



**Bryniau Clwyd a
Dyffryn Dyfrdwy**
Clwydian Range
and Dee Valley

Ardal o Harddwch Naturiol Eithriadol
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

**The Our Picturesque Landscape project 2018-23
Key Achievements**

The Project has brought together a strong partnership between the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB, Denbighshire County Council, Wrexham County Borough Council, Shropshire Council, Natural Resources Wales, Cadwyn Clwyd, Canal and River Trust, and the Friends of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley.

In the following table the key projects can be seen, the £2,000,000 project has been predominantly funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund, with additional funds provided by Welsh Government, CADW, Cadwyn Clwyd, CRT and both Denbighshire and Wrexham Councils.

Project	Work completed	Total spend
Improving the View	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significant woodland management work beneath Pontcysyllte Aqueduct, improving the health of the woodland whilst restoring key views from the WHS inscription.• Improvement works at a further 6 sites, including Pen y Pigyn, Horseshoe Falls, Velvet Hill, Caer Drewyn, Cefn Mawr, Berwyn Bends.	£55,692
Dinas Brân Gatehouse	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First recorded archaeological excavation.• Restoration of gatehouse tower, making it publically accessible for the first time in decades.	£142,111
Restoring Industrial Heritage	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restoration of the redundant Lengthsman's Huts at Horseshoe Falls and Fron Basin.• Restoration of the ram pump building in the grounds of Plas Newydd.	£55,336
Connecting Habitats	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9 landowners in receipt of grants to improve habitat connectivity and restore traditional landscape features.• 1917m of new hedgerow restored through the schemes.	£40,683

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production of a Ffridd Habitat best practice book. 	
Wenffrwd Llangollen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a new, accessible nature reserve. (Linked to the local doctors surgery) 	£428,478
Picturesque Bus Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three seasons of successful hop-on hop-off bus service stopping at many of the key visitor destinations in the Dee Valley. 	£37277
Improving Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of new woodland footpath linking community of Trefor to the canal towpath, with interpretation detailing the sites' historic industrial significance. • Creation of three interpreted walking routes and accompanying leaflets. 	£37,120
Horseshoe Falls Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of a new viewpoint, previously inaccessible to the public. 	£33,394
Interpreting the Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New interpretation panels for the 11 miles of the World Heritage Site. • Production of digital interpretation material, including virtual flythrough of the Dee Valley over time; AR environments allowing people to see some of the key sites in the area as they once were; series of films about the lives of the Ladies of Llangollen. • Creation of a portable camera obscura for use at interpretive events. • End of project exhibition scheduled for Sept 2023. 	£140,058
Restoring the Dell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant access improvements made to the dell at Plas Newydd, Llangollen, including footpaths, railings, benches. • Restoration of heritage features, including summer house and ram pump building. 	£48,787
Engaging Young People	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13 projects delivered to local schools covering a variety of activities and themes. • 18 Young Ranger days supported. • Over 1300 young people engaged with through the project. 	£12,893

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creation of educational resources for schools. 	
Art Inspired by Landscape	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four artist residencies resulting in diverse collection of written works and poetry in year 3. • 15 community workshops and 10 school projects led by artists, with over 250 people engaged. 	£53,717
Engaging Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 90 community events delivered through lifetime of project. • Over 2300 people taking part in OPL events. • Over 500 people have volunteered their time on OPL projects. 	£36,147
Outreach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 30 specific outreach events with target groups have taken place. • Over 300 people from target audiences have engaged with events. 	£7,565 Total £1,133,000