



**Coeden Fach**  
Community Tree Nursery

# Annual Report

## 2019-2020

*Our new site begins to take shape*



### *Annual Summary*

We have recently been awarded planning permission for our new site at Clyne Gardens and have been able to begin creating tree beds and raised beds. This site is more accessible for volunteers and visible to the general public as it is attached to a public park. We will have space to grow more local provenance trees and fruit trees and bushes and we will be better able to protect our seeds and baby trees.

The last financial year to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 was a good year both for sales of trees and funding for the nursery. We sold over 11,000 local provenance trees and while a lot of these had to be bought in from local suppliers, the demand for local provenance is clear and demonstrates the need for Coeden Fach to be growing more trees to be sold and planted locally. In July and August 2019 Track 2000 and the Coop Foundation awarded us grants of £30k and £10k respectively, to fund our new site and buildings. This was followed by a further £10k from Welsh Assembly Govt to fund capital expenditure on buildings and a poly tunnel. The Moondance Foundation awarded an emergency grant to help cover salary costs during our extended move while we waited for the planning process to be completed. We are very grateful to all these funders for supporting us to work with volunteers to grow more trees in this exciting new space and enabling us to cover our costs for the financial year with a small surplus of £609 generated from tree sales.

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## *Funded Projects (April 2019 - March 2020)*

The Postcodes Lottery, Austin Bailey Foundation and Greggs funded projects to work with volunteers particularly those with mental health issues or learning difficulties. (Pictures are pre Covid and social distancing.)



We collected and planted seeds, built fencing to improve the security of the site and spent time learning about the plants in our forest and herb gardens and exploring the wildlife pond.



Everyone enjoyed working together at our juicing day in September 2019 where apples picked from the orchard were pressed into bottles of delicious apple juice to be sampled on the day and a bottle or two away afterwards.

## *Community Planting Projects*

Coeden Fach worked with Swansea Tree Forum, Woodland Trust, Swansea University, Goetre Villa, Dylan Thomas Comprehensive School, St Helen's Primary School and Swansea City Council to plant trees on the Guildhall Green.





## *Other Regular Events and Favourites*

We attended Gower Show in August and the Green Fayre in November. We had lots of interest at both events.



We supported Kilvey Hill Volunteers Christmas Tree event and hosted a skills sharing and networking day organised by Llais Y Goedwig.



Kate gave presentations to various gardening clubs and groups to spread awareness of our project and the importance of peat free local provenence.

## *Directors, Staff and Volunteers*

Volunteers and supporters are what make Coeden Fach successful and without whom our organisation would not survive. Massive thanks to all our volunteers for giving us time, energy and enthusiasm in large amounts whether that is hands on support at site or helping in other ways. We are especially grateful to volunteers who have looked after and watered trees and plants all through lockdown both at site and in their own gardens - without their support our young trees would not have survived.

Thank you also to our Directors who give their time voluntarily and are not paid for their services as directors.

### *Directors and Staff*

Kate Davies - Coordinator  
Dai Morris - Chair  
Ruth Evans - Treasurer & Secretary  
Bob Cotterill  
Witchhazel Wildwood

### *Special Thank You's to*

Volunteers, volunteers, volunteers - all of you!  
The Noel family for lease of our site  
Naomi Van de Verf for grafting apple trees and planting hazel saplings  
Jean Preece for watering site during lockdown

### *Advisors & Committee*

Elen Richards - Coed Cymru  
Sasha Ufnowska & Cara - Llais Y Goedwig



*Coeden Fach would also like to say thank you very much to all our supporters and funders this year!!*



**Moondance Foundation**

**Austin Bailey Foundation**



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