



Newsletter

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Serious Loss of Trees

Conservation groups have protested at the felling of many trees on the site of the proposed Health Centre and Crèche on Penglais, in an apparent breach of the planning conditions. They include the belt of tall Monterey pines which served as a windbreak to the deciduous trees in the Dingle. Ceredigion County Council is investigating.

Ditches and Streams

In Llanbadarn, the roadside verges and ditches on the north side of Blaendolau playing fields, and to the east of Morrisons car park, have been designated as amenity sites within the list of Ceredigion's Roadside Verge Reserves. This improves their chances of being managed for wildlife.



Further into town, at Plas Crug, the build up of silt from decaying plant material in the ditch is affecting water quality, and reducing the depth of water. GAG representatives discussed the situation with Ceredigion Council Parks and Gardens on 29 June 2010. When silt was removed over 5 years ago, the job cost more than £3000, and would cost even more now. Money is unlikely to be available in the foreseeable future. Getting a grant to pay for dredging might be the only way to safeguard the stream. It has been suggested that calling it Nant Plas Crug rather than Plas Crug Ditch might increase its appeal. What do people think of the name? You can e-mail us at: post@aber-gag.org.uk. In the meantime, GAG continues to clear litter from it.

More Trees, More Good

The Woodland Trust has launched a campaign with the slogan 'More Trees, More Good' to double the number of native woods and trees in the UK. Research gathered over recent years has highlighted the countless essential benefits to people, wildlife and the environment that come from planting trees. To maximise these, the UK needs to plant 20 million native trees per year – but at the moment we are planting just 6 million. Details on:

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/more-trees-more-good.



Ymlaen Ceredigion

Ymlaen Ceredigion contributes to positive solutions to community development and regeneration through projects in fields such as health promotion, sustainable energy, recycling and waste minimisation, as well as providing education, information and consultancy services. It was established in 1998 as a trust by a partnership between Ceredigion County Council, Princes Trust - Cymru and Ceredigion Local Agenda 21 Network in order to promote sustainable development in the county. It is now an independent not-for-profit company and increasingly works throughout Wales.

Ymlaen Ceredigion has been involved in the *Penparcau is Green* and *Aber is Green* festivals, and also runs the Garden Exchange (the service that matches up people who would like to grow vegetables but don't have any land, with people who do have land or a garden, and are happy to share it in return for some produce). It has also been working on the Shelter on Pen Dinas and the woodland by the Llwyn Yr Eos school. More details on these and other projects on: www.ymlaenceredigion.org.uk

Annual General Meeting

The GAG AGM will be held on Wednesday 3 November at 7.30 in St Pauls Methodist Centre, Queens Road. After the election of officers, Dafydd Fryer, FCW Urban Trees Adviser will speak on *Urban Trees and Woodland - a new rôle for the Forestry Commission*. All are welcome.

For Your Bookshelf

Two definitive books of local interest published this summer: *Flora of Cardiganshire* by A. O. Chater, published by the author, £40 (available from Ystwyth Books); *Birds of Ceredigion* by Hywel Roderick & Peter Davis, published by the Wildlife Trust, South and West Wales, £16.50. Essential reading!

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Coed: Colled Enbyd

Mae mudiadau cadwraeth wedi protestio am fod llawer o goed wedi eu torri i lawr ar safle'r Ganolfan Iechyd a'r "Crèche" Ffordd Penglais, yn groes i'r amodau cynllunio, yn ôl pob golwg. Mae'r coed yn cynnwys y pinwydd Monterey oedd yn cysgodi coed collddail Nant Penglais. Mae Cyngor Ceredigion yn ymchwilio.

Ffosydd a Nentydd

Yn Llanbadarn, penodwyd yr ymylon ffordd a'r ffosydd o'r ochr ogleddol o faes chwaraeon Blaendolau, ac i'r dwyrain o faes parcio Morrisons, fel safleoedd amwynderol yn rhestr Gwarchodfeydd Ymyl Ffordd Ceredigion. Oherwydd hyn, maen nhw'n fwy tebyg o gael eu rheoli ar gyfer bywyd gwyllt.



Yn agosach i ganol y dref, yn ffos Plas Crug, mae cynnydd y llaid, sy'n dod o blanhigion wedi pydru, yn amharu ar safon a dyfnder y dŵr. Bu trafodaeth ar y broblem rhwng cynrychiolwyr GAG ac Adran Parciau a Gerddi Ceredigion ar 29 Mehefin 2010. Pan godwyd y llaid dros 5 mlynedd yn ôl, fe gostiodd dros £3000, a byddai'r gost yn fwy eto erbyn hyn. Mae hi'n anhebyg y bydd arian ar gael yn y dyfodol agos. Cael grant am garthu'r nant ydy'r unig obaith. Awgrymwyd y byddai ei galw yn Nant Plas Crug yn hytrach na "Plas Crug Ditch" yn helpu'r achos. Beth mae pobl yn ei feddwl o'r enw? Gallwch anfon e-bost atom ni (post@aber-gag.org.uk). Yn y cyfamser, mae GAG yn dal i glirio sbwriel o'r dŵr.

Trwy Wýdd Ddaw Budd

Mae Coed Cadw wedi lansio ymgyrch gyda'r slogan *Trwy Wýdd Ddaw Budd* (yn Saesneg: *More Trees, More Good*) i ddyblu nifer y coedydd a choed brodorol yn y DU. Mae ymchwil dros y blynyddoedd diweddar wedi amlygu'r buddion di-rif i bobl, bywyd gwyllt a'r amgylchedd sy'n dod o blannu coed. Er mwyn cael y lles mwyaf, mae'n rhaid i'r DU blannu 20 miliwn o goed brodorol bob blwyddyn – ond ar hyn o bryd dim ond 6 miliwn rydym ni'n plannu. Manylion ar:

www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/en/more-trees-more-good



Ymlaen Ceredigion

Mae Ymlaen Ceredigion yn cyfrannu at atebion cadarnhaol i adfer a datblygu cymunedau trwy gyfrwng prosiectau mewn meysydd megis hyrwyddo iechyd, ynni cynaliadwy, ailgylchu a gostwng cyfanswm y gwastraff a gynhyrchir gymaint ag y bo modd, yn ogystal â darparu gwasanaethau addysg, gwybodaeth ac ymgynghori. Fe'i sefydlwyd ym 1988 fel ymddiriedolaeth trwy greu partneriaeth rhwng Cyngor Sir Ceredigion, Ymddiriedolaeth Tywysog Cymru a Rhwydwaith Agenda 21 Leol Ceredigion, er mwyn hyrwyddo datblygiad cynaliadwy o fewn y sir. Mae hi bellach yn gwmni annibynol dielw sydd yn gweithio yn fwyfwy trwy Gymru gyfan.

Mae Ymlaen Ceredigion wedi chwarae rhan yng *Ngŵyl Penparcau Werdd a Gŵyl Werdd Aber*, yn ogystal â rhedeg y cynllun Cyfnewid Gerddi (y gwasanaeth sy'n rhoi pobl a fyddai'n hoffi tyfi llysiau ond sy heb dir mewn cyswllt â phobl sy â thir neu ardd ac sy'n fodlon ei rannu am ychydig o'r cynnyrch). Bu'n gweithio hefyd ar Loches Pen Dinas ac ar goeddir wrth Ysgol Llwyn Yr Eos. Manylion am y prosiectau hyn ac eraill ar: www.ymlaenceredigion.org.uk

Cyfarfod Cyffredinol Blynyddol

Cynhelir ein cyfarfod blynyddol ddydd Mercher 3 Tachwedd am 7.30 y.h. yng Nghanolfan St Paul, Queens Road. Ar ôl ethol swyddogion bydd Dafydd Fryer, Ymgynghorydd Coed Trefol y Comisiwn Coedwigaeth, yn siarad am: *Urban Trees and Woodland - a new rôle for the Forestry Commission*. Croeso i bawb.

Llyfrau Hanfodol

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