26 will see the charity move forward both financially and in terms of being able to commence our work in the Rhinogs.

Charles Mador, Chair and Founding Trustee, December 2025

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December . 2024

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We have continued to focus on work related to the 50 acres of land at Glan-llunau Duon that was gifted to us and reported on last year. The farmer who had previously worked the land was given a free grazing license for an additional year to continue to keep his sheep on the land until May 2023, in return for maintaining the boundary fences and walls of the property. This arrangement was made on the basis that conservation work would start on certain areas of the land where livestock would be excluded. This arrangement ended this year when we excluded all livestock for a period to allow the land to recover.

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The establishment of a quadrant ecology study on the land to monitor ecological changes has now been carried out. This information will be available on our website for research purposes as the years go by.

Initial contact has been made with the Snowdonia National Park officers and the local officers of Natural Resources Wales. Both organisations are supportive but little progress was made last year however we are working with them now [2024] and hope that fund will be available this year to support initial works.

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Charles Mador, Chair and Founding Trustee, December 2024

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April . 2024

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Charles Mador, Chair and Founding Trustee, March 2022

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October . 2022

## 1172528 The Ark Snowdonia / Yr Arch Eryri Annual Report and Accounts 2020-21

Much of what was set out in our report last year can be repeated, in that it was another difficult year in terms of the impact of Covid 19 restricting progress for the charity. The Snowdonia National Park Authority Offices were closed throughout the year. From January 2022 matters have much improved and we are finally progressing as a charity, which will be reported in our 2022 Annual Report and Accounts.

We have continued to focus on work related to the 50 acres of land at Glan-Illunau Duon that was gifted to us and reported on last year. The farmer who had previously worked the land was given a free grazing license for an additional year to continue to keep his sheep on the land until May 2023, in return for maintaining the boundary fences and walls of the property. This arrangement was made on the basis that conservation work would be unable to start until the winter 2022-23 and keeping the farmer on the land maintained the property at nil cost to the charity.

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Initial contact has been made with the Snowdonia National Park officers and the local officers of Natural Resources Wales. Both organisations are supportive but little progress was made last year however we are working with them now [2022] and will report on this in detail in our 2022 report.

We have received offers of funding for 2022 from the North Wales River Trust and from the family of Ben Goldsmith. This funding will be received over the coming year.

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Charles Mador, Chair and Founding Trustee, October 2022

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March . 2022

## 1172528 The Ark Snowdonia / Yr Arch Eryri Annual Report and Accounts 2021

Much of what was set out in our report in 2020 can be repeated, in that it was another difficult year in terms of the impact of Covid 19 restricting progress for the charity. The Snowdonia National Park Authority Offices were closed throughout the year. From January 2022 matters have much improved and we are finally progressing as a charity, which will be reported in our 2022 Annual Report and Accounts.

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The ecology baseline study completed previously includes a proposal for initial conservation work on the land, which has been postponed and it is now intended that this work will begin in the autumn of 2022, under the supervision of Dr Gritten, assuming that the Covid 19 crisis has really ended. Included in this work will be tree planting [1500 broad leaf trees] and the creation of wetland habitat along the east boundary with the Afon Eden and also along the line of the four small streams that bisect the site. Provisionally this work has been programmed for November 2022. We have made contact with the North Wales River Trust and they have offered to fund completely this work including the costs of strengthening the existing stock proof fencing.

The establishment of a quadrant ecology study on the land to monitor ecological changes was postponed until 2022 and should be carried out this coming summer. This information will be available on our website for research purposes.

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Charles Mador, Chair and Founding Trustee, March 2022