

LLŶN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT FUND (SDF)

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The Sustainable Development Fund was launched by the National Assembly to support schemes to develop and test ways of achieving a more sustainable way of living in Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). A total of £50,000 is available annually to be administered by each AONB to support schemes which meet the following objectives:

- To explore ways of pursuing concurrently the principles of sustainability and breaking down barriers that can act as obstacles to sustainability
- To develop models for the sustainable management of the countryside that could be applied more widely in Wales
- To generate greater awareness and understanding of sustainability.

Projects can be joint with other AONBs, with the voluntary/community sector or with other partners. Some examples of recent SDF supported schemes in Llŷn are noted below.

1. **Porthysgaden harbour improvements.** This is an old fishing port also used to import coal with the remains of some buildings including a lime kiln. SDF supported a scheme to improve access and make environmental improvements.
2. **Llŷn walking festival.** Gave support to a Llŷn Tourism Society event: organised walks for local people and tourists with both Welsh and English guides.
3. **Local History Project.** A local schools project which entailed schoolchildren interviewing older residents about their memories of childhood days. Recorded on four videotapes.
4. **Llŷn tree nursery.** A private sector venture aiming to supply native trees and other plants which will cater for school educational visits.
5. **Cyfeillion Eglwys Llandegwning.** Grant given to buy church, renovate, and set up small interpretation centre.