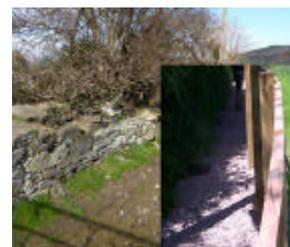


Despite the changeable weather – the work goes on... and the celebrations are a success. Our header photo is a snap shot of the 2500 people who celebrated the Jubilee with us. A 6ft beacon lit up the night on Moel Famau accompanied by music, dancing and singing. Watch the film on our Facebook page Denbighshire Countryside Service. *Thank you to Flintshire Countryside Service, Forestry Commission Wales and all the contributors and people who joined us for a fabulous night.*

An added mention to our wonderful volunteers, work experience students and the Alyn School community week participants who have been toiling with us in the countryside, despite the torrential rain. Thank you.

Footpath improvements

Work on Community Miles routes is bringing welcome improvements to rights of way across the County. Two new walks in the Community Miles series have recently been completed. These are the Tremeirchion Walk and Sun Bank Walk, Llangollen. Leaflets of the routes are available on the walking pages of the Denbighshire Countryside website.



Otter exciting surprise!

Members of the public on the Biodiversity Train Ride in June were thrilled to see an otter hunting for food in the River Dee near Carrog Station.

Revealing the Range

One of the old buildings at Loggerheads is transformed into a Hi-Tec audio-visual treat for visitors.



Going international

Fiona Gale, County Archaeologist, and Erin Robinson from the Heather and Hillforts Project were broadcasting over the Atlantic Ocean for the British History Podcast this month! Through the power of modern technology, the podcast broadcaster was able to interview the two archaeologists from his office in Portland, Oregon in North America as Fiona & Erin sat at a computer in north east Wales. Fiona & Erin were interviewed about the Iron Age heritage of the Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB and the work that the Heritage Lottery Funded Heather and Hillforts Project has been doing over the last five years.

The British History Podcast is a chronological telling of the story of Britain, focussing upon the human drama that is played out in history and can be found at <http://thebritishhistorypodcast.com/>. To find out more about the Heather and Hillforts Project please visit www.heatherandhillforts.co.uk

Everything you need to explore the countryside

The Clwydian Range Centre is now open every day at Loggerheads Country Park. Information, books, maps and great gifts and equipment – all with a Countryside Service smile.

Green flag for Loggerheads

Loggerheads Country Park has achieved Green Flag status again for contribution to the community and environment.



Helping to reduce the effects of flooding

Flooding has long been a problem for Loggerheads, but funding from Denbighshire's Buildings Maintenance May alleviate some of the damage. New surfacing to the floor outside the old buildings should channel the water back into the river, while work to re-build a section of the river wall in the autumn should reduce the water leaking onto the tea gardens. Fingers crossed!

Learning Journey to the Forest of Bowland

Countryside staff took members of the Clwydian Range Tourism Group to the Sustainable Tourism Seminar in the Forest of Bowland AONB to see achievements after 8 years with the Europarc Charter. Watch this space for news of changes following on from what we learned.



Wales Coast Path

Walking the Denbighshire section of the Wales Coast Path is as necessary to ensure its success as contributing to the launch – which took place at Flint Castle.

Little Tern's suffering from the weather and high tides

Dawn to Dusk wardening at the little tern colony at Gronant Dunes continues despite horrendous weather and unusually high tides, watch this space for news on how the fledglings fare.

New Buses for the summer

The Dee Valley and Clwydian Ranger Bus has been improved to help residents and visitors to walk in this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. *Walk one way and get the bus back.* One of the new additions is the FREE Llangollen Lift enabling you to get the bus to the Ponderosa and walk back to Llangollen. There are also links to the Offa's Dyke Path National Trail. Timetables are available from the Clwydian Range Centre, Loggerheads, local leaflet outlets, on our website or ring 01352 810586 for a copy.

Moel Famau to Loggerheads Shuttle is back for the holidays

Please help us and use the FREE shuttle as an alternative to dangerous and illegal parking on the A494. You can even get a free drink at Caffi Florence with your ticket. It is running every day through the summer holidays.

Departs Moel Famau		Departs Loggerheads
09.00	Calling at Coed Moel Famau	09.30
10.00		10.30
11.00		11.30
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Update on the North Wales Dormouse Project

Sad farewell, thank you and good luck to Deborah, Amy, Jacqui and Erin who have or are about to leave us for pastures new.....

Up and coming events

Family fun day at Moel Famau forest.

Families can come and enjoy some great forest fun activities including pond dipping and bush craft skills with chainsaw carving and birds of prey on display at Moel Famau forest, Saturday 21st July from 10am to 4pm. It will be a great opportunity for people of all ages to come and learn more about our forests and the wide ranging benefits they bring. Visitors will also be able to use the free Moel Famau shuttle bus to Loggerheads Country Park to experience the medieval magic event and join re-enactors from the Age of the Princes group who are camping for the weekend.

Digging into the Past

Professor Gary Lock from Oxford University is excavating at the privately owned Iron Age hillfort of Moel y Gaer Bodfari. Join us for a guided walk to visit the site, on July 24th, in the afternoon, and an open day on Monday July 23rd. Walks will start in Bodfari at 2pm, please contact Fiona Gale for more information, fiona.gale@denbighshire.gov.uk 01824 708262.



Orienteering

Can you complete the challenge of the new orienteering course at the delightful historic gardens of Plas Newydd?

Join us on Thursday 9th August, 10am-4pm and take part. The event is free to attend and is suitable for families.

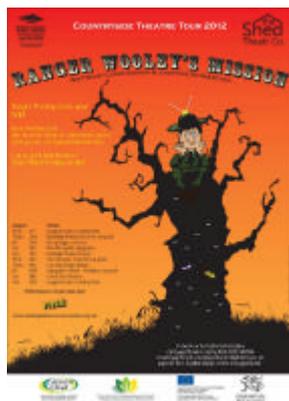
Can't make the date? Orienteering maps will be available from the Stables at Plas Newydd and on the Denbighshire Countryside website

Celebrate the Clwydian Range Weekend!

On 29th and 30th September we will be celebrating all things Clwydian Range! Come and visit us over the weekend at Coed Moel Famau for family fun, bike rides in the forest, vintage vehicles, animals, experimental archaeology and more.

The weekend is to celebrate the five year Heather and Hillforts Project, which comes to an end this year. All things on display are part of the Clwydian Range, including alpacas that graze the mountains, bees that make Moel Famau honey and Ancient Arts making smelting bronze as they would have done in the hills 4000 years ago!

The event will run from 10.30am until 3.30pm and is free of charge.



Ranger Wooley's Mission

Outdoor theatre coming to the countryside near you first two weeks of August.

More events visit

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Denbighshire Countryside Service are continually applying for Grant funding to ensure that projects continue to improve the countryside for biodiversity, landscape, community and visitors. This year we have successfully attracted over £400,000. We would like to thank our partners and funders for their tremendous work and contributions. Some are listed below:

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Clwydian Range & Dee Valley AONB Sustainable Development Fund.

Communities And Nature, Countryside Council for Wales.

Visit Wales, Cycling Centre of Excellence

Rights of Way Improvement Plan

Countryside Council for Wales

Heritage Lottery Fund

Forestry Commission Wales

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