



Newsletter

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Pioneer tree planting



Roadside trees have been planted in Park Avenue by the Park & Ride, using a technique devised by Ceredigion's Highways, Property & Works Department. The new system combines the Stockholm Tree Planting Method, in which trees are planted in a mixture of angular rock and soil, with commercially-available plastic cell structures which can support a load of one ton per square metre. The result is a planting which fully protects trees from root compression by heavy road vehicles etc.



Sponsored trees

In support of the Council's Coed Aber programme, there is opportunity for individuals to sponsor a tree in a chosen suitable site around the town - as has already been done by several people. For details, please contact Jon Hadlow at jonh@ceredigion.gov.uk (or otherwise GAG).

Continued improvement at Nant Plas Crug

Following the dredging of Nant Plas Crug and ongoing litter clearance, GAG is pleased to report that the habitat is continuing to improve. Sticklebacks are now widely distributed along the length of the stream. A variety of aquatic plants is growing back providing good cover for young fish. Two pairs of Mallards have taken up residence and the Kingfisher has been reported by several people.

Last summer a Large Red damselfly was seen here, and perhaps with good maintenance of this freshwater habitat successful breeding of common damsel/dragon flies may occur.

Rare Dragonfly



An unusual sighting of a rare dragonfly was reported near the quarry area in Parc Natur Penglais on a cold November morning. A Vagrant Emperor (*Hemianax ephippiger*) was identified and reported to the British Dragonfly Society (photo attached showing a dew-drenched dragonfly). This African dragonfly is occasionally found reaching the south coast of Britain, but this was the first record for Ceredigion. The specimen (having reached the end of its normal life cycle) can now be seen in the National Museum Cardiff.

GAG Newsletters by post

We send some copies of the newsletter by post to some members who do not have an email address. This is a costly process. We suspect that some recipients have moved away, others may now have email. As was announced in Newsletter 13, we will continue posting copies only to those people who wish to receive them in this way and who have no email or access to our website (www.aber-gag.org.uk). So please let us know if you still wish to have your Newsletter in the post.

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Ffordd newydd o blannu coed



Plannwyd coed rhwng y maes "Parcio a Theithio" a'r palmant, gan ddefnyddio techneg gafodd ei dyfeisio gan Adran y Prifffyrdd, Eiddo a Gwaith, Cyngor Ceredigion. Mae'r system newydd yn cyfuno'r "Stockholm Tree Planting Method", sy'n plannu coed mewn cymysgedd o gerrig onglog a phridd, gyda chelloedd plastig sydd ar gael yn barod, ac sy'n gallu cynnal pwysau trwm iawn, hyd at dunnell ar bob medr sgwar. Fel canlyniad, gwarchodir gwreiddiau'r coed rhag cael eu cywasgu gan lorïau trwm ayb.



Noddi coed

I hyrwyddo'r cynllun Coed Aber, mae croeso i unrhyw un noddi coeden mewn man addas o gwmpas y dref – fel mae rhai wedi gwneud yn barod. Am fanylion, cysylltwch â Jon Hadlow (jonh@ceredigion.gov.uk) neu gyda GAG.

Mae Nant Plas Crug yn dal i wella

Ar ôl y gwaith carthu a sawl sesiwn codi sbwriel, mae GAG yn falch o ddweud bod cynefin y nant yn dal i wella, a bod crethyll (*sticklebacks*) i'w gweld mewn sawl man ar hyd y nant. Mae amrywiaeth o blanhigion y dŵr yn dod yn ôl, ac yn rhoi lloches dda i bysgod ifainc. Mae dau bâr o hwyiaid wedi ymgartrefu, ac mae sawl un wedi gweld glas y dorlan.

Yr haf diwethaf, gwelwyd mursen fawr goch (*Large Red damselfly*), ac efallai gyda gwaith cynnal a chadw ar y cynefin dŵr croyw hwn, bydd mursen gyffredin a gwas y neidr yn amlhau yma.

Gwas y neidr prin iawn



Gwelwyd gwas y neidr anghyffredin iawn yn hen chwareli Parc Natur Penglais ar fore oer ym mis Tachwedd. Nodwyd Ymerawdwr Crwydrol (*Vagrant Emperor - Hemianax ephippiger*), ac anfonwyd adroddiad i'r British Dragonfly Society (gweler y llun yng dangos gwas y neidr yn wlyb gan wliith). Mae'r gwas neidr Affricanaidd hwn yn cyrraedd arfordir de Prydain weithiau, ond dyma'r tro cyntaf i'w weld yng Ngheredigion. Cewch weld yr enghraifft yma (sydd bellach wedi cyrraedd diwedd ei gylchred bywyd naturiol) yn Amgueddfa Genedlaethol Cymru, Caerdydd.

Cylchlythron GAG trwy'r post

Rydym yn postio copïau o'r Cylchlythyr at rai aelodau sydd heb gyfeiriad e-bost. Mae'r broses yn gostus. Rydym yn amau bod rhai aelodau wedi symud tŷ, a bod eraill wedi cael e-bost erbyn hyn. Fel y cyhoeddwyd yn Rhifyn 13, o hyn ymlaen ni fyddwn yn postio copïau ond i'r rhai sy'n dymuno eu cael yn y ffordd yma, ac sy'n methu defnyddio e-bost neu wefan GAG (<http://www.aber-gag.org.uk>). Felly, gadewch i ni wybod os dymunwch gael eich Cylchlythyr trwy'r post.