



PARC RHANBARTHOL Y CYMOEDD THE VALLEYS REGIONAL PARK

THE VISION

The Valleys is a place people are proud to call home and businesses choose to operate.

It is a place where communities are **empowered**, and their local environment is easily **accessible**, widely used and at the heart of valleys life.

DESIGNATION

Formal designation as a Regional Park
“A National Park for the 21st century”



AIMS

- Invest in the Valleys' natural and cultural assets
- Empower local communities
- Offer outstanding and accessible recreational opportunities
- Engender community pride in the Valleys
- Enhance Valleys town centres as vibrant places, with attractive green spaces, which support local economies



DELIVERY THEMES (Interlinked)

LANDSCAPE, CULTURE AND IDENTITY

- Celebrate and promote the Valleys' distinctive natural and cultural landscapes

RECREATION AND WELL-BEING

- Enhance and develop sustainable tourism opportunities
- Promote active lifestyles through enhancement of outdoor opportunities to improve health and well-being for citizens

COMMUNITIES AND ENTERPRISE

- Empower communities to take stewardship of the region's natural assets for social, economic and environmental benefit



LANDSCAPE, CULTURE AND IDENTITY

- Identify 'statement' Discovery Gateways across the valleys, exploring enhanced connectivity between sites
- Work with Visit Wales to deliver a more consistent visitor experience
- Quality standards for statement sites and Green Flag areas
- Develop education opportunities
- Support and develop existing policies, events and initiatives for responsible use and enjoyment of the Valleys' landscapes



RECREATION AND WELL-BEING

- Develop and promote outdoor and tourism opportunities
- Enhance and promote selected long-distance 'statement' trails and explore how these trails could be linked
- Work with local health boards to deliver a series of green social prescribing pilots
- Optimise the impact of the 'Well-being Bond' and influence the development of health policy and programmes



COMMUNITIES AND ENTERPRISE

- Enable community ambitions
- Create and support a peer-to peer community network
- Develop a Guardians scheme and a community delivery scheme to support training, skills development and employment opportunities
- Project Skyline pilots in selected areas
- Explore Foundational Economy opportunities



Delivery priorities – Oct 2018 – Mar 2019

- Oral Statement & publish prospectus - 16th Oct
- Partnership agreement – WG, LAs, NRW
- Secure core team funding 2019-2023
- Agree and deliver phase 1 Discovery Gateways
- Recruit core team and set up governance
- Work with partners to develop co-operation approach and future operating model
- Maintain and increase level of community engagement





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