1. GEOPARK IDENTITY

Geopark name, country, regional Network: Fforest Fawr UNESCO GLOBAL Geopark (European Geoparks Network)

Year of inscription: 2005

Year of the last revalidation: 2016

Representative photo with caption (from the most important event this year)

A bronze relief model of the Geopark landscape installed in 2020 forms a focus of the new Geopark Discovery Point at Craig-y-nos Country Park

2. GEOPARK FIGURES

Number of Geopark staff: 7 including 2 geoscientists

Number of Visitors: approximately 3 million (in a normal year – no figures for 2020)

Number of Geopark events: 15 (almost all online talks, including an “e-tour of the Cribarth” and the “River Usk – from source to Sea”)

Number of school classes attending Geopark educational programmes: The Geopark’s educational programmes could not be delivered due to the Covid-19 crisis.

Number of Geopark press releases: 0

3. GEOPARK ACTIVITIES

Major achievements in 2020

- November 2020: completion of Atlantic Geoparks Interreg Project

Contribution towards GGN - Networking and participation

- Member of the European Geoparks Advisory Committee
- Participation in the First and Second European Geoparks Digital Forum Meetings, 5 June and 15 September 2020.

Publication Editor European Geoparks Magazine, Issue 17.

Edited European Geoparks Newsletter 16, 17 and 18 and contributed articles in issues 16 and 17.

Partner in Interreg Atlantic Area Project: Atlantic Geoparks. Promoting Geotourism across the Atlantic Area and led to the creation of a Geopark Management Toolkit.

Contributing to the Geopark Harz-Braunschweiger -Land -Ostfalen “Explorer Stele Project”, involved translating and narrating historical texts, in English about the impact of mining and smelting on the Harz Forest.

Management and Financial Status

Fforest Fawr Geopark is managed by members of its partnership organizations including: the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority; the British Geological Survey; Natural Resources Wales; Dyfed Archaeological Trust; the Brecon Beacons Park Society; Cardiff and Swansea universities and local businesses and tourism providers.

The Geopark continues to be funded by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority.

Geoconservation

The Geopark is actively involved with SEWRIGS (South East Wales Regionally Important Geodiversity Sites).

Sustainable tourism (Geotourism)

Fforest Fawr Geopark continues to support tourism businesses in and around the Geopark with training and advice and dissemination of trail literature

Partner in Interreg Atlantic Area Project: Atlantic Geoparks

Partner in the Geopark Harz-Braunschweiger -Land -Ostfalen “Explorer Stele Project”


Strategic partnership

British Geological Survey, Cardiff University, Swansea University, University of South Wales

Promotional activities

Further developing Instagram and Facebook pages @fforestfawrgeopark,

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