



Conserve and enhance the countryside

Accredited Training



1299

training courses have been completed in this period, examples of courses include:

Basic Management and Maintenance of Ponds and Wetlands
Basic Tree Inspection
Chainsaw courses – various
Peatland Restoration
Practical Hedge Laying
The Maintenance, History and Ecological Principles of Wildflower Meadows
Woodland Management for Conservation

“As a result of this course, we learnt how to write a more comprehensive management plan and be more proactive with management. Also, planting trees for successional planning is important.” (Basic Tree Inspection)

Horticulture Training



Maintaining and enhancing public access to and engagement with the countryside and the historic environment.

Intervention	Number of businesses supported	Number of participants supported	Number of events (sessions)
Horticulture business support	1	1	1
Horticulture supply chain clusters	14	23	7

Examples of supply chain clusters:

- Welsh veg into schools
- Future Farms 100 Meeting

Strategic Awareness Events



39

Events held

Topics included:

- Preparing for the Sustainable Farming Scheme
- Growing on 10 acres

E-learning



2979

modules have been completed within this period, examples:

Natural Flood Management
An Introduction to Sustainable Farming
Benefits to People Animals and Places
Farming in Protected Sites
Technology for Monitoring Wildlife
Protecting & Enhancing the Historic Environment

Mentoring



- Lowering the risk of diffuse pollution (water quality) 108
- Managing and creating in-field and semi-natural habitats 37
- Efficient water use (including harvesting and storage) 27
- Converting to organic/regenerative farming 15
- Natural flood management 10
- Creating opportunities for access and engagement 7

Examples of diary extracts include:

- We had a detailed discussion on the business setup and markets, followed by a comprehensive crop walk across the site. Topics covered included crop protection materials, composting with green waste, propagation, seed sourcing and storage, cultivation systems, bed preparation, crop planning, public access for PYO enterprises, and nutrient testing. The visit concluded with office time spent developing a sample crop plan and compiling follow up notes.

We continued our conversation about the farm while walking around identifying trees, finding places where tree planting would make sense, studying water movement over the fields.

Clinics



356

Clinics completed

Topics included: Animal Health and CoAP paperwork support

“This clinic made me realise how important it is to keep a record of diseases on animals. I will ensure to do this in the future.”

Agrisgôp



24 Agrisgôp meetings have taken place



- Managing and creating in-field and semi-natural habitats 7
- Lowering the risk of diffuse pollution (water quality) 6
- Converting to organic/regenerative farming 5
- Creating opportunities for access and engagement 4
- Natural flood management 1
- Efficient water use (including harvesting and storage) 1

Meetings included:

- The Agroforestry group had a session on propagating native trees from seed, followed by a “top tips” session from Mentor Tom Clare. We addressed some outstanding questions around agroforestry as well as discussing species selection and successful tree establishment in the context of climate change and future resilience.
- The group visited Bryn Mwcog farm, including an NRW managed raised bog, to discuss land management priorities and view data collection in practice with the Soil Exchange app. A follow up session included a demonstration of the app, discussion of SFS requirements, available support through the Anglesey Peatlands project, and plans for a future meeting to share early results and traditional peatland management knowledge.

Our Farms Network



Using a Targeted Selective Treatment (TST) approach on ~600 lambs at **Awel y Grug** reduced anthelmintic use by 45% (from an average of 4.0 to 2.2 doses per lamb) and cut wormer costs by 52–71%, while maintaining lamb performance (final weights 28.4 kg under TST vs 27.0 kg with blanket treatment).

Masterclasses



- 2 MasterBusiness Dairy focused on the cost of disease and vet spend analysis

Feedback / What I learnt?

“How to monitor costs and what to aim for.”

“Importance of assessing KPI and CFP and doing active proactive to changes.”

“This work shop has given me a better understanding of farm accounts and proportional analysis, and CFP for benchmarking against other dairy farmers.”

Discussion Groups



- 89 During this period the meeting content of 89 Discussion Groups supported Conserving and enhancing the countryside.

Topics included:	
Taking advantage of Small Grants Environment to enhance hedges on farm	
Tourism diversification opportunities	
Regenerative grazing	

Surgeries



63 Surgeries completed

Topics included: Grassland and Carbon

Animal Health and Welfare Workshops



- 825 Participants have completed an AH&W workshop in this period.

Examples of workshops include:	
Animal Health Improvement in your beef herd within the SFS	134
Animal Health Improvement in your flock within the SFS	75
Sheep Lameness	56
The Thin Ewe – Investigation and Management	56
Parasite Control in Cattle Part 2 - Liver Fluke, Protozoa & Ectoparasites	20

Feedback: “The best ways to treat and manage sheep lameness using the five-point plan. The training workshop was excellently presented and very informative, a worthwhile topic to attend.”

Advisory Service



- 1125 Advisory instances claimed in this period included:

Category of advice	Number of claims
Business Planning	25
Grassland and Crop Management	1089
Agri-environment, Ecosystems Service	11

