
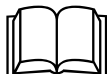






Merthyr Tydfil Biodiversity Partnership


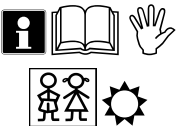

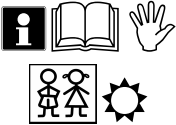

















Useful Links and Contacts




Organisations offering services and information related to nature conservation in Wales









Key					
					
Information	Training opportunities	Volunteering opportunities	Children / education	Days out / recreation	Products


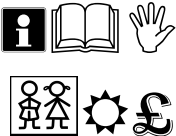


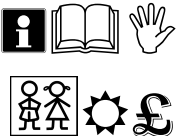
Organisation	Description	Website	Phone	Email	Services
Biodiversity Action Plan Reporting System (BARS)	Information on Merthyr Tydfil's Local Biodiversity Action Plan, and other Local Plans from around the country	www.ukbap-reporting.org.uk		info@ukbap-reporting.org.uk	
Biodiversity Records Centre for South East Wales	SEWBRc is the centre for the collation, management and dissemination of biodiversity data for South East Wales. Their aim is to make appropriate local biodiversity information available to all those who need it, to help ensure that decisions which affect local biodiversity are made using best available data.	www.sewbrec.org.uk			  
Brecon Beacons National Park	Brecon Beacons National Park, incorporating over a fifth of the area of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough	www.breconbeacons.org	01874 624437		    
















<p>British Trust for Conservation Volunteers</p>	<p>Volunteer on local projects: Make your community a better place in which to live, and gain valuable skills, experience and accredited qualifications. The BTCV Family Employment Initiative Programme also offers help with CVs, application forms, job searches, interview skills, training and work experience.</p>	<p>www.btcvcymru.org</p>	<p>07966 171993 or 07740 899730</p>	<p>steve.smith@btcv.org.uk or i.murphy@btcv.org.uk</p>	
<p>Butterfly Conservation</p>	<p>The UK's leading charity for the conservation of butterflies and moths.</p>	<p>www.butterfly-conservation.org</p>	<p>01792 642972</p>	<p>wales@butterfly-conservation.org</p>	
<p>Campaign for the Protection of Rural Wales</p>	<p>CPRW is a national charity which helps people to protect and enhance the landscape of Wales through educating about all aspects of landscape protection.</p>	<p>www.cprw.org.uk</p>	<p>01938 552525 or 01938 556212</p>	<p>info@cprwmail.org.uk</p>	
<p>Centre for Alternative Technology</p>	<p>Research, advice and training on sustainable and ecological living</p>	<p>www.cat.org.uk</p>	<p>01654 705950</p>		
<p>Coed-Cymru</p>	<p>Coed Cymru is an all Wales initiative to promote the sustainable management of broadleaf woodlands and the use of locally grown hardwood timber in Wales.</p>	<p>www.coedcymru.org.uk</p>	<p>01686 650777</p>	<p>gareth.j.henson@rhondda-cynon-taff.gov.uk</p>	
<p>Countryside Council for Wales</p>	<p>The Countryside Council for Wales is the governments statutory advisor on sustaining natural beauty, wildlife and</p>	<p>www.ccw.gov.uk</p>	<p>0845 1306229</p>		







	the opportunity for outdoor enjoyment in rural Wales and its inshore waters				
Dwr Cymru Welsh Water	Welsh Water are committed to identifying and accounting for the environmental implications of all of their activities, and for considering opportunities for economically sustainable environmental benefit.	http://www.dwrcymru.com/English/community/environment/index.asp	0800 0520145	fiona.jehu@dwrcymru.com	    
Environment Agency	<p>The Environment Agency are an Executive Non-departmental Public Body responsible to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and an Assembly Sponsored Public Body responsible to the National Assembly for Wales.</p> <p>Their principal aims are to protect and improve the environment, and to promote sustainable development. They play a central role in delivering the environmental priorities of central government and the Welsh Assembly Government through their functions and roles.</p>	www.environment-agency.gov.uk/homeandleisure/wildlife/default.aspx	08708 506506	enquiries@environmentagency.gov.uk	   
Forestry Commission Wales	Forestry Commission Wales acts as the Welsh Assembly Government's (WAG) Department of Forestry. They are responsible for managing the 38% of Welsh woodlands owned by the Assembly. They advise, on WAGs behalf, on the development of forestry policy and its	www.forestry.gov.uk/wales	0300 0680300	fcw-enquiries@forestry.gov.uk	   


	implementation. They also encourage sustainable woodland management within the private sector and are responsible for administering grants and regulatory work, including licensing for felling and replanting.				
Glamorgan Birds	This is a joint venture between the Glamorgan Bird Club and Gower Ornithological Society. The main function of these bodies is to produce the annual bird reports for the East and West of the county of Glamorgan. Their website features a number of online services aimed at making your birding in Glamorgan much easier. There are links to a number of pages that will be useful to anyone with an interest in birds, from the casual birdwatcher to the keenest of birders.	www.glamorganbirds.org.uk/index.htm			
Glamorgan Moth Recording Group	The focal point for Moth Recording in Glamorgan on the Internet, providing recorders with up-to-date information on Moths and the activities of the group.	www.sewbrec.org.uk/gmrg/	02920 762182	Mike.Powell2@coorsbrewers.com	
Groundwork Merthyr and Rhondda Cynon Taff	Their portfolio of environmental work ranges from our Greencare service, providing environmental projects for communities, through to development of the Taff Bargoed Millennium Park. Their Loops and Links project continues to be a leading initiative in the development of the South Wales	www.groundworkinwales.org.uk/groundworkmerthyandrrhonddacynontaff.html	01685 883880	craig.harding@groundwork.org.uk	

	Valleys as a tourism destination.				
Institute of Ecology and Environmental Management	Established in 1991, IEEM has over 4,000 members drawn from local authorities, government agencies, industry, environmental consultancy, teaching/research, and NGOs. IEEM is the professional body that represents and supports ecologists and environmental managers in the UK, Ireland and abroad. It provides a variety of services to develop competency and standards in ecology and environmental management.	www.ieem.net	01962 868626	enquiries@ieem.net	 
Keep Wales Tidy	Keep Wales Tidy has agreed the following Mission. "Keep Wales Tidy will work to encourage local action to protect and enhance the environment of Wales." It will engage in activities that encourage individuals, groups and organisations to act in a way that achieves a Clean, Safe and Tidy Wales.	www.keepwalestidy.org/	02920 256767	south@keepwalestidy.org	   
Merthyr and Tydfil District Naturalists' Society	Objectives include promoting animals and plants of the countryside and objects of geological, historical and archeological interest; promoting the formation of nature reserves and to assist in their supervision; and fostering interest in nature conservation through public meetings, film shows, exhibitions etc		01685 389710		 

<p>Merthyr Tydfil Angling Association</p>	<p>Merthyr Tydfil Angling Association offer a superb range of fishing in beautiful surroundings, and for many different fishing styles and species.</p> <p>Browse the web site for information on the Association, our waters, membership prices, the Forum, etc.</p>	<p>www.mtaa.co.uk</p>			
<p>National Trust</p>	<p>The National Trust is a charity and is completely independent of Government. They We rely for income on membership fees, donations and legacies, and revenue raised from our commercial operations.</p> <p>They protect and open to the public over 350 historic houses, gardens and ancient monuments, and also look after forests, woods, fens, beaches, farmland, downs, moorland, islands, archaeological remains, castles, nature reserves and villages.</p>	<p>www.nationaltrust.org.uk</p>	<p>0844 8001895</p>	<p>enquiries@nationaltrust.org.uk</p>	
<p>Natur Cymru</p>	<p>Quarterly not-for-profit Welsh Nature Conservation Publication</p>	<p>www.naturcymru.org.uk</p>	<p>01248 387373</p>	<p>info@naturcymru.org.uk</p>	
<p>Plas Tan-y-Bwlch</p>	<p>Environmental Study Centre in Snowdonia National Park</p>	<p>http://www.eryri-npa.co.uk/</p>	<p>01766 770274</p>	<p>parc@snowdonia-npa.gov.uk</p>	
<p>Royal Society for the Protection of Birds Cymru</p>	<p>"The RSPB's aim is to conserve wild places for birds and other wildlife - so naturally we are concerned with biodiversity as a whole, not just birds. In fact, our nature reserves are havens for all sorts of threatened species, from leeches to lichens, plus</p>	<p>www.rspb.org.uk/wales</p>	<p>02920 353000</p>		

	habitats that we restore.”				
Shared Earth Trust	Conservation training, research and education in Ceredigion	www.shared-earth-trust.org.uk	01570 493358		 
Skills Council for Environment and Land Based Industries	The Sector Skills Council for the environmental and land-based sector	www.lantra.co.uk/wales			     
Soil Association	The UK’s foremost organic organisation; offering research, education and advice.	www.soilassociation.org	0117 3145000		     
South East Wales Rivers Trust	The South East Wales Rivers Trust is one of the seven river trusts in Wales. It is one of more than twenty such trusts that are working for better rivers across Britain with Afonydd Cymru acting as an overarching body for the Welsh River Trusts and the Association of Rivers Trusts for those in England. The trust was formed in 2007 and its members, volunteers and sponsors are committed to protect and improve the aquatic environment and the associated habitat of our rivers. Our work will bring lasting benefits to the wildlife and communities of South East Wales and will contribute to - The restoration of riparian and aquatic habitat., Protection and conservation of the plants and animals that live in	www.southeastwalesriverstrust.org.uk/		admin@southeastwalesriverstrust.org.uk	

	and around the rivers., Support for environmental education.				
Sustain Wales	<p>Cynnal Cymru-Sustain Wales is an independent, not-for-profit organisation that promotes sustainable development and provides practical information to help people live sustainably.</p> <p>Operating at the boundary between government, business, and civil society, Cynnal Cymru is uniquely positioned to assimilate the views of each group and generate communication between them that will result in positive action for sustainable development.</p>	www.sustainwales.com			 
Wales Biodiversity Partnership	<p>Wales Biodiversity Partnership (WBP) brings together key players from the public, private and voluntary sectors to promote and monitor biodiversity action in Wales.</p> <p>WBP provides a leadership role and an expert steer on priorities for action on biodiversity in Wales. WBP consists of a steering group (SG) and a wider partnership, supported administratively by a team drawn from the Countryside Council of Wales, Welsh Assembly Government and the Wildlife Trust Wales.</p>	www.biodiversitywales.org.uk	01685 724100	s.mchugh@welshwildlife.org or j.hynes@welshwildlife.org	   

<p>Welsh Institute of Countryside Management</p>		<p>www.natur.eu.com</p>			
<p>Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales</p>	<p>The Wildlife Trust works for a better future for all kinds of wildlife across South and West Wales. Our mission is to protect and improve habitats and wildlife in our local area as well as helping people to enjoy and understand their local wildlife.</p>	<p>www.welshwildlife.org/</p>	<p>01656 724100</p>	<p>t.jones@welshwildlife.org</p>	