

## **Transport for Wales embarks on an environmental mission with local community council.**

New trees will be planted, and volunteers will be trained in woodland maintenance as part of a new community nature project by Transport for Wales (TfW) and Llanbadoc Community Council.

We're working together to make enhancements to Twyn-y-Cryn woodland in Glascoed, part of Glascoed Common. We'll be working in the 160,000 square meters of Ancient Semi-Natural Bluebell Woodland to provide essential maintenance to the woodland, train volunteers, and plant saplings within the woodland to encourage and improve wildlife biodiversity.

A representative of the Council said, "Llanbadoc Community Council recognise the important roles that biodiversity and ecology play in our work and therefore guides our land management decisions. This project will provide a fantastic opportunity to work alongside members of our community to restore and create habitats and resilient ecological networks, to ensure the sustainability of our beautiful semi ancient woodlands into the future."

Leyton Powell, Director for Safety and Sustainability for Transport for Wales, said: "The Coed Cymunedol project will help make woodlands more accessible and more resilient, supporting the health and well-being of communities and providing areas for increased wildlife biodiversity and connectivity. Projects like this are important to us at TfW, creating a more connected network means more than better transport options. By working closely with our communities, we can ensure that we're building a network that Wales needs, deserves, and is fit for future generations."

TfW and 11 community partners across Wales have been awarded £100,000 from The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NHLF) Community Woodlands Scheme. The projects funded by this grant scheme will help to inform the Welsh Government's thinking on the long-term development of the National Forest in Wales (NfW).

The nine-month project is a collaboration with organisations across Wales, made up of local councils, social enterprises and woodland and community charities. Together we'll create new woodland sites and improve and enhance existing woodlands in nine areas across Wales.

The project is part of TfW's wider programme of Coed Cymunedol, funded by the Community Woodlands scheme. It is being delivered by The National Lottery Heritage Fund in partnership with the Welsh Government