

GGN - Geopark Annual Report 2017-18

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

GeoMon UNESCO Global Geopark 200, Wakes UK: Year of inscription / Year of the last revalidation 2017

Representative Photo (from the most important event this year)



French International School learning about plate tectonics for Baccaloriat

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 7 in Geopark centre

16 guidea and 5 geoscientists (voluntary)

Number of Visitors: 2 million per year to the island of Anglesey- (all of which is our Geopark). 4,800 to the Geopark centre per year

Number of Geopark events:

12 public walks per year 3 talks, 4 educational field courses, Co-supervising student Ph. D. from Carriff. Teaching 1 student B.Sc Geology. 1 Members day walk and meal

Number school classes 4 realize Geopark educational programmes

Number of Geopark press release 3

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2017

Running a week for the entire 6th form of the French International School in London and 6 of their staff with 4 geologists and six volunteers.

Receiving an Honorary Fellowship from the University of Bangor for Public Distinction

Running fortnightly geowalks Easter to October .

Working with Bangor and Cardiff Universities on research with students.

Monitoring geosites on conservation sites in Anglesey.

I Huws managing the team sorting out a storm disaster that caused polystyrene on all the beaches and rocks in the north and west of the island.

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and Participation

Attending all EGN and GGN meetings. Member of Atlantic INTERREG group for 1 year

Articles published 3

Working with County Council AONB as Joint Advisory Councillor

Working with several Anglesey groups as partners eg Wildlife Trust, NRW. Red Squirrels

Joint working with the Government Conservation body. NRW Advertising GGN at shows in Anglesey and Cheshire.

Management and Financial status AS our financial status is not good we have numerous volunteers working for us. We have now formed a new committee with the AONB Joint Advisory committee to look into our financial status and sort this out as a partnership. The Welsh government is working with us to find solutions and has designated a government person to help us in this.

Geoconservation We continue to look after our sites under the leadership of the government agency NRW who are monitoring our sites for us and will do remedial work where required.

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism) We work with the Tourism officers in the County Council who have already created geotourism signs, information boards and plinths for us and repair as necessary. Our own geology of the island is a sustainable way of showing the geology without creating a footprint.

New Education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development. We have 3 new programmes, 1. work with the international school in London who intend to come here again next year and we will also provide them with a biological element to the course. 2. We have pme student doing his B.Sc part time with us in exchange for his help with Business advice as he is a Business Consultant in the Government in Co-operative Society. Supervising Ph. D student who will map newborough Forest and extend and create new trails and displays. We continue to run the very popular geokayaking courses at the end of the school term each summer. This is very popular and over subscribed.

disaster risk reduction I Huws has managed the polystyrene disaster and this is now complete. The Minister of the Environment is meeting on Anglesey to sort out a solution to the rubbish that comes in by sea with a team from the County Council led by I Huws..

Strategic Partnership

Promotional activities GeoMon is represented at all local shows and further afield with the County Council. We are represented all meetings in Anglesey where we can promote the Geopark and all relevant organisations have slate plaques with our UNESCO logo. We attend and display at all local events eg Menai Food festival and Beaumaris festival. We are planning next year to partner officially with the Beaumaris Festival as it coincides with EGN week.

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