

# Wales

Our activity in Wales was severely curtailed during the year due to strict Covid-19 restrictions including lockdowns and 'stay local' orders. We did still achieve several successes.

We were delighted to obtain approval from our partners for the Trevor Basin Masterplan. The Masterplan aims to be a catalyst to transform the site into a world class destination. Proposals include a new visitor centre, car park, footpaths, river bridge, woodland activity and education centre, glamping & camping, tree top walk, improved landscaping and plots for future development. Wrexham County Borough Council also confirmed the Masterplan is one of their key strategic projects.

In January, a £128,000 project to upgrade the towpath along the Swansea Canal from Trebanos to the County Boundary (Swansea) got underway. The Welsh Government is supporting the project through their Active Travel Fund.

We were pleased to receive a £254,000 grant from the Welsh Government's Sustainable Management Scheme

Natura 2000 fund for environmental enhancement work along the Montgomery Canal from Brynderwen Lock to Freestone Lock. The project includes vegetation management and clearing canoe portage points.

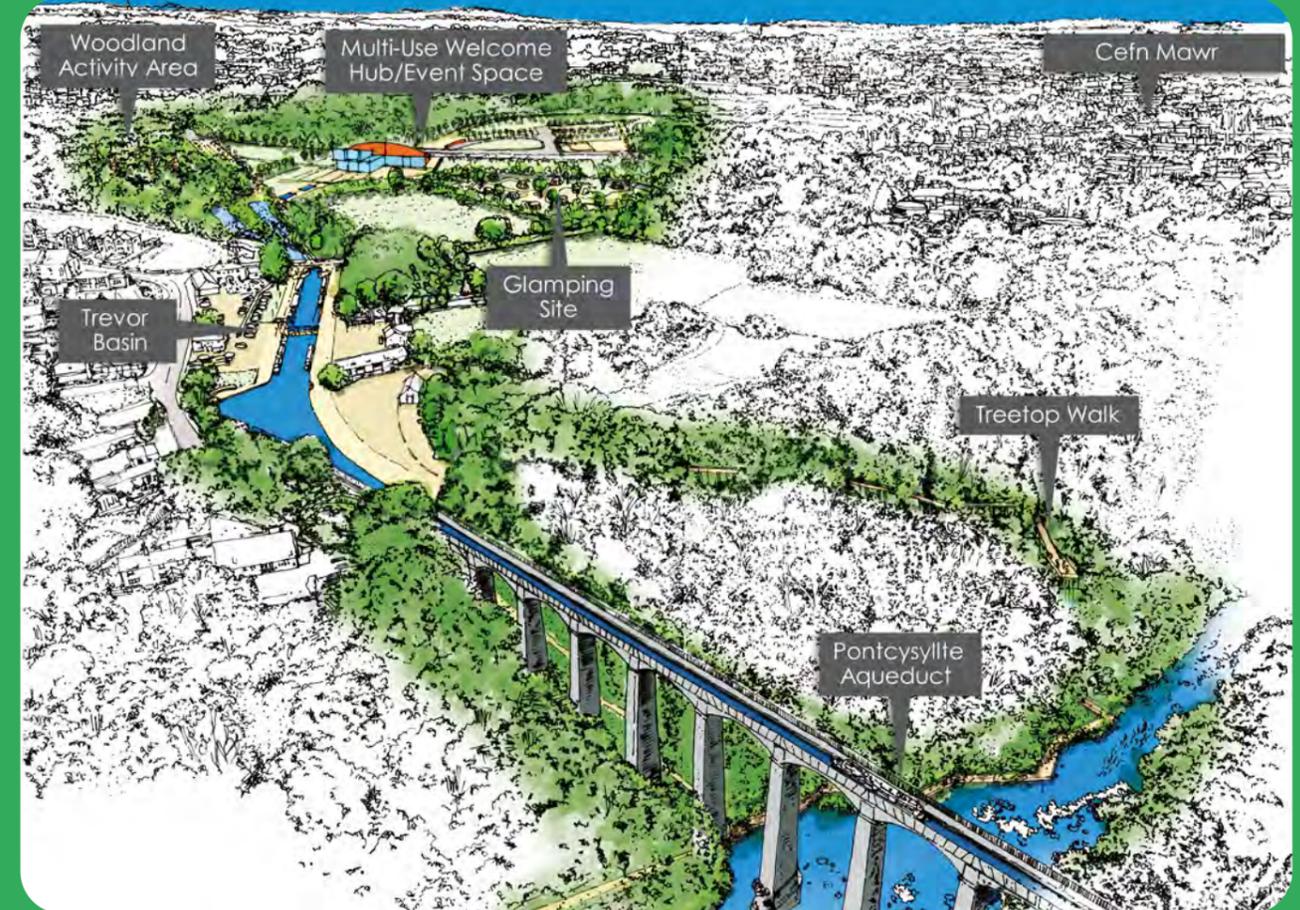
A £150,000 upgrade to Wrenbury Lift Bridge on the Llangollen Canal was finished just before Christmas. The manual swing arm barrier has been replaced by an automated drop-arm barrier at both ends, new waterside safety fencing and a new bridge control pedestal has been installed.

Using a grant from Swansea City Council, Swansea Canal Society purchased one of our properties alongside the canal. We are working with the society to look at how we can create a 'canal centre' with their new building and an adjoining building that we have retained.



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Above: Trevor Basin Masterplan

Water supply for the Mon & Brec Canal continues to be an issue. Following discussions with Natural Resources Wales and Welsh Water on the difficulties in delivering proposed changes to our abstractions from the River Usk to supply the canal, we engaged with the Welsh Government concerning the regulatory issues and timescales.

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