

Transport for Wales embarks on an environmental mission with local trust.

A hundred new trees will be planted in the Plas Glyn-y-Weddw woodland as part of a new community project being undertaken by Transport for Wales.

Cwmni Plas Glyn-y-Weddw Cyf and TfW will plant around 100 native tree saplings in the woodland and recruit volunteers to assist with woodland management. A programme of woodland maintenance and enhancement works will also be undertaken to improve woodland biodiversity and wellbeing opportunities for visitors and local people.

Gwyn Jones, Director of Plas Glyn y Weddw said: “We are delighted to have been included as a partner in this scheme and are very much looking forward to working with TfW and the National Heritage Lottery Fund on this project. The main benefit for us is that it will help ensure that future generations will have access to our woodland and enjoy its natural environment.

Introducing new life to the woodland by planting young trees is vital for its biodiversity and the public’s enjoyment of the walking trails which lead through the 14-acre site. The project will also allow us to implement essential maintenance work and provide opportunities for the community to become involved in the woodland’s management.”

Leyton Powell, Director for Safety and Sustainability for TfW, 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 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