



**LLANGATTOCK COMMUNITY
WOODLANDS LTD**

Managing local woodlands for people and communities

ANNUAL REPORT

October 2022– October 2023

The mission of Llangattock Community Woodlands (LCW) is to:-

*Manage woodlands local to Llangattock for biodiversity, sustainable wood fuel and community enhancement;
through volunteer activities.*



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This is the 8th AGM of Llangattock Community Woodlands as a Charity and Co Ltd by Guarantee. Its been another good year for LCW with well attended workdays and volunteers have kept the environmental activity going, our customers have had wood and we continue to maintain a level of support to remain sustainable. The Trustees have really increased the level of development activity a lot during 2022 and 2023.

We continue to communicate our activities in a bi-monthly newsletter distributed to over 500 members of Llangattock Green Valleys, a strong and supportive partner for LCW and now use Facebook every week to chart our work. Other important partners include Canal & River Trust, Crickhowell Volunteer Bureau, Llangattock Allotments (LACAS), Bees for Development, Keep Wales Tidy, Brecon Beacons National Park, Llangattock Community Council who are a Bee Friendly Community, Woodland Trust Cymru, the Glanusk Estate and Crickhowell Estates.

Our wood and charcoal sales have increased this year using our 2 burners regularly during the summer and a successful Charcoal Day in Bluebell Wood. The work we do with Woodland Trust Cymru and being gifted wood from various sites we manage the flow of wood for wood sales and managing to provide all our customers with almost all the wood they need. Thanks to Andrew Peach our Treasurer we have managed to consolidate and improve our financial well-being again during this period and our accounts were registered with both the Charities Commission and Companies House on time. The work in Ty'r Ash has definitely paid off clearing the Himalayan Balsam and the laurel has been cleared from beside the canal.

As always and never to be forgotten, we do want to give a big 'thank you' for all the help and support that Llangattock Community Woodlands has received again this year from Trustees and partners but most importantly from volunteers and we have welcomed new volunteers during 2021 and 2022. We continue to gain greater credibility as an organisation now and into the future. So well done to everyone who has helped and if you have enjoyed the year then we have succeeded. We will have notched up an amazing 4567 volunteer hours between October 2022 up to end of September 2023. We built a compost toilet, put in French Drains, and laid the foundations for a new storage shed. Thank you to everyone who contributed to all that!!

Jackie Charlton (Chair)



VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Hours

LCW Weekly Sessions

Every week we have around 20 volunteers giving their time and joining the team. It never ceases to amaze me how people come together to do something to help our beleaguered environment. A lot of hard work goes on every week, supported and managed by lead volunteers. There is a picture gallery in this report showing all then different things we have done this year including building the Compost Toilet, laying the matting to protect our meadow where vehicles need to go, planting seeds for our wildflower experimental site and so much more. Of course, what makes us sustainable is the wood for wood fuel and charcoal, so important in keep us going, providing the sausages and refreshments and ensuring we have well maintained equipment for all the volunteers.





Picture Gallery Volunteers Woodcraft





Picture Gallery Volunteers Wood Processing





Picture Gallery Volunteers Environmental





Finances and Governance Information

Again I am delighted to report that the group is in a very stable financial position with good cash reserves and steady income from our woodland activities. Expenses are nicely under control. Many thanks should go to all the volunteers especially those involved in Firewood and Charcoal sales.

All our financial activity is managed by our Treasurer Andrew Peach who makes sure we are legal and all our expenses are paid as well as managing our income. Barry Sandilands manages all our sales of wood and charcoal and ensures our customers receive invoices as soon as deliveries are made. Jane Lee who joined us as a trustee this year has been busy applying for grants which is listed above.

Our accounts were filed by electronic means this year and can be seen at Companies House and on the Charity Commission website and Eric Gower our Secretary ensures all our records on Companies House and with the Charitable Commission are kept up to date. We meet regularly through the year as Trustees to manage our finances and ensure all our policies are up to date.

We are delighted to say that our accounts have been approved, we have good policies in place and with Health & Safety policy update which we have started to share with plans for regular in house volunteer training. Rob Dunning has continues to work with PAVO to ensure the polices are fit for purpose.

Our income for 2022 to 2023 was £20,992 and expenditure including charitable activities was £21,481.



FUNDING Successes and Failures

- SUCCESS!! - £1400 Greenman Trust for defib
- SUCCESS!! - £1500 Percy Davies Trust contribution towards new trailer
- SUCCESS!! - £1100 BBNP Connector Grant for wildflower meadow extension & 4 fruit trees

Rejection from Garfield Weston Foundation £11000

Rejection from Small Lottery Grant for £10,000

Still awaiting decisions on funding applications to enable us to purchase a twin axle tipping trailer, run a 6 week woodcraft course and purchase promotional material

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The Trustees: -
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Eric Gower – Company Secretary
Andrew Peach – Treasurer
Rob Dunning
Barry Sandilands
Paul Watts
Jane Lee

THE GOLDEN VOLUNTEERS

HOURS OF
VOLUNTEERING

BETWEEN OCT 22 TO SEPT 23

Funders, Supporters and Partners

Canal & Rivers Trust
Llangattock Green Valleys CIC,
Llangattock Allotments LACAS
Brecon Beacons National Park
Glanusk Estates
Woodland Trust Cymru

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Report of the Trustees
and
Unaudited Financial
Statements for the
Year Ended

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