

# The Woodland Investment Grant (round five) decisions, May 2024

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A scheme to restore and enhance woodlands in Wales as part of the Welsh Government National Forest Initiative.

## Schedule of Decisions

### **Adfer Coetir Hynafol Ysbyty (ACHY) / Ysbyty Ancient Woodland Restoration**

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

Project description: This project will open previously inaccessible woodlands for community use. This will create new walking trails, recreational spaces and educational opportunities, fostering a connection with nature and encouraging future generations of conservationists.

Decision: Award Grant of £182,965.00 (100%)

### **Troed yr Harn Permissive Agroforestry Path**

Applicant: BLACK MOUNTAINS COLLEGE PROJECT

Project description: This project will create a permissive path at Troed yr Harn farm that adjoins Pwll y Wrach Nature Reserve, a site of special scientific interest due to its woodlands situated within Bannau Brycheiniog National Park.

Decision: Reject

### **Cogan - A Wood for all Seasons**

Applicant: Vale Of Glamorgan Council

Project description: This project is to help maintain, enhance and protect Cogan Wood whilst also providing a woodland that people can discover and enjoy now and for future generations to come.

Decision: Reject

## **Porthkerry - A Walk through the Woods**

Applicant: Vale of Glamorgan Council

Project description: This project will improve accessibility and public engagement with the park. This will include providing new interpretation materials, volunteer opportunities and improved access for all.

Decision: Award Grant of £249,676.00 (100%)

## **Colby Ancient Woodland Enhancement**

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

Project description: This project will restore the woodlands, creating a space for visitors to reconnect with nature. Improved footpaths will enable easier access, while the community orchard and new plantings will provide opportunities for recreation and learning.

Decision: Award Grant of £248,742.00 (100%)

## **Restoration and Reinvigoration of Maritime Woodland at Treborth Botanic Garden**

Applicant: Bangor University (Treborth Botanical Gardens)

Project description: This project focuses on increasing accessibility and community engagement with the woodlands. It will achieve this by removing access barriers, creating opportunities for learning and recreation and fostering a sense of ownership among the community through volunteer programmes.

Decision: Award Grant of £248,308.00 (100%)

## **Colwinston Old Ford and Coed Tregolwyn**

Applicant: Colwinston Community Council

Project description: This project's aim is to maintain and develop the local woodland area for community use and activities, as well as creating a safe area for local residents.

Decision: Reject

## **Staylitttle Demonstration Woodland**

Applicant: Nantyrhafod Limited

Project description: This project will create a landscape scale forest for everyone to enjoy. It will improve wellbeing and connect to a resilient ecosystem that supports nature's recovery.

Decision: Reject

## **Erlas Woodland**

Applicant: Erlas Victorian Walled Garden

Project description: The Erlas Victorian Walled Garden has expanded its size and become part of the National Forest for Wales. The project will create a fully accessible woodland with new planting, a creative hut and a connection to the existing National Forest, offering a valuable resource for the local community.

Decision: Award Grant of £99,600.00 (100%)

## **Restoration of Mill Common Community Woodland**

Applicant: Monmouthshire County Council

Project description: This project will restore the woodlands and create an educational space for the community. This will involve improving access, fostering community involvement and enhancing biodiversity through habitat restoration and green skills training.

Decision: Award Grant of £250,000.00 (96.71%)

## **North Cardiff Woodlands Project**

Applicant: Cardiff Council

Project description: This project aims to balance the needs of nature and humans in the woodlands. It will build healthy, resilient, multi-use woodlands, while maintaining and enhancing the access the public currently enjoys. It will make a significant contribution to the economy of the Cardiff region and to the Wales National Forest.

Decision: Reject

## **Access Penllergare**

Applicant: Ymddiriedolaeth Penllergare - The Penllergare Trust

Project description: This project aims to transform the Valley into a National Forest Hub by improving access to the historic woodlands and the Equatorial Observatory. New trails, recreational areas and educational programmes will be developed, while engaging the community in restoration and future management.

Decision: Award Grant of £249,150.00 (100%)

## **Park Wood Talgarth**

Applicant: The Woodland Trust

Project description: This project will restore the woodland's biodiversity and create a welcoming space for the community. This will be achieved through collaboration with volunteers, focusing on habitat improvement, public access and showcasing best practices in community woodland management.

Decision: Award Grant of £196,406.00 (97.52%)

## **Coed y Graig Newtown**

Applicant: The Woodland Trust

Project description: This project will restore the neglected Rock Wood and connect it with Coed y Graig woodland, creating a biodiverse haven for Newtown residents. Improved access and community engagement opportunities will allow residents to enjoy nature and participate in its preservation.

Decision: Award Grant of £83,401.00 (89.81%)

## **Bynea Community Woodland**

Applicant: Carmarthenshire County Council

Project description: This project will create a new woodland for the community, offering a space for recreation and environmental benefits. Through planting, path creation and community involvement, the project will improve access, biodiversity and wellbeing.

Decision: Award Grant of £70,993.00 (77.27%)

## **Pentremawr Community Woodland Project**

Applicant: Carmarthenshire County Council

Project description: This project will improve the woodlands for both people and nature. This will be achieved through habitat restoration, improved public access with features for all abilities and community engagement opportunities like volunteer groups. The project also aims to preserve the woodlands' historical and cultural heritage.

Decision: Award Grant of £159,033.00 (100%)

## **Coed Gors y Gedol Access Improvement Programme. Improving the accessibility of a Celtic Rainforest site in North Wales which is a SSSI and SAC with heritage interest; development of community use while enhancing the biodiversity in the woods**

Applicant: Edmund Seymour Bailey and William James Bailey/trading as E S Bailey and Sons

Project description: This private woodland will join the National Forest Network, offering improved access for all abilities and promoting local businesses. The project will focus on enhancing biodiversity, community engagement and sustainable timber production through a long-term management plan.

Decision: Award Grant of £174,550.00 (100%)

## **Esgair Woodlands**

Applicant: Wilderness Trust Ltd

Project description: This project aims to use the space as a community resource for people to enjoy and discover their creativity through learning, activities and celebrations in the woods.

Decision: Reject

## **Trehafren Fields Woodland Wander Trail**

Applicant: Going Green for a Living Community Land Trust Ltd

Project description: This project will create a haven for nature and people in the heart of town. A wheelchair-accessible path will wind through restored woodlands, while community engagement programmes will foster environmental stewardship and skills development.

Decision: Award Grant of £167,431.00 (100%)

## **Cynheidre Heritage Woodland Project**

Applicant: Llanelli and Mynydd Mawr Heritage Railway

Project description: This project focuses on enhancing the woodland's biodiversity and aligning with UK Forestry Standards. It will achieve this by upskilling volunteers in woodland management, creating a vital link in a regional cycling route and promoting community engagement through bilingual events.

Decision: Award Grant of £85,274.00 (100%)

## **Coed Lles**

Applicant: OUTSIDE LIVES LTD

Project description: This project will revitalise the ancient woodland at Aberduna Hall, safeguarding it for future generations. It will also create opportunities for under-served groups to develop skills in woodland management, fostering a connection to nature for vulnerable community members.

Decision: Award Grant of £104,181.00 (100%)

## **Coetiroedd Ogwen**

Applicant: Coetir Mynydd

Project description: This project is centred on the essential maintenance of mature woodland and ffridd with its wood pasture and will create new woodland to link them together.

Decision: Reject

## **Coed Hafod y Calch**

Applicant: Rhug Charitable Trust

Project description: This project will deliver environmental, social and economic benefits to our community. This will play a vital role in boosting biodiversity, providing a rich and diverse habitat for various species, supporting wildlife and aiding the recovery of nature.

Decision: Reject

## **Denmark Farm Woodland Connections**

Applicant: The Shared Earth Trust

Project description: This project builds on decades of community involvement to create a lasting legacy for the National Forest. It will improve accessibility for all abilities, promote education and connection to nature and update the woodland's management plan to prioritize health, research and climate change mitigation.

Decision: Award Grant of £92,600.00 (92.51%)

## **RmCw Enhancement for the Community and Sustainability**

Applicant: Dr P A Milner

Project description: This project will increase community involvement and promote sustainable woodland management. This will be achieved by improving access, providing infrastructure for events and learning and upskilling volunteers in coppicing techniques.

Decision: Award Grant of £44,403.00 (100%)

## **Cydweithion gyda chymunedau a bywyd gwyllt yn y Preselau/Collaborating with communities and wildlife in the Preselis.**

Applicant: Coed Preseli

Project description: This project will enhance the woodland's biodiversity and climate resilience. This will be achieved through scientific research, community engagement and the removal of conifers to favour native broadleaves, ultimately promoting a sustainable future for the forest and the local economy.

Decision: Award Grant of £124,472.00 (100%)

## **Coed y Felin Woodland Management**

Applicant: North Wales Wildlife Trust

Project description: This project will set up a long-term management cycle of coppicing and timber extraction, to increase the structural diversity of the woodland for wildlife, while unlocking the commercial value of timber to sustain its ongoing management beyond the project lifespan.

Decision: Reject

## **Bringing the woodland experience to the people**

Applicant: Chris Brown

Project description: This project aims to maintain 320 acres of Atlantic Woodland, to continue access to nature, peace and quiet for local residents and visitors.

Decision: Reject

## **Changing Forests in a Changing World**

Applicant: The Trustees of Ilchester Estates (2) Trust and The Hon Mrs C A Townshend (The Stinsford Partnership)

Project description: This project will focus on Bryn Arau Duon, a large National Forest for Wales woodland, to educate residents of Cilycwm, Caio, and Pumsaint about sustainable forest management practices. The project will also serve as a learning ground for other National Forest members, sharing knowledge on continuous cover forestry, wood science and red squirrel conservation.

Decision: Award Grant of £148,390.00 (95.74%)

## **Coedtir Bryn Ifan**

Applicant: North Wales Wildlife Trust

Project description: This project will create a new, well-managed woodland for the National Forest network. This project focuses on restoring native rainforest, improving access and education opportunities and fostering community involvement in tackling climate change and biodiversity loss.

Decision: Award Grant of £194,929.00 (100%)

## **LLYN BRENIG WOODLAND ENHANCEMENTS**

Applicant: Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig

Project description: This project will create a range of community and volunteer activities to help manage the woodland and bring people closer to their natural environment.

Decision: Reject

## **LLWYN-ON RESERVIOR WOODLAND RENAISSANCE PHASE 1**

Applicant: Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig

Project description: This project will create multi-purpose woodlands, improving access for recreation, education and learning opportunities

Decision: Reject

## **LLIW RESERVOIRS WOODLAND REGENERATION**

Applicant: Dwr Cymru Cyfyngedig

Project description: This project aims to create multi-purpose woodlands to National Forest standards, improving access for recreation, tourism, education and wellbeing activities so Lliw can become part of the National Forest for Wales

Decision: Reject