

# Nature Networks Fund (round three) decisions, February 2024

Schedule of Decisions made by the Grant-in-Aid non-lottery sub-board (a sub-set of Trustees), 26 February 2024

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This fund aims to strengthen the resilience of Wales' network of protected land and marine sites, building capacity to strengthen and upscale future delivery for nature, and actively encouraging community engagement.

## Schedule of Decisions

### **#NNF3 Gregynog – Welcome Home to Nature**

Applicant: The Gregynog Trust

Decision: Award grant of £246,966 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Bellflowers and Butterflies – Restoring Nature Connections in Ceredigion**

Applicant: The National Trust for Places of Historic Interest or Natural Beauty

Decision: Award grant of £245,663 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Golygfa Gwydyr Community Forest**

Applicant: Golygfa Gwydyr Limited

Decision: Award grant of £177,867 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Future resilience for natural assets**

Applicant: Gwent Wildlife Trust Ltd.

Decision: Award grant of £249,985 (100%)

### **#NNF3 – Water Vole Reintroduction Feasibility Study – Wentlooge Levels**

Applicant: Gwent Wildlife Trust Ltd.

Decision: Award grant of £106,459 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Wales Marsh Fritillary Recovery Partnership**

Applicant: Butterfly Conservation

Decision: Award grant of £174,023 (100%)

### **#NNF3: Accessible Nature**

Applicant: The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales Limited

Decision: Award grant of £248,323 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Rockpool Guardians**

Applicant: Beach Academy CIC

Decision: Award grant of £67,034 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Coal Spoil Connections**

Applicant: Buglife – The Invertebrate Conservation Trust

Decision: Award grant of £213,730 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Green Finance Wales**

Applicant: Royal Society of Wildlife Trusts

Decision: Award grant of £143,912 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Grassland Communities**

Applicant: Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust

Decision: Award grant of £248,439 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Mynydd Waun Fawr Landscape Strategy**

Applicant: Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust

Decision: Award grant of £71,723 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Resilient Shores: Fostering Community Engagement and Environmental Learning for the Protection of Wales' Marine and Coastal Heritage**

Applicant: Pembrokeshire Coastal Forum Community Interest Company

Decision: Award grant of £222,217 (96.15%)

### **#NNF3 Llyn Brenig Conservation Grazing Pilot Project**

Applicant: Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig

Decision: Award grant of £72,211 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Capacity Building – Dolphin Diet Detectives: Unveiling Dolphin Diets and Engaging Communities**

Applicant: The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales Limited

Decision: Award grant of £249,306 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Bumblebees of North-West Wales**

Applicant: Bumblebee Conservation Trust

Decision: Reject

### **#NNF3 Prosiect mamaliaid morol Enlli – Cysylltu pobl â'r môr / Bardsey marine mammal project – Connecting people with the sea**

Applicant: Bardsey Bird and Field Observatory

Decision: Award grant of £219,517 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Moelyci SSSI: Diversification of grazing to enhance habitats**

Applicant: Snowdonia Donkeys

Decision: Award grant of £97,907 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Restoration for rare arable plants**

Applicant: Fieldwork Studio CIC

Decision: Award grant of £177,136 (98.33%)

### **#NNF3 Sea Trout River Enhancement and Management (STREAM) Project**

Applicant: West Wales Rivers Trust

Decision: Reject

### **#NNF3 Social Feasibility Assessment for the reintroduction of the European wildcat (*Felis silvestris*) to Wales**

Applicant: The Vincent Wildlife Trust

Decision: Award grant of £94,307 (90.41%)

**#NNF3 Project SIARC – Assessing the importance and connectivity of protected habitat features in Pen Llŷn a'r Sarnau SAC for the Critically Endangered tope**

Applicant: The Zoological Society of London

Decision: Award grant of £249,877 (100%)

**#NNF3 Camlas Maldwyn**

Applicant: Canal and River Trust

Decision: Award grant of £248,975 (100%)

**#NNF3 Priority Plants on SSSIs in Wales**

Applicant: Botanical Society of Britain and Ireland

Decision: Award grant of £152,096.00 (100%)

**#NNF3 Mae Natur yn Cyfri! / Nature Counts!**

Applicant: North Wales Wildlife Trust

Decision: Award grant of £249,875 (100%)

**#NNF3 Menter Fforest Mor: Sea Forest Initiative Wales**

Applicant: Plant Ecology Beyond Land (PEBL) CIC

Decision: Reject

**#NNF3 Saving rare invertebrates of the River Dee**

Applicant: Welsh Dee Trust

Decision: Reject

### **#NNF3 Gilfach Nature Reserve – Climate adaptation and resilience through nature's restoration**

Applicant: Radnorshire Wildlife Trust Limited

Decision: Award grant of £221,141 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Facilitating Accelerated Nature Networks for Seagrass (FANNS)**

Applicant: Project Seagrass

Decision: Award grant of £248,008 (85.22%)

### **#NNF3 Elenydd Peatland Partnership**

Applicant: The Welsh Water Elan Trust

Decision: Award grant of £190,000 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Building nature networks & stimulating communities**

Applicant: Ciliau partnership 1

Decision: Reject

### **#NNF3 Protecting Shad, Salmon and Sea Trout (PSST)**

Applicant: Swansea University

Decision: Award grant of £249,807 (100%)

### **#NNF3 – Growing Resilience: A National Nature Reserve for the future**

Applicant: The National Botanic Garden of Wales

Decision: Award grant of £249,986.00 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Cysylltu Natur 25x25 / Connecting Nature 25x25**

Applicant: Pembrokeshire Coast National Park Authority

Decision: Award grant of £244,450 (98%)

### **#NNF3 Heathland Social Enterprise**

Applicant: Cwm Arian Renewable Energy Ltd

Decision: Award grant of £85,788 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Welsh Yellowhammer Project – restoring arable biodiversity / Prosiect Bras Melyn Cymru – adfer bioamrywiaeth tir ar**

Applicant: Game and Wildlife Conservation Trust

Decision: Reject

### **#NNF3 Upstream Thinking to Manage INNS**

Applicant: Aberaeron Restoration Limited

Decision: Award grant of 75,822 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Cudyll Cymru / Raptor Monitoring Wales**

Applicant: BTO Cymru

Decision: Award grant of £249,270.00 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Sustaining the Uplands of North East Wales for Black Grouse / Cynnal ucheldiroedd gogledd ddwyrain Cymru ar gyfer y Rugiar ddu**

Applicant: Royal Society for the Protection of Birds

Decision: Award grant of £244,059 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Lampeter UWTSD SSSI Restoration**

Applicant: University Of Wales Trinity St. David

Decision: Award grant of £245,886 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Enriching Species and Habitats**

Applicant: The Welsh Water Elan Trust

Decision: Award grant of £103,450 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Connecting Conwy: a plan for seascape scale recovery of marine habitats in Conwy Bay and the Menai Strait**

Applicant: Zoological Society of London

Decision: Award grant of £236,556 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Coedwigoedd Glaw Gwydn yng Nghymru / Resilient Welsh Rainforests**

Applicant: Plantlife International – the wild plant conservation charity

Decision: Award grant of £197,172 (75%)

### **#NNF3 Understanding nutrient pollution from sediment cores to reverse declining biodiversity in Milford Haven Waterway and Western Cleddau River**



Applicant: United Kingdom Research and Innovation (UKRI)

Decision: Reject

### **#NNF3 Creaduriaid Cudd y Creuddyn / Cryptic Creatures of the Creuddyn**

Applicant: Conwy County Borough Council

Decision: Award grant of £248,348 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Llif Dyfi Flows**

Applicant: Partneriaeth Eco Dyffryn Dyfi / Eco Valley Partnership

Decision: Reject

### **#NNF3 Adfer Dyfi Restore 1 (revenue)**

Applicant: Partneriaeth Pennal Limited

Decision: Award grant of £249,200 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Garden Escapers! North West Wales Development Project**

Applicant: North Wales Wildlife Trust

Decision: Award grant of £250,000 (92.96%)

### **#NNF3 Newid Llanw: llawlyfr cymunedol ar gyfer arfordir gwydn / Changing Tides: a community guide to a resilient coast**

Applicant: RSPB Cymru

Decision: Award grant of £212,794 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Adfer Dyfi Restore 2 (capital)**

Applicant: Partneriaeth Pennal Limited

Decision: Award grant of £238,800 (100%)

### **#NNF3 Menai Strait Forum: Interconnecting the Eryri Uplands with Menai Strait Estuarine Waters for Ecological Protection**

Applicant: North Wales Rivers Trust Ltd

Decision: Reject