

GGN/EGN - Geopark Annual Report 2019

1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

GeoMôn, Wales, UK: GeoMôn UNESCO Global Geopark, United Kingdom, European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription 2009 / Year of the last revalidation: July / 2017

Edward Greenly Centenary of producing the first full Geological Survey of Anglesey.
(Photo) Members visiting his grave in Llangristiolus, Anglesey.



The Geological Society of London will also visit with a large group in August and visit his famous sites. The rock Mélange was first recognized and named by him. His sites are now the World type sites for this rock.

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 6 Geocentre staff, 16 Geoguides, 12 Trustee Board members and 6 geoscientists.

Number of visitors: Approximately 2 million visitors visit the island yearly and nearly 3000 people visited the geocentre

Number of Geopark events: Clarify the events held by management body and cooperative organization

Discovery Science with University partner

Anglesey show, Bridges Exhibition, 2 field courses with Geol Associations Members walk, Campaign for Rural Wales talk, Cambridge Univ field trip, 4 Joint Advisory Committee meetings for AONB (County Council), Visit and talk from Chris Woodley Stewart on ways forward.

Number of school classes realize Geopark educational programmes: 6

Number of Geopark press release: 2

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2019

- Organising national Greenly celebrations , Giving course of 8 talks to public, Working with government to repair and find the instigators of the SSSI damage at Lleniog. Organising Greenly celebrations, Taking Cambridge University U3A group for tectonic field work, supervising Ph.D student for Cardiff University. Carrying out research on Precambrian limestone and it fossils and dating work. Working on the advisory board of the County Councils AONB group. Attending local events run by other groups and exhibiting at their events. Awarded fellowship of Bangor University for GeoMon work.

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Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Our Board member Prof. Cynthia Burek working with Lanzarote Geopark . Attended all EGN and GGN meetings. Worked in the Volcanic Group at RGN/GGN meetings that is producing an e book and I had to edit all 23 geopark contributions for the final text. With the help of the Chair of the UK UNESCO Commission was able to bring the perpetrators of the damage to one of our SSSI sites to justice.

Management and Financial Status

- To strengthen our Board we have added 2 new proactive members. We have set up a sub group to deal with all finance and grants. Financially we are solvent and have no financial problems. We are in the process of employing somebody to update our Business and Governance plans as requested by the Welsh Minister of the Environment.

Geoconservation

Apart from the formentioned Lleniog problem all our sites are in good order and continue to be monitored by Dr Stewart Campbell of NRW (National Resources Wales)

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

- We support sustainable tourism in many places as they occur eg cycle routes. All our field geowalks are sustainable and we share transport to meetings etc wherever we can. However, we cannot make our journeys to other countries sustainable as planes are needed.

New education programmes on geoconservation, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction

We are currently updating our exhibits in the Watch House. , our centre, and creating a walk through the building relating to all matters on climate change and hope this centre can explain and help all the people of Anglesey plus our visitors. We monitor our geological sites for any change or damage.

Strategic partnership

- Currently we have a loose partnership with Lanzarote as we are both islands and have similar problems. I intend to develop further to create a closer partnership in the future. Our

Business partners are the County Council where members of the Economic Development help us and currently have funds from NRW to pay for someone professionally to create up to date Business and governance plans. NRW helps by monitoring and creating SSSI's for us. Robertsons research are happy to do some publicity for us and 1 of their workers is on our Board.

UKGGN meetings in NW Highlands

Swabian Alb meeting and Seville all attended.

Promotional activities

Science discovery with the University

Attendance at Anglesey and Cheshire Shows

We have produced plastic rulers that include our name and logo plus Geological time and measurements/

Members and public walks

4. CONTACTS

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