

# Annual Report 2021





## Partneriaeth Ogwen Annual Report 2021

### Introduction

This report is a record of the work of Partneriaeth Ogwen during the period between December 2020 and December 2021. The report summarises the Partneriaeth's main projects and highlights the endeavours of Partneriaeth Ogwen's staff and volunteers during the year. The shadow of Covid-19 has continued during the year gone by but Partneriaeth Ogwen has managed to grow and develop several new projects.

### Partneriaeth Ogwen's Vision

*To create together a future where the economy, language and culture, environment and our community will flourish.*

In accordance with our 2019-2022 Business Plan, Partneriaeth Ogwen's vision is to create a resilient community and organisation that acts innovatively for the benefit of the communities, economy and environment of Dyffryn Ogwen.

We aim to do this by:

- strengthening the foundations of the organisation by increasing the staffing capacity to provide services and projects of the highest quality.

- Securing and creating new income streams.

- Strengthening our internal policies and procedures to protect our staff and volunteers.

- Prioritising projects that create economic, environmental and social benefit with a focus on transferring community assets, buying new assets to create income and

- projects that make our community stronger and more sustainable and resilient.

- Collaborate in innovative ways with local, national and regional partners.

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The theme of sustainability is central to all our activities and this includes environmental, economic, social and cultural sustainability.

During 2021, we have adopted 'Theory of Change' (Llwybr Trawsnewid) which sets short and long term aims and outcomes for our work and sets a framework to measure the impact of our projects. In 2022, our aim is to publish a social return report of our work which aligns with the targets outlined in Theory of Change.

## Staff, Management Committee and Members of the Board of Partneriaeth Ogwen

### Staff

Chief Officer – Meleri Davies

Clerk and Administrative Manager – Donna Watts

Clerk and Administrative Officer – Bethan Griffith

Finance Officer – Lliwen Morris

Property Caretaker – Dylan Jones

Cefnfaes Development Manager – Cynan Jones

Dyffryn Gwyrdd Manager – Huw Davies

Wellbeing and Environment Officer – Judith Kaufmann

Wellbeing and Environment Officer/Ogwen.cymru Website and Gofod Gwneud a Thrwsio – Tom Simone

Dyffryn Gwyrdd Community Driver – Dewi Roberts

Dyffryn Gwyrdd Support Officer – Menna Thomas

Community Developer 2021 – Lucinda Enston

Community Friend and Siop Ogwen Development Officer – Elen Williams

Community Friend – Anna Sethi

Community Support Officer (Kickstart) – Ianto Shea

Siop Ogwen Support Officer (Kickstart) – Morgan Rees Owen

Bethesda Bicentenary Support Officer – Caleb Rhys

Co-ordinator of Llyfrgell y Pethau Dolan – Catrin Wager

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During the summer of 2021, we also employed Anna Sethi, Cadi Roberts and Hannah Morgan to work with Partneriaeth Ogwen as part of the Byw a Bod 2 programme. For 8 weeks, they looked at engagement methods with young people and created a report based on their findings. Anna Sethi has been given a job with Partneriaeth Ogwen since she worked with us on the Byw a Bod 2 scheme.

### **Directors of Partneriaeth Ogwen**

Dafydd Meurig

Dafydd Owen

Rheinallt Puw

Bethesda Community Council (Represented by Pearl Evans, Neville Hughes, Dyfrig Jones, Griff Charles Morris and Godfrey Northam)

Llanllechid Community Council (Represented by Geraint Hughes and Kevin Glyn Williams)

Llandygai Community Council (Dafydd Owen and Mair Owen Pierce)

### **Management Committee**

The Management Committee is a delegation from the full Board of Partneriaeth Ogwen and is representative of the three local community councils. The Management Committee meets every two months to monitor Partneriaeth Ogwen's work programme. The Management Committee is:

Geraint Hughes – Llanllechid Community Councillor

Neville Hughes – Bethesda Community Councillor

Dafydd Meurig – Chair of Partneriaeth Ogwen and County Councillor

Jane Temple Morris – Llanllechid Community Councillor

Dyfrig Jones – Bethesda Community Councillor

Dafydd Owen – County Councillor

Mair Pierce – Llandygai Community Councillor

Rheinallt Puw – County Councillor



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Staff and Chair of Partneriaeth Ogwen with Mark Drakeford, First Minister of Wales in July 2021.

# COMMUNITY



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### Supporting our community in the New Normal

As we emerged from Covid-19 lockdowns and tried to help our communities cope with a new normal life during a pandemic, the Partneriaeth staff worked carefully as we developed and maintained projects to support our community. Several of these projects are led by the Dyffryn Gwyrdd team – an innovative project to prevent poverty through local environmental action.

#### **Pantri Pesda**

In 2020, Partneriaeth Ogwen worked with local volunteers to develop a Community Support Fund in Neuadd Ogwen. The fund was an important resource for families during the pandemic and we would like to thank Manon Llwyd, founder of the fund, for her kindness and hard work. With the re-opening of Neuadd Ogwen it was agreed that the Community Support Fund would move to Canolfan Cefnfaes during 2021. The Dyffryn Gwyrdd team took on the reins and gave the project a new direction by changing its name to 'Pantri Pesda'. By now a group of over 20 volunteers commit to

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sharing the food regularly and as a result the project reduces landfill waste, provides nutritious food for local families and is a new valuable community resource. During the year, the scheme has saved 5037kg of food that would otherwise have gone to waste and has provided food for numerous families in the Valley.



### Volunteering

A Volunteers' Co-ordinator was appointed to the Dyffryn Gwyrdd team and the co-ordinator has led campaigns to recruit new volunteers for Pantri Pesda and volunteers to go litter-picking. There are over 70 volunteers on Partneriaeth Ogwen's fixed database so far.

In June a Gardens and Volunteering Festival (Gŵyl Gerddi a Gwirfoddoli) was held in Llys Dafydd giving organizations that are part of the Dyffryn Gwyrdd Steering Group an opportunity to share information with the public about their environmental volunteering opportunities.

We have also arranged many litter-picking sessions with local volunteers together with other organizations such as Balchder Bro and Bethesda Litter Pickers.



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### ***Community Friend***

The Community Friend service was set up during the lockdown of 2020 to deliver food to people's homes. The service, which operates in partnership with Caffi Coed y Brenin, has continued to be very popular. Nutritious home cooked meals were delivered twice a week across the Valley as well as organizing social sessions and coffee afternoons for the elderly residents in the area. These coffee afternoons included presentations from the local nutritionist Angharad Griffiths on healthy eating and information sheets about nutritious foods were distributed to all attendees.





# LANGUAGE AND CULTURE



*Bethesda Bicentenary art workshop for children and a shop window display to celebrate Llyfr Mawr y Plant's birthday.*

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## Sustaining the Welsh Language

The Welsh language is a natural and organic part of the work of Partneriaeth Ogwen. Welsh is the internal administrative language of the organisation and Welsh is the administrative language of the new projects we set up. We offer Welsh medium employment and volunteering opportunities to local people and we are proud of the fact that a large number of learners are volunteering and improving their Welsh with us. The Chief Officer is a member of the Welsh Language Partnership Board and shares her expertise in terms of sustaining the Welsh Language within the community.

## Siop Ogwen

Although the shop is an independent legal entity, the Partneriaeth continues to manage the administration of the shop and continues to support the Development Officer in terms of managing the shop's work programme and activities. The shop contributes to the sustainability of the High Street but is also important in terms of promoting the Welsh language and Welsh literature. During 2021, the shop's Development Officer held several art workshops for children online and face to face structuring the sessions around a new Welsh language book for children. The shop also contributed to other cultural events led by Partneriaeth Ogwen including the Bethesda Bicentenary celebrations with a special art workshop following the tradition of carving carved slate in Dyffryn Ogwen. Also in November, a special community event was organized to celebrate Llyfr Mawr y Plant's birthday – one of the Valley's iconic books.



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## September Art and Story Workshop

The Welsh Reading Club that we established in 2020 has continued to be run by volunteers with the support of Siop Ogwen. We also host occasional literary evenings and book signing sessions with local authors including Manon Steffan Ros.

## Bethesda Bicentenary

Following a successful bid to the National Lottery Heritage Fund, events, lectures and workshops were organized to raise awareness of and celebrate the bicentenary of Bethesda, which included the below.

### Lectures

Together with the LleChi and Dolan project, a programme of lectures of local relevance were arranged including

- Bethesda Bicentenary lecture with John Llewelyn Williams and Lowri Williams
- ‘Llechi a’r Byd / Slate and the World’ lecture with Dafydd Roberts.
- Panel Discussion - Castell Siwgr with Lois Jones from Penrhyn Castle, Angharad Tomos, author of Castell Siwgr, Lowri Ifor from the Slate Museum, Gareth Evans Jones from Bangor University and Cian Rhys, Young Ambassador for Slates of Dyffryn Ogwen.

These lectures were held online due to covid restrictions and a total of 262 people attended the lectures with very positive feedback received for each one.

### Bethesda Celebration Film

Community Music Wales and Neuadd Ogwen were commissioned to hold community workshops on filming, interviewing and editing and to create the Bethesda Local Voices /

Lleisiau Lleol film. The finished film was a collection of interviews with local characters and a special event was held in Neuadd Ogwen to officially launch the film. Around 50 people came together to watch the film. There is a digital record of the film on [www.ogwen.cymru](http://www.ogwen.cymru)

### ‘Bethesda Past and Present’ Photography Project

In partnership with Dyffryn Ogwen Camera Club, an open call was made for photos of Bethesda as part of the Bethesda Bicentenary celebrations and a call to reproduce the images in their contemporary forms. The original photos and reproductions were shared on the Bethesda Bicentenary Facebook page and a gallery of permanent pictures was created on the website [www.ogwen.cymru](http://www.ogwen.cymru). This project was a practical way of getting people to discuss their memories of Bethesda remembering how the High Street in Bethesda looked long ago and how it has changed. A virtual projection of all the ‘Bethesda Past and Present’ images was displayed on the gable-end of an obvious building on Bethesda High Street. We were very keen to bring High Street business owners into this project and every business was invited to get their pictures taken to be projected live on the High Street gable-end. These are a permanent record of Bethesda High Street in 2021 and the projection was a celebration of the old and new.





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## Slate Carving Workshops

6 slate carving workshops were organized to create community artwork in Tan Twr Garden as part of the Bethesda Bicentenary project. Partneriaeth Ogwen led the co-ordination, marketing and arrangements for the 6 community workshops with the LleChi project paying for costs of artists Ann Catrin Evans, Sian Owen and Dave Stephen. The workshops were open to everyone in our community to come and carve slates and create a piece of public slate that was installed in Tan Twr Garden. One of the workshops was arranged with pupils from Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen with 7 young people learning the skill of slate carving.

46 people came to the workshops altogether with the attendees ranging in terms of age and interest. There were a few local artists amongst them who continue to use the skills learnt in their art work beyond the session. Ann Catrin Evans has also created carving equipment to give to Partneriaeth Ogwen to continue with these types of sessions in our community in the future.



*Community sculpture inspired by the Slate Carving tradition of the Quarrymen with the artists Dave Stephen, Sian Owen and Ann Catrin Evans.*



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## Habitat and Community

With grant support from the LleChi scheme, the Partneriaeth arranged a series of lectures, discussions and walks celebrating the Habitat and Community of Dyffryn Ogwen in Neuadd Ogwen, Bethesda in September. The programme for the weekend included inspirational lectures by scholars, lecturers, local historians and the area's community friends. Over 100 people came to all of the events during the weekend and we hope to organize a similar event again in 2022. To bring the day to a close, Partneriaeth Ogwen's Chief Officer gave a presentation on contemporary community entrepreneurship giving the audience an opportunity to celebrate the innovative community work that happens in the Valley and beyond.

A record of the recordings is available on Partneriaeth Ogwen's channel on

[www.amam.cymru](http://www.amam.cymru)



## Cynefin a Chymuned

Penwythnos o ddarlithoedd a theithiau cerdded hanesyddol a diwylliannol

**Nos Wener 17 Medi 7pm - 'Tirwedd a Hanes yn Nyffryn Ogwen'**  
Darlith Dr Dafydd Gwyn, Neuadd Ogwen, Bethesda

**Dydd Sadwrn 18 Medi 10yb - 6.00 - Cyfres o ddarlithoedd diwylliannol a stondinau gwybodaeth yn Neuadd Ogwen**

**Dydd Sul 19 Medi - Teithiau Cerdded Diwylliannol**

Manylion rhaglen yn llawn ar dudalen Facebook 'Cynefin a Chymuned Ogwen'

**Mwy o wybodaeth / Further details - [chris@ogwen.org](mailto:chris@ogwen.org)**

*This is a Welsh medium weekend of lectures. Translation facilities will be available at Neuadd Ogwen*



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Penwythnos o ddarlithoedd a theithiau cerdded hanesyddol a diwylliannol

**Nos Wener, 17 Medi 2021**

**7 yb** Tirwedd a Hanes yn Nyffryn Ogwen  
Darlith agoriadol Cynefin a Chymuned gyda Dafydd Gwyn

**Dydd Sadwrn, 18 Medi 2021**

**10 yb** Darlith Cymdeithas Hanes Dyffryn Ogwen i'w thraddodi gan Ieuan Wyn

**11 yb** Ysbrydiolaeth Artistig - Dylanwad Dyffryn Ogwen ar artistiaid cyfoes gyda Rebeca Hardy Griffith, Anna Pritchard, Sian Owen, Darren Hughes ac Iwan Gwyn Parry.

**12 yb** Crefft Gyntaf Dynolryw - sgwrs am hanes amaethyddiaeth yn Nyffryn Ogwen gyda Dafydd Fôn

**12.45 yb** Toriad Cinio

**2 yb** Beth yn y Byd - Golwg ar ddiwylliant trefedigaethol drwy gasgliadau Castell Penrhyn gyda Lois Jones ac Eleanor Harding, Ymddiriedolaeth Genedlaethol Cymru

**3 yb** Rhwng y Strand a Llafar - Caradog Pritchard yr alltud gyda Menna Baines

**4 yb** Cydfentro Cymunedol - Mentergarwch cymunedol yn y broydd chwarelyddol heddiw gyda Meleri Davies, Partneriaeth Ogwen a Dolan

**6 yb** Taith Sin Roc Pesda gyda Rhys Mwyn

**Dydd Sul, 19 Medi 2021**

**10 yb** Ynni Ddoe a Heddiw - Taith gerdded o Felin Fawr i Bont Ogwen yng nghwmni haneswyr lleol ac Ynni Ogwen Cyf.

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**10.30 yb** Taith Natur Ogwen - Ben Stammers, Ymddiriedolaeth Natur Gogledd Cymru

**Am fwy o wybodaeth / For further details - [chris@ogwen.org](mailto:chris@ogwen.org)**

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# THE ENVIROMENT



## Dyffryn Gwyrdd

A team of 8 members of staff now works on various Dyffryn Gwyrdd environmental and community projects. This is Partneriaeth Ogwen's biggest environmental community project funded by the National Lottery Community Fund. This project is a scheme to prevent poverty through environmental community action with a team of staff leading a wide variety of projects that tackle fuel poverty, transport poverty and food poverty.

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Hywel Williams MP and Sian Gwenllian MS opening the Dyffryn Gwyrdd Office with Meleri Davies, Chief Officer of Partneriaeth Ogwen and Huw Davies, Dyffryn Gwyrdd Manager.

### ***Community Growing and Planting***

As part of the Dyffryn Gwyrdd team's wellbeing and environment work, we have managed to create new green spaces and community gardens in the Valley. There was a very busy period with significant, visual impact as Llys Dafydd was revived and replanted with edible plants. Funding was also received to transform the Tan Twr Garden into a garden for pollinators and wildlife.

One of the main achievements from this time was setting up a new partnership with Byw'n Iach company creating a community garden and allotments in Plas Ffrancon, Bethesda. By now, seven allotments have signed up and there is a small group of volunteers who go to the garden regularly on Wednesday mornings.



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As well as the new gardens, wildflower planting sessions were held in housing estates including Arafon in Mynydd Llandygai and Ciltrefnus in Gerlan, and planting a small garden in Maes Bleddyn with pupils from Ysgol Llanllechid. Also in October, an apple harvesting day was arranged in Llys Dafydd with the community coming together to squeeze apple juice.

We have planted fruit trees last winter to create Ogwen's community orchards which includes 9 sites across the Valley so far (Fferm Moelyci, Fferm Pandy, Canolfan Tregarth, Penyffriddoedd street corner, on the side of the path above Rachub, Llys Dafydd, Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen, Ysgol Abercaseg). In January 2022, we will include the Rugby Club and playing fields at Rachub and 100 fruit trees will have open access to them.

Oak trees were also planted in an attempt to prevent climate change.

### *Fuel Poverty and Energy Efficiency*

Preventing fuel poverty and energy efficiency is also part of the objectives of the Dyffryn Gwyrdd project and two online advising sessions were held and later on in the year, with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions, two face to face advising sessions were held in Canolfan Dyffryn Gwyrdd and Pantri Pesda. We have worked with Adra and Travis Perkins to develop information sheets on energy efficiency and these sheets will be distributed in Pantri Pesda sessions and in the hub in Dyffryn Gwyrdd.

### *Reduce transport poverty – Dyffryn Gwyrdd Community Transport*

Although the original aim of Efan, the electric car, was to transport individuals to appointments and social events, it wasn't possible to do so during the first year due to the challenges faced by the pandemic. However, with the easing of restrictions by the autumn, the car was used for the coffee afternoons recently transporting our first users back to Tregarth. In January we'll be able to install a new entry step on the vehicle and this will facilitate getting into the car and we will be promoting its use for hospital and leisure journeys. The vehicle has now had regular use by Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen transporting pupils to lessons in Caernarfon and Llangefni.

During the reporting period financial support was received from the Climate Action Boost Fund by the National Lottery and a second electric car was received for Dyffryn Gwyrdd. The new car was used for use by members of the public for a daily rental fee.

These vehicles and the Partneriaeth's electric van were christened the following by pupils of Ysgol Llanllechid – Efan, Tryfan and Carnedd.



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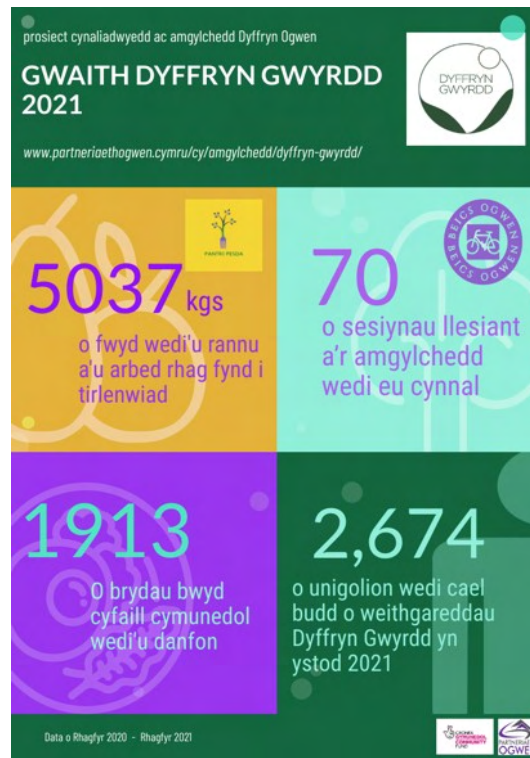


### Beics Ogwen

This element of Dyffryn Gwyrdd's work has developed well with several leisure sessions i.e. trips to Moelyci along the Lon Las and several members of the public trialling the retro-fitting bikes, as well as Lee Waters, Deputy Minister for Climate Change recently visiting Bethesda. By now, regular volunteers work together on sessions and the Lottery has agreed for us to create a Bikes Technician job for 14 hours a week as a trial for three months to identify the potential. Following Lee Waters' visit a bid was presented for financial support to the Active Travel Fund and we hope to get a reply in the next few weeks.

As part of assessing the impact of our work, here are some relevant statistics from the perspective of the impact of the Dyffryn Gwyrdd project.

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## Ynni Ogwen

Partneriaeth Ogwen continues to provide a secretarial Service to the Board of Ynni Ogwen under a service level agreement. This includes providing a minute taking service in Board meetings and annual general meetings, creating newsletters for members and leading on Ynni Ogwen's social media work.

## Llyfrgell y Pethau

During the year, Partneriaeth Ogwen led on a tender on behalf of the Dolan network (Cwmni Bro Ffestiniog, Siop Griffiths and Partneriaeth Ogwen) to establish 3 Llyfrgell y Pethau in Gwynedd. The tender was successful and a Co-ordinator for Llyfrgell y Pethau was appointed in September 2021. The co-ordinator will lead on establishing the three libraries in Blaenau Ffestiniog, Penygroes and Bethesda with a focus on reducing poverty, reducing consumerism and encouraging a sharing culture within our communities.

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*Catrin Wager – Co-ordinator of Llyfrgell y Pethau within Dolan communities with Dyffryn Ogwen's Community Librarian and Partneriaeth Ogwen's Chief Officer.*

### **GwyrddNi**

Partneriaeth Ogwen is a partner in the GwyrddNi project – a two year project funded by the National Lottery to establish climate change plans on the Llŷn Peninsula, in Dyffryn Nantlle, Bro Ffestiniog, Dyffryn Peris and Dyffryn Ogwen. A Climate Change Co-ordinator was appointed for Dyffryn Ogwen and will set up Dyffryn Ogwen's first Climate Change Assembly in 2022. The aim is to encourage our community to take ownership of the climate change agenda locally.

### **CRF ADRA Gwynedd Zero Net**

Partneriaeth Ogwen is also a partner in a successful bid to the UK Community Renewal Fund. This bid is worth over £600,000 and Partneriaeth Ogwen will lead on one work package to establish community sustainability hubs in 6 communities across the catchment area.



# ECONOMY



## QUESADILLA GYDA CAWS COSYN, MADARCH SHIITAKE A CÊL

Dyma ginio bach hawdd a chyflym sy'n llawn ffibr ac mae'r madarch Shiitake o'r Ardd Fadarch yn ffynhonnell wych o fitamin D.

### CYNIHWYSION

BWYDO 2

Pryd i un = CALORIAU: 247 PROTEIN: 10.8g  
CARBS: 30.5g BRASTER: 7.9g

- 2 tortilla blawd cyflawn
- 50g Cosyn Brefu Bach, wedi'i dorri'n dafelli bach
- 10g Madarch shiitake sych (Yr Ardd Fadarch)
- Llund llaw o gôl (neu sbigoglys neu roced)
- Halen a phupur



### DULL

- Berwch degell ac arllwyswch y dŵr berw dros y madarch am 20 munud (cofiwch i gadw y stoc blasus am ryw beth arall!)
- Cynheswch badell ffrio ar wres uchel.
- Paratowch eich holl cynhwysion yn barod ac yna rhowch y gwres lawr i ganolig.
- Rhowch 1 o'r tortillas yn fflat ar y badell ffrio sych, poeth. Yna rhowch y caws, y cêl (neu'r llysiau gwyrdd eraill) a'r madarch yn gyflym a rhywfaint o halen a phupur ar hyd a lled y tortilla, gan sicrhau eu bod yn cael eu rhannu'n gyfartal.
- Rhowch y tortilla arall ar ei ben. Coginiwch am 2-3 munud yna trowch drosodd a choginiwch yr ochr arall am 2-3 munud nes bod y tortilla wedi brownio a bod y caws yn dechrau toddi.
- Yna, torwch yn chwarteri a'i rannu ar ddau blât gyda salad ochr.



## Cadwyn Ogwen

A co-operative scheme to sell, deliver and support local produce in Dyffryn Ogwen. It was established in response to the pandemic in 2020 with the support of local businesses and public grants. In 2021, a Development Officer was employed for the scheme through the Llechi, Glo a Chefn Gwlad scheme with the officer working full time. During this time, a local produce pop up shop was opened on the High Street giving producers an additional platform to sell their produce in our community. Recipes and cooking films were developed using Cadwyn Ogwen produce giving customers an idea of what to do with the high quality produce sold on the Cadwyn. It was also successful with a grant application to fund an electric van to support the scheme with the van being used to transport and deliver produce in the area. A grant was also received to install a charging point. 17 companies are supported on the digital chain and around 10 companies in the pop up shop. Since the end of lockdown, sales through the digital chain have stabilized with around 25 customers buying local produce from our website every week. An evaluation was commissioned by Cynan Jones on the Cadwyn Ogwen scheme setting recommendations in terms of the scheme's future development. During the year, £33,687 worth of produce was sold on behalf of local producers.



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Picture – First Minister of Wales Mark Drakeford in front of Cadwyn Ogwen's Pop Up Shop with Mark Gray The Menai Seafood Company, Carrie Rimes Cosyn Cymru, Lucinda Enston Cadwyn Ogwen Development Officer, Meleri Davies Chief Officer of Partneriaeth Ogwen and Dafydd Meurig Chair of Partneriaeth Ogwen.

## Canolfan Cefnfaes

During 2021, bids were presented to two significant funds with success in obtaining a grant of £225,000 from the Welsh Government Community Facilities Programme, but unfortunately our bid to the Lottery's People and Places fund was unsuccessful.

Following from this, Welsh Government has allowed us to use money from the Community Facilities Programme to develop the building in three phases:

Phase 1 – Develop the social aspects of the building, i.e. the Multipurpose Room, standard kitchen and two sizeable workshops, also put in place infrastructure elements which will work with other parts of the building when they'll be developed, i.e. heating systems, fire and safety.

Phase 2 – Create the Workshops to let to local businesses

Phase 3- The Bunkhouse.

Grant applications and/or Loans through Social Investment Cymru and other grant sources are in the pipeline to fund phases 2 and 3 of the project.

During this pre-development stage, it's with pleasure that we say that the building is already full with tenancies as it is, including staff from the Carneddau Project and Black Dragon Kickboxing company and storage for a project that works with vulnerable young people. The centre is also home to several of the Partneriaeth's projects including Pantri Pesda, Gofod Gwneud and Caffi Trwsio, Dyffryn Gwyrdd Bikes Workshop and a Co-working Room where businesses and/or organizations can rent out desks.

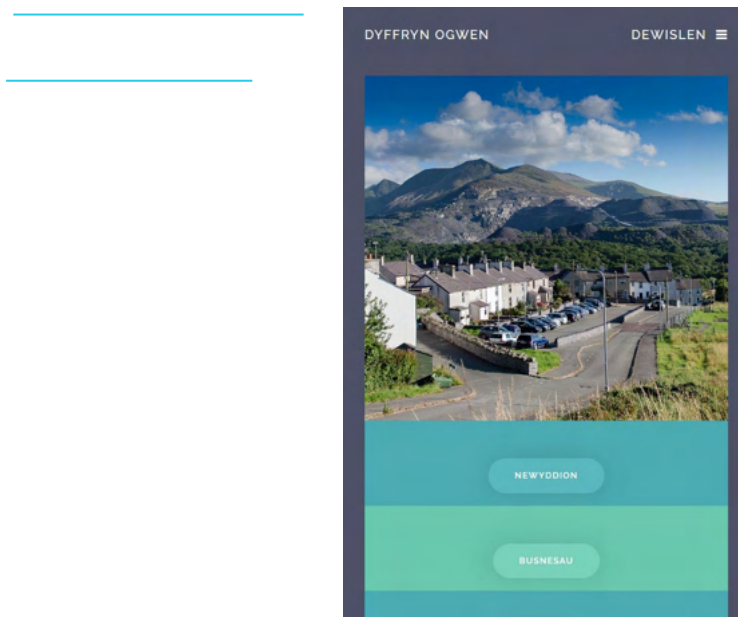
The rental income addresses the running costs and therefore sets a strong foundation for the next steps in the building's development.



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## The [www.ogwen.cymru](http://www.ogwen.cymru) Website and Community WiFi Scheme

The [www.ogwen.cymru](http://www.ogwen.cymru) website continues to be a resource to promote community activity and local businesses. We continue to employ an officer to maintain this website for half a day a week and more companies and organizations are now advertising on the website. The officer also presents 'Howgets' podcasts promoting local businesses and characters.



## Consultancy Work and Finance Service

We continue to develop new income streams and methods of supporting local businesses and organizations in Dyffryn Ogwen. We now provide a finance service to Sex Education Company, Tabernacl Bethesda Ltd Company and Bethesda Rugby Club. We have employed a Finance Officer to assist with this work which includes a bookkeeping service, payroll etc.

We also continue to provide a commercial consulting service with Cynan Jones leading on commercial contracts for third sector organizations across north Wales. This work includes work for Canolfan Owain Glyndŵr, Llety Arall and O Ddrws i Ddrws.

In November 2021, a grant from the Wales Volunteering Fund was awarded to fund a project that will allow the Partneriaeth to develop this work further with a focus on developing a package of services including a clerking service for the third sector.

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## Community Tourism and Shuttle Bus

During 2021, a successful bid was presented to the European 'Co-operation and Supply Chain' fund for an electric shuttle bus to take tourists up to Nant Ffrancon in the peak Holiday season. We will be appointing staff to lead this project and the bus will arrive in February 2022. The bus will be a new service that will, hopefully, solve some of the parking issues up by Llyn Ogwen and will also bring economic benefit to Bethesda as tourists park in the village. It will also bring environmental benefits by reducing carbon emissions in the National Park. The shuttle bus will also be available to local community groups and organizations outside the tourist season.

## Spar building

Two successful bids were presented to buy the old Spar building in Bethesda in October 2021 - £227,000 from the Welsh Government and £20,000 from Snowdonia National Park. The purchase of the property is now in the hands of our lawyers and we will be working on bids to repair the building to develop it into a retail and heritage centre.

## Skills and Young People

### Byw a Bod 2

During the summer of 2021, Partneriaeth Ogwen was part of a Byw a Bod 2 project by Arloesi Gwynedd Wledig. 3 young people were employed over a period of 8 weeks leading on a project looking at obstacles faced by young people to participate in their community. Anna Sethi has continued to work for the team based on her work experience with us during the summer of 2021.

### Kickstart

During 2021, two young people have worked with Partneriaeth Ogwen and Siop Ogwen through Westminster Government's Kickstart employment scheme. Morgan Rees Evans works in Siop Ogwen and Ianto Shea works with the Partneriaeth helping with the Dyffryn Gwyrdd and Cadwyn Ogwen projects.

## Llechi Glo a Chefn Gwlad

Partneriaeth Ogwen is in the second year of an innovative national project called Llechi, Glo a Chefn Gwlad which brings together 9 social enterprises from different parts of Wales. With the support of the Rank Foundation and National Lottery, 27 community apprentices will work with 9 social enterprises across Wales over a period of 3 years. In 2021, Lucinda Enston was employed as the Community Leader for Partneriaeth Ogwen and she led on the Cadwyn Ogwen project. As well as gaining practical experience of community activity, Lucinda has received training in community development and gained experience of being part of an innovative national network. The community leader for 2022 will start in the role in January.

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Lucinda Enston – Community Leader as part of the Llechi Glo a Chefn Gwlad 2021 project

### Carneddau Project and UNESCO World Heritage Site Bid

Partneriaeth Ogwen continues to be a member of the Partnership Board of the Carneddau Partnership project which has received a substantial grant from the Lottery Heritage Fund. We have also been on local steering groups for the LleChi project and will continue to work together with Gwynedd Council following the success of the bid. During 2021, the LleChi fund funded several local projects including an impressive mural on the gable-end of one of Partneriaeth Ogwen's buildings.

Picture Rheinallt and Sian Gwenllian

### Property and Gardens

Our property portfolio is a combination of buildings as follows:

Buildings we have bought through a grant and/or loan (26 and 27 High Street)

Buildings for which we are responsible through a 'beneficial ownership' agreement with Bethesda Community Council.

Buildings that we lease from Gwynedd County Council (Dyffryn Ogwen Community Library)

During 2021, we have signed a 3 year lease on the Canolfan Cefnfaes building and have developed a community garden space at Tan Twr and worked together with Canolfan Plas Ffrancon to develop community allotments.

### Shops, Flats and Studios for Local Tenants



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Partneriaeth Ogwen continues to administer units on the Bethesda High Street under a 'beneficial ownership' agreement with Bethesda Community Council. All units are occupied and the tenants include:

Cwrw Ogwen – a local company that brews beer

Menai Seafood Company – a local seafood business

Annie's Orphans – a charity shop selling second-hand clothes, toys and books

We also hire out 2 studios to local creative companies

9Bach – musical artists from Gerlan

Dyfal Donc – designers of contemporary art and craft work from Bethesda.

Five flats are also let to local tenants and commercial units are hired out in Canolfan Cefnfaes. The rental income from these properties goes towards the maintenance costs of the buildings and the running costs of Partneriaeth Ogwen which includes employing a Property Caretaker for one day a week.

## Clerking

Partneriaeth Ogwen provides clerking services to three Community Councils - Bethesda Community Council, Llandygai Community Council and Llanllechid Community Council. The clerking work includes organising the council meetings, preparing the documentation and taking the minutes, dealing with correspondence and enquiries from the public and managing councils' finances. The clerks also lead on extra work such as coordinating the graziers' payment system for the Mynydd Llanllechid Committee and organising the councils' finance sub-committees. Donna Watts acts as the clerk for Bethesda Community Council and Bethan Wyn Roberts now acts as the clerk for the Llandygai and Llanllechid Community Councils. Bethan also continues to support Donna with Bethesda Council's clerking work with Donna leading on finance and administrative management of Partneriaeth Ogwen. They both provide high quality clerking services to the three Community Councils in the area.

With the support of Bethesda and Llandygai Community Councils, a budget has been set aside to employ a Maintenance Officer to collect litter in the area. Adam Quaek has left the role and a new officer will begin in January 2022.

## Marketing, Engagement and Publicity

Partneriaeth Ogwen maintains two websites [www.partneriaethogwen.cymru](http://www.partneriaethogwen.cymru) and [www.ogwen.cymru](http://www.ogwen.cymru) / [www.ogwen.wales](http://www.ogwen.wales) . We also maintain Facebook accounts - Ogwen360, Ynni Ogwen and Siop Ogwen and Dyffryn Gwyrdd groups, Beics Ogwen, Cadwyn Ogwen, Pantri Pesda and Petha updating these pages regularly. We also have Twitter accounts @SiopOgwen and @YnniOgwen and all these accounts are followed by over a thousand followers. All the marketing and publicity work is shared between Partneriaeth Ogwen's core

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staff. We have also developed YouTube channels and a channel on a new platform [www.amam.cymru](http://www.amam.cymru).

The Partneriaeth also receives requests to speak with local and national organizations about our projects. These presentations have included presenting in Welsh Government's Cop26 conference and presenting to the Gwynedd Sustainable Tourism Conference. As well as the presentations, several assembly members have visited us including the First Minister Mark Drakeford, Sian Gwenllian MS, Lee Wates MS, and Carolyn Thomas MS.

MD 07/12/2021

