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Working with communities

**Our plan for helping people and
improving the places we live in**

2015 - 2020



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Who we are

Natural Resources Wales is a new organisation. It was set up in April 2013 to look after the **environment** and **natural resources** in Wales.



The **environment** is where we live. It includes the land, the sea, the air, and everything that lives in and on it. For example: plants, animals and fish.



Natural resources are things in the environment we can use. For example: water to drink, food to eat, air to breathe, wind and water to make energy.



We want to make sure our **natural resources** help improve **well-being** and makes **communities stronger**.



Well-being means a person is happy, healthy and is comfortable with their life and what they do.



A **community** is a group of people who are joined together because they live in the same place or like the same things.

Introduction to our plan



This plan is about our aims for working with **communities**.

It is about how to use the land we are in charge of to:



- improve the **environment**



- improve people's **well-being**



- make **communities** stronger



- make **communities** less poor by using their **natural resources** to make money.



This plan also helps us achieve our aims in all areas of our work.



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This work will help the Welsh Government's aims to make Wales a better place to live.

Looking after our natural resources



It's important that we try to help people love and care for the **environment**.

We can do this by:



- helping people know about the **environment**



- helping them benefit from the **environment**



- helping them feel they can do something to protect the **environment**.



This will help us make sure we can keep using **natural resources** for many years to come.

When people love and care for their local **environment** it:



- helps people be healthier



- improves **well-being**



- is good for wild animals, plants and trees



- helps people feel they belong to their **community**



- gives people the chance to learn new skills



- helps protect the **environment**.



We know that if we look after the local **environment** it can help make **communities** better and make them less poor.



Problems for communities in Wales



We want our work with **communities** to help make all of the problems below better.

Different chances to be healthy



Some people in Wales are less healthy than other people. Everyone needs to have the same chance of being as healthy as they can.



Being in a **green space** can help you be fit and healthy. But not everyone in Wales can get to green spaces.

Green spaces are places with parks, hedges, trees, woods, ponds, beaches or rivers.



We need to work with **communities** to find out how to help people get to a green space to stay healthy.



Being poor

In Wales lots of people and children are poor. Being poor can make people unhealthy.



Weather change and flooding

We need to work with **communities** to help them deal with bad weather. We need to teach them how to look after the **environment** to stop long-term weather changes.



Pollution in the air

Pollution is something in the **environment** that can harm us. For example: fumes from cars



When people breathe in **polluted** air it can cause health problems. **Pollution** in the air is a big problem and causes a lot of deaths.



Pollution in the air is also bad for wild animals, plants and trees. Often there is more **pollution** in the air than there should be.



Our other work that is good for communities

We are doing other work in different areas which is also good for **communities**. This includes:



- making sure people stay safe on the land that we look after



- dealing well with **environmental** risks



- working with partners to do projects that help poor **communities**



- involving local **communities** in making plans about their local area



- supporting volunteers



- helping to support new businesses which will make money for local **communities** through activities and **tourism**.

Tourism is making money from people coming on holiday to Wales.

How we will do this work



We want to make sure our **natural resources** help improve **well-being** and makes **communities** stronger.

Working with everyone

We want to include everyone in our work to achieve our aim. We will:

Equality



- be open and fair with our partners and the **communities** we work with in everything we do



- share decision making and treat everyone fairly



- focus on work that will give the most benefits for the biggest amount of people



- be a good example and look after land in a way that benefits people and places the most



- help **communities** deal with things like flooding and **pollution**



- work with **communities** to provide more green spaces.



- help people have a say in how their local area is looked after



- make sure our staff have the skills needed to work with **communities** and partners



- keep learning about how to best work with **communities** and keep giving staff training



- lead when we are the best people for the job. Support others when we are not.

The next 5 years



Over the next 5 years we will focus on work that will give the most benefits for the biggest amount of people.

This includes:



- helping people use the land we look after



- giving **communities** information about floods and **pollution**. Help them be ready for floods and to protect their homes from flood damage as much as possible.



- Helping **communities** be involved in lowering the risk of pollution



- helping **communities** be involved in our planning



- helping **communities** love and care for the **environment**. This will help lower crime levels.



- telling everyone about how important green spaces are for the **environment** and people.



- giving advice on plans for local areas to help protect green spaces



- giving work placements and volunteering opportunities



- learning from experts about how to best work with **communities**.



Checking our work



We have written an action plan to help us do this work. This sets out what we want to do, who we will work with and when we want to do it.



We will keep making sure what we are doing is working.



We will look at how our work is making a difference to people.



We will make sure people are better off because of our work.



We will make sure this plan stays up to date.



We will listen to feedback from people. We will ask people for their views and write how we can do better if needed.

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