

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Fforest Fawr UNESCO GLOBAL Geopark
(European Global Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription: 2005

Year of the last revalidation: 2016

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)



Members of the Geologists' Association viewing the unconformable contact between the Pennsylvanian Twrch Sandstone and underlying Mississippian Penwyllt Limestone sequence at the Penwyllt geosite

2. GEOPARK STATISTICS

Number of Geopark staff: 7 including 2 geoscientists

Number of Visitors: Approximately 2.5 million

Number of Geopark events: Sixteen events held by the management body and 16 involving cooperative organizations.

Number of school classes involved in Geopark educational programmes: 60

Number of Geopark press releases: 12

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2017

- Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark organized two field excursions for the Geologists' Association Annual Conference in 2017.
- **Fforest Fawr Geopark Festival:** the Festival delivered a 15 day programme from 20 May to the 4 June including talks, field trips and activities for children. This event attracted over 1000 visitors to the Geopark.
- 14th EGN Conference, Azores Geopark. Presentation- Geological, Industrial and Cultural Heritage, Resources for Geotourism in Fforest Fawr UNESCO Global Geopark.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

- Participation in the 39th and 40th European Geoparks Network Advisory and Coordination Committee Meetings in the Burren and Cliffs of Moher Geopark, March 2017, and Azores Geopark, September 2017.
- Editing EGN Magazine 14
- Editing and contributing to issues 8, 9 and 10 of the EGN Newsletter

Management and Financial status

Fforest Fawr Geopark is managed by members of its partnership organizations including: the Brecon Beacons National Parks Authority; the British Geological Survey; Natural Resources Wales; Dyfed Archaeological Trust; the Brecon Beacons Park Society; Cardiff and Swansea Universities and local businesses and tourism providers. The Geopark continues to be funded by the Brecon Beacons National Parks Authority.

Geoconservation: Actively involvement with the RIGS group (Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites).

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism): 12 fieldtrips, 12 presentations developing new leaflets.

New Education programmes on geoconservation: Glacial Processes - Key Stage 3 Education in Wales curriculum.

Strategic Partnerships. British Geological Survey, Cardiff University, Swansea University and University of South Wales

Promotional activities: Promotion of the geopark and its activities through websites.

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