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# Looking after nature now for our children to enjoy

## Our plan to 2022



Easy read version of '**Managing today's natural resources for  
tomorrow's generations. Our Corporate Plan to 2022**'

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# About this document



We are **Natural Resources Wales**. We look after the **environment** and **natural resources** in Wales.



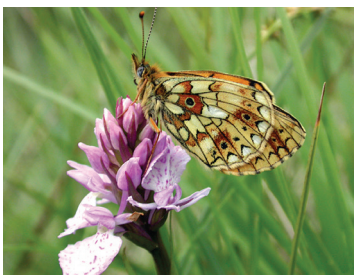
The **environment** is where we live. It includes the land, sea, air and everything that lives in and on it. Such as plants, animals and fish.



**Natural resources** are things in the environment we can use. Such as water to drink, food to eat, air to breathe, wind and water to make energy.



Wales is a very beautiful place. Nature gives us what we need to live well and be healthy. But we do not always look after the **environment** well.



We do not have as many different plants and animals as we used to. The land they live on is not doing well with things like **climate change**. So nature cannot give as many of the good things it provides for our health and happiness.



**Climate change** is the way the Earth's weather is changing.





But we can use nature to help to make things better.  
We can:



- plant trees to help stop floods and clean the air



- look after the soil to grow more good food and give us better water.



Things need to change. We can look after the **environment** by changing how we live and work.



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At Natural Resources Wales we are proud to lead the changes.



This plan shows what we want to do to 2022.





# Our plan to 2022

We have 7 things we want to do to help Wales be happy and healthy:



1. Stand up for the Welsh **environment** and look after it well.



2. Look after the land and water in Wales so that they will keep doing well.



3. Improve **ecosystems** in Wales to make them stronger and cope with **climate change** better.

**Ecosystems** are areas where all the plants and animals depend on each other and the **environment**. Such as a river has fish with plants they eat and both need clean water



4. Help people to be less at risk from floods and **pollution**.



**Pollution** is something in the **environment** that can harm us. For example chemical waste from factories.



5. Help people live happy and healthy lives.



6. Help companies to do well by using the **environment** with care.

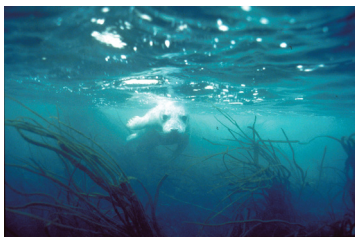


7. Get Natural Resources Wales to be excellent in every way.



We will look after:

- air



- water



- soil







- wild animals



- the environment



- the land.



We will make sure these things are looked after and help people enjoy them.





# 1

## Stand up for the Welsh environment and look after it well

### What is happening now?



The land in Wales covers a very large area. We have many mountains and valleys that make the countryside so big.

The **environment** is not always looked after well. We use up things from it faster than nature can replace them. Things like:



- food



- clean water.



We need to look after it all well so nature can do its job well too. We need everyone in Wales to look after the **environment**.







## What will we do?



- Work with other organisations to look at what the **environment** may be like in 2050.



- We have split Wales into 7 areas. This is to help us organise our work. In each area we will work with other organisations to get more information about the **environment**.



This will show us how we can work with them to improve the **environment**. And make life better for people.



- The Welsh Government has a plan to make life happier and healthier for people across Wales. We will look at what we can do for the plan.





- Lead **public services** in working to stop **climate change**.



**Public services** are services paid for by Government. For example health, housing, social services and transport.



- Show how to look after the **environment** in everything we do.



- Make others feel they want to look after the **environment**. We will help them to know what they can do. We will learn from what other countries are doing.





# 2 Look after the land and water in Wales so that they will keep doing well



## What is happening now?

Land and water in Wales are not looked after in a joined up way. Water and air are better now than they used to be. But we still have a lot to do.

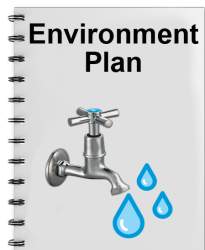
## What will we do?



- We look after some land and water in Wales ourselves. We will look after the **environment** in these areas. We will look at how to make things last and be better. We will try out new ways of working.



- Support others to look after the **environment** well by working in a joined up way.

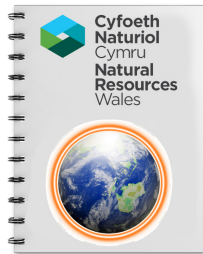


- Help water companies to plan how to improve the **environment** for water.





- Finish checking the Welsh Government woodlands. Then start doing what our check says needs doing.



- Write a plan to help us manage **climate change** on the lands we care for.



- Work with local councils to help plant trees in towns.



- Work with the Welsh Government on plans for:
  - > improving life in the countryside after **Brexit**



**Brexit** is the name used for Britain leaving the **European Union**. This is a group of countries whose governments work together.



- > using and looking after the sea around Wales.





# 3 Improve ecosystems in Wales to make them stronger and cope with climate change better.



**Ecosystems** are areas where all the plants and animals depend on each other and the **environment**. Such as a river has fish with plants they eat and both need clean water.

## What is happening now?



No **ecosystem** in Wales is strong enough to cope with **climate change**.



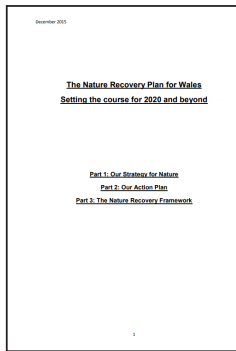
We do not have as many different plants and animals as we used to. Often this is because their **ecosystem** is not doing well.

## What will we do?



- Make sure we always think about making the **ecosystem** stronger with everything we do. Help other **public services** to do this as well.





- Work with other organisations to do what is in the **Nature Recovery Action Plan**. This is a plan that says what Wales must do to look after plants and animals.

- Insects and diseases from other countries can harm nature in Wales. We must stop these things coming into Wales. We need to know how to spot them. And be able to keep them under control.



- Some areas have had forests there for 100s of years. They are called **ancient woodlands**. We need to bring them back to a good state.



- Work with people who own and manage the **environment** to help look after it.



- Make the **ecosystems** in our seas and coast stronger.



- Look after our rivers and fish like salmon. This will help make sure there are more of them in the future.





# 4

## Help people to be less at risk from floods and pollution.

### What is happening now?



**Pollution** and floods are very harmful in many ways in Wales.



Poor air is very bad for people and nature.



**Pollution** from companies, farms and old mines can sometimes go into rivers.



**Recycling** is good in Wales. But people still leave lots of rubbish next to roads, in fields and in rivers.



**Recycling** is when we turn our rubbish in to something we can use again.



**Climate change** means we will probably have more floods in future.



There is also a problem with not enough rain in some places. So we can be short of water especially in summer.

## What will we do?



- Look at what may harm the **environment** in each area. Try to use nature so that there is less harm caused.



- Make what we do part of other people's plans to help people be healthy and happy.



- Work with other organisations on how to stop floods and **pollution**. And plan what to do if something does happen.



- Work with others like local councils to try out new ways to improve the air. And deal with **pollution** from companies, farms and old mines.



- Keep the things we use to control floods in a good state. Build new ways to control floods to protect people.



- Use our powers to help tackle **pollution**.



- Support other groups working on floods and rubbish.









# 5

## Help people live happy and healthy lives



### What is happening now?

Where you live in Wales can affect how healthy you are and how long you live. Living in the countryside or going out in the countryside can help improve your health.



Not everyone understands that being outdoors in a clean **environment** can help them be healthy and happy.

### What will we do?

- Have more paths that people can easily use for:



> walking



> running



> cycling



> horse riding.



- Support community projects and businesses that are on the land and water we look after.



- Our project to support **apprentices** and volunteers is called Cyfle. We will make this work well.



An **apprentice** is a person who learns the skills of a job whilst working. They are usually paid less because they are still learning.



- Help every child in Wales get out into nature and learn how good it is. We will work with others to get learning in nature part of every school.







- Work with lots of organisations to help people to be healthy and happy. For example **Public Health Wales** and **Sport Wales**.



- We want local people and visitors to use the Wales coast path and other walks. We will work with other organisations to make sure everyone knows how good they are.



- Make sure everyone knows about how being out in nature can help you feel healthier.



# 6 Help companies to do well by using the environment with care.

## What is happening now?



Most of the land in Wales is for farming and forests. There is a lot of fishing in rivers and the sea. So we need to make sure there are enough fish.

For **recycling** Wales is:



- first in Britain



- second in Europe



- third in the world.



We make a lot of electricity from things like wind and waves.





## What will we do?

- We have some businesses to make money for our work. We will keep doing these and have some new business as well. We have businesses in:



> wood



> tourists



> making electricity from things like wind.



- Help businesses to look after every part of the **environment** in their work.







- Try out new ways to work such as:



- > new ways to get electricity from the sun



- > new materials for building.



- Have more jobs for people across Wales.



- Throw away less and **recycle** more.



# 7

## Get Natural Resources Wales to be excellent in every way

### What is happening now?



Since 2013 we have worked in Wales for Wales.



We have to spend a lot less money in the next 10 years. We have done OK so far but it will get harder.



We are about to change so that we work more in local areas.

### What will we do?



- Support our staff well and make sure they have what they need to do a good job.



- Listen to our staff to make this a good place to work.



- Make sure our work cares for the **environment** and does not harm it at all. This will show other **public services** how they can work.



- Make sure everyone we do business with can do it over the internet. Because it is an easy, cheap and fast way to work.



- Share our offices and vehicles with other **public services**.



- Try new ways to give grant money.



- Try a new way to buy the things we need to do our work. Share it with other **public services**.





To do all this we must be careful with our money and look after our staff.



In the next 3 years we will work more in local areas and with other groups.



We will check how well we are doing with the plan.



We want the **environment** and people in Wales to be healthy and happy.





# Hard words

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