

Magnificent Meadows Cymru

Spring News
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Dear all,

Whilst meadows might be difficult to think about at the moment - and even more difficult to reach - we wanted to share with you good news about two of our most exciting areas of work; creating community meadows and restoring over 30 meadows across Wales with partners the National Trust.

With our warmest wishes, the MMC team



The Magnificent Meadows Cymru Team visiting Cae'r Ddol community meadow, Llanberis. Left to right: Phoebe, Clare, Tamsin, Lucia, Sarah

Community Meadows

Working with groups across Wales, we are creating a network of accessible community meadows. Hospital meadows are in the pipeline at Withybush, in Pembrokeshire, and at Ysbyty Gwynedd in Bangor, where the meadow will become part of a wider 'Green Health Route', in partnership with the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare.

We are working with councils, housing associations and community groups... For example by installing interpretation panels at Cae'r Ddol in Llanberis and providing management plans to support the development of a meadow at the Riverside Park in Pontardawe.



Hmmmm, we wonder what this will look like once it has become one of our hospital meadow areas at Ysbyty Gwynedd?

Plans are in place to expand this work in 2021 and begin partnering with schools and churchyards. Working with different audiences will allow us to create a bank of case studies to support the creation of other community meadows beyond the life of the project.

National Trust Restorations

Magnificent Meadows Cymru is partnering with the National Trust to restore at least 200 hectares of flower-rich grassland. Ranging from wind-swept coastal grasslands to parkland adjacent to ancient castles and beautiful house, we will be working alongside countryside managers to advise on grazing, green hay and other management techniques. We will also be training NT staff and volunteers on how to monitor pollinators. We are excited to see these new and restored meadows flourishing across Wales within the next two years.



Locations of 31 sites where we are working in partnership with the National Trust to create and restore flower-rich grasslands



One of our National Trust restoration sites at Penrhyn Castle, North Wales

And finally...

Magnificent Meadows Cymru has an extensive and exciting 3-year plan but, as with many other aspects of our lives, it has been disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic. We hope that later this summer we can continue our work - it will be more important than ever for people to be outside and engage with nature as we recover.

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