

Next phase of planning for Newborough's future

Four months ago Natural Resources Wales started a new conversation with people in Newborough about our way forward for managing the nature reserve and forest.

It was great to hear your views.

Your feedback - and comments from other conversations - is being considered as we draft management objectives for Newborough which will be ready to share with you later in the Autumn 2016.

You also raised questions on day to day matters about the site. We have published all the issues you raised with us on our website.

Sian Williams, Head of Operations, Natural Resources Wales said: "We want the local community to benefit as much as possible from this rich resource on the doorstep and working with you is a vital part of getting this right.

"All comments received are helping us create a management plan that will help enhance Newborough's landscape, wildlife and opportunities for recreation for years to come.

"These are exciting times with new legislation, including the Environment Act and Wellbeing of Future Generations Act, providing the vital steer to make the sustainable management of our natural resources a reality."

Go to our website www.naturalresources.wales/newborough to find:

- The Way Forward for Newborough
- All comments received about The Way Forward for Newborough
- Answers to specific questions on day to day site management issues

Any queries, please email niwbwrch@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk

New for visitors

New information panels have been produced and are due to go up in all Newborough car parks during the summer.

We are also publishing a new booklet, available to buy on site, showing everything Newborough has to offer.

Geraint James, recreation ranger said: "We are continuously trying to improve the experience of our visitors and I hope the panels and booklet will help everyone enjoy the area's landscape, wildlife, history and culture."

Any queries, please contact niwbwrch@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk



Talks programme

Over the last nine months, NRW held a programme of evening talks at the PJ Institute. The issues covered were wide ranging - from archaeology and medicinal plants to wetlands, dunes and woodlands. All designed to celebrate our natural heritage in all its glory.

We'd be delighted to hear your views on the Talks Programme via a questionnaire which is available by email from niwbwrch@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk.

Nature Watch



Summer is when wildlife really comes alive at Newborough.

Often hidden from view, in the dunes, seasonally flooded slacks and wooded areas, there's an incredible bounty of coastal delights.

Plantlife from tiny purple marsh orchids to the grass of parnassus, to dune and marsh helleborines are found here as well as one of Wales's rarest reptiles, the elusive sand lizard.

Unlike its cousin the common lizard, the sand lizard lays eggs rather than live young and depends on areas of warm bare sand with marram grass to incubate the eggs. During the summer breeding season the males develop a vivid green colour with distinctive spots.

A walk across the dunes can be rewarded by a glimpse of one of Britain's fiercest predators - the stoat. This pocket predator feeds mainly on mice and voles, but

also rabbits, which can be many times their weight.

If you are very lucky you might see a family of stoats on the move with their black tipped tails bobbing in the dunes.

A herd of Welsh mountain ponies help maintain the varied habitats at Newborough. Their dung is also a habitat in its own right - the rare nail fungus, dung beetles and wintering chough taking advantage of the bounty!

Graham Williams, Newborough Warden says, "Thousands of people visit Newborough during sunny weekends and holidays and this can have an impact on wildlife.

"We really appreciate if visitors can do their bit to help protect the precious wildlife by keeping to marked paths and trails, keeping dogs at heel or on a short lead and cleaning up after their pets."

Please help keep Newborough special

... by following these simple rules

No Camping - please don't camp overnight at Newborough. Support local businesses and use one of the local camping or caravan sites instead

Fires - please don't light fires - you are very welcome to use the BBQ area in the car park and any fixed cookers in campervans

Dogs - throughout the site, to protect wildlife, dogs must be at heel or on a short lead at all times:

- Dogs are not allowed on Ynys Llanddwyn (April - Sept) to protect ground and shore nesting birds,
- Dogs are not allowed on the blue flag beach (May-Sept) to safeguard bathing waters

PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOGS AND USE THE BINS PROVIDED - BAG IT AND BIN IT

Follow the Countyside Code:

Respect other people; Enjoy the outdoors; Protect the natural environment

To report any incident or anti-social behaviour at Newborough please contact the Police on 101 or the NRW incident line 0800 80 70 60.

Timber for Royal Welsh axe men

Dafydd Cadwaladr, one of the contractors felling wind blown trees at Newborough, will be using the timber for his axe men competitions at the Royal Welsh and other local shows this summer. Look out for him if you're there!

