

♥ Caru'r Cefni ♥ Loving the Cefni



Adroddiad ymgynghori Consultation Report

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Cyflwyniad

Rhwng mis Mawrth a mis Mai 2026, gofynnodd Prosiect Caru'r Cefni i bobl beth maent yn ei garu am y Cefni, eu straeon a'u pryderon, a pha gamau sy'n cael eu cymryd neu sydd eu hangen.

Yn yr adroddiad hwn, rydym yn falch iawn o rannu adborth gan bobl sydd wedi rhannu eu barn am Afon Cefni, yr aber a'r môr drwy:

- **Grwpiau Sgowtiaid (sylwadau wedi'u hysgrifennu yn y lliw hwn)**
- **Digwyddiad galw heibio cyhoeddus yn Llangefni (sylwadau wedi'u hysgrifennu yn y lliw hwn)**
- **Holiadur ar-lein (sylwadau wedi'u hysgrifennu yn y lliw hwn)**
- **Digwyddiad gweithgareddau awyr agored yn Llyn Parc Mawr (sylwadau wedi'u hysgrifennu yn y lliw hwn)**

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Diolch yn fawr iawn i bawb wnaeth gymryd rhan.

Introduction

Between March and May 2026, Caru'r Cefni Project asked people what they love about the Cefni, their stories and concerns, and what actions are being taken or are needed.

In this report we are delighted to share feedback from people who have shared their views about Afon Cefni, the estuary and neighboring sea through:

- **Scouts groups (comments written in this colour)**
- **Public drop in event in Llangefni (comments written in this colour)**
- **An online questionnaire (comments written in this colour)**
- **An outdoor activities event at Llyn Parc Mawr (comments written in this colour)**

We have included all the feelings and themes that were expressed and written down by those taking part, in the language in which they were given. The report was produced by Lindsey Colbourne for Prosiect Afon Cefni Project, based on written feedback.

Thanks to all who took part, sharing their views so generously.

Crynodeb // Summary

Beth mae pobl yn ei garu am Afon/Aber Cefni, a môr lleol?

What do people love about the Cefni river, estuary and local sea?

They love the accessibility of a variety of beautiful places; the beauty, peace and nature; the diverse wildlife, scenery and habitats; the unspoilt/undeveloped nature of the area (although it is changing). Particular mention was made of Nant y Dilyw//the Dingle, Malltraeth – Aberffraw, the marshes and the beaches/sea, and history/long term connections with the area.

Beth mae pobl yn poeni amdano? - What do people worry about?

Views about how well the area is looked after at the moment ranged from very badly to very well. Views were broadly divided, with around half of respondents feeling that the area was well looked after and around half feeling that it was poorly looked after.

The concerns raised were mostly about Afon Cefni, particularly litter and rubbish in the river, water quality and sewage/pollution (also affecting the estuary and sea). Many also worry about other things affecting wildlife such as nutrient levels in the river, invasive species, loss of habitat and numbers of people, noise and light pollution. There was also mention of flooding and climate change, access and lack of/inappropriate action by the authorities. People were almost unanimous in their view that it was important to improve how well the area is looked after – 90% said 8, 9 or 10 out of 10 (where 10 is very important).

Beth sydd angen ei wneud? - What needs to be done?

A range of different things were suggested: education and enforcement of regulations (supported by 80% of respondents), habitat restoration (70%), coordination between organisations and monitoring (60%), litter picking, a forum for raising concerns and community management (50%).

People are already doing a lot – about a quarter were already doing something, mostly with the river, but also with the estuary and local sea.

About 18% of people said they didn't currently do anything to help restore, protect or celebrate the Cefni river, estuary or sea, but would like to. Therefore, there is the potential to almost double the number of people making the Cefni a better place for all.

Beth ydych yn ei garu am yr ardal hon? What do you love about this area?



Hygyrchedd amrywiaeth o leoedd hardd - Accessibility of a variety of beautiful places

- Llawer iawn o fyd natur, ond hefyd digonedd o ddulliau teithio
- Traethi heb bobl, llwybrau beicio, y môr
- I love being able to walk and observe the natural world
- Stunning beautiful views and walks where I take my dogs, I have grown up here!
- I use it for cycling and walking. I love the peace and traffic free nature of Lon Las Cefni. The views from Malltraeth and along the Cob are fabulous. Paths are in very good condition and give good views of the wetlands and wildlife.
- Nice places to enjoy walking
- great walks and wildlife
- Cycle track
- Walkway along embankment – great for cyclists and dog walkers
- Where the river meets the sea – great walking along the beach and then you get to freshwater. Great for kids paddling
- Yr amrywiaeth. Teithiau hyfryd drwy'r goedwig yn Nant y Pandy, gwastadeddau eang Cors Ddyga a'r holl adar sy'n cael eu denu yno, ac aber hyfryd Malltraeth, gyda'r teithiau oddi yno i Landdwyn. Y cyfan ar gael i rai mewn car, ar feic ac ar droed

- Beyond just being beautiful, I especially love the diversity of birds in the area. It also has great walking routes and access.
- fabulous beaches, nature reserve, better outside the Summer season given the numbers of visitors to the area in the Summer. Often take the Scouts to this area for day or night hikes, photography sessions etc
- Outstanding beauty, nature, marine life, birds and coastal walks. Oh and swimming!
- I love our nature reserves and how the red squirrels roam and we often see them. I love that we have a choice as to what beach we would like to visit and how accessible they are and I love living in a rural area.
- The walk path around Llyn Cefni, getting my steps in surrounded by nature.
- I like how accessible the beaches are
- Nice to walk in after work
- Dog walking down the river path
- Biodiversity, wellbeing and accessible
- Fresh air and accessible coastline
- Collecting sea glass.
- Walking in the area ! Llyn Parc Mawr

Harddwch, llonyddwch, byd natur – Beauty, peace and nature

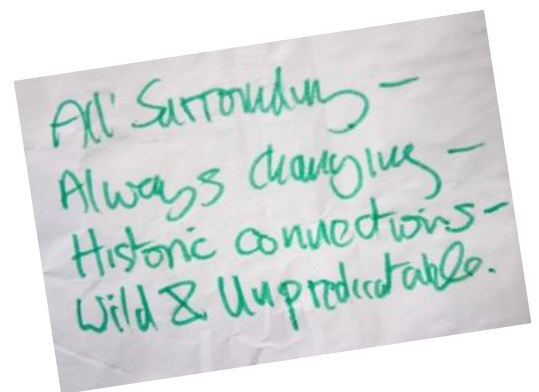
- Harddwch a llonyddwch
- Beauty, peaceful, abundant flora and fauna.
- Y llonyddwch a byd natur
- Y distawrwydd a'r anifeiliaid.
- The quietness and sense of solitude. Seeing migratory birds and seabirds on the coast.
- Tranquility
- UNSPOILT BEAUTY AND PEACE
- It is very peaceful. I can sit and be part of nature. The sounds of birds. Butterflies and plants.
- Yr distawrwydd sydd yna am adegau, y'r golegfeydd o hyd, y faint o anifeiliad sydd yn byw yn y'r ardal yma ac y'r ffaith fy mhod i yn byw yma hefyd.
- The wildlife and the peace and scenery
- I love the sense of peace that comes with the ocean
- The calm space and beautiful
- I love how calm and beautiful it is
- I love how the ocean makes me feel so free
- All the joys of the natural world
- Tranquility. Connecting with nature and wellbeing
- Swn y tonnau / sound of the waves
- Peaceful beaches

Y bywyd gwyllt, y golygfeydd a'r cynefinoedd amrywiol -

The diverse wildlife, scenery and habitats

- Variety of bird life
- The variety of wildlife that can be seen throughout the year.
- Adra ydio
- honestly the wildlife I see. there's way more about than most people realise

- The diverse range of wildlife
- The wetland reserves, the estuary and coast are fantastic and rich habitats and it brings me such joy to spend time being close nature in these nature rich environments
- The rich connectivity of habitat and wildlife between coast and inland Anglesey
- That nature is being given a chance and that, despite high visitor numbers, care is being taken of the environment
- Y bywyd natur cyfoethog yr afon ,pysgod gloyn byw ,pryfetach ,anifeiliaid adar a'r planhigion
- Ardal brydferth ar stepen y drws. Mae'n hafan i fywyd gwyllt.
- Natur wiwer goch
- I love the location & the nature that live or visit the river and inlet. Nature is magnificent
- fresh air. open space
- Connection with nature. Biodiversity.
- Beautiful scenery
- The clean water, wildlife and plants
- The nature
- Great variety of wildlife rich scenery from sea to Cefni Estuary to forest, dunes, river, marsh, woods & reservoir, still relatively unspoilt - but that's changing!
- I love the wildlife/animals (x10)
- I like how you can go to the cliffs and watch wildlife marine biology
- I like the pretty river and sea
- The pretty beaches and rivers, the wildlife and forest
- What I like is that it has a lot of life and looks beautiful
- Walking and Wildlife
- Haven for nature
- Looking over the Maelog Lake. Lots of fish , then suddenly lots of splash and big eyes looking up with a fish in its mouth, a gorgeous otter
- Gweld anifeiliad y mor Nofio yn y mor (See sea animals Swim in the sea)
- Mullet spawning in the river, eels under the bridge, bees swarming
- I love seeing the wildlife in the sea! Really can't wait to see more animals!
- I love to see the seals around the island
- lighthouses, puffins, seals
- Diversity of animal/bird/insect life. Flora.
- Rockpooling - all the different fish
- Rockpools full of life and caring people



Heb ei ddatblygu/heb ei ddifetha (ond yn newid) - Undeveloped/unspoilt (but changing)

- its wildness
- Still largely unspoilt by development

- I love that it is still relatively undeveloped. It has some of the last remaining coastline on the island that isn't catering to tourism in holiday lets/campsites/restaurants etc. it's probably the best place on the island to come and be guaranteed to see lots of different wildlife, from birds and mammals to marine life and insects. The dunes feel like the last undomesticated spots on the island and I love that at night it's got a high quality of darkness with the Milky Way clearly visible.
- The peace and tranquility, the wildlife and the unspoilt landscape
- We are very lucky to have this on our doorstep. We live in a very fast paced, technology driven world. This place brings us back to nature. And relaxes me, its fantastic for mental health. I have seen otters (i have pictures and videos) foxes and of course red squirrels. We are invading their habitat, so must be respectful
- It's one of the most beautiful wild places in the world! The views and the wildlife!
- Unspoilt areas, beach combing finding shells and treasures

Nant y Dilyw // Dingle

- You wouldn't expect such beauty in the centre of a town like Llangefni
- Park run here Saturday mornings – people always stop and look at the squirrels
- A lot of paths made in woodlands fall short, but the Dingle one is beautifully done and DDA compliant
- Wild garlic and bluebells in the Dingle



Malltraeth – Aberffraw

- Variety of bird life
- An excellent section of paths for cycling
- West of Malltraeth: I love to see the horses and rowing boats
- The diverse range of wildlife
- Near the cefni estuary
- I love the sound of the waves and how beautiful it is to walk there, and the trees
- Birds, water activities, biking and collecting shells

Corsydd - Marshes

- The birds over the marshes in winter, on the sand at low tide. Seagrass and samphire
- Birds at Cors Ddyga
- The marsh
- Glan Llyn – looking at the view into the water
- RSPB Cors Ddyga has done wonders in restoring freshwater marsh and bringing back rare birds like Bittern, Marsh Harrier & Red Warbler, and especially rare breeding Lapwings & Curlews.Otters, too, have benefited well from the Reserve waterways and are now widespread on the entire Cefni Catchment area from sea to reservoir and beyond.....

Traeth/môr - Beach/sea

- The beaches! Walks, snorkling and surfing along that part of the coast of angelsey
- The sea, the views over the mountains, the forest, the dunes, the RSPB reserves, the fact that I can walk from my house through the forest to the beach or the estuary (it takes time, but it is do-able!)
- We love being able to go the beaches daily weather permitting of course also sea fishing
- I find the Nature around this area is Beautiful and relaxing. I have been going there for over 45years Fishing, Walking and Bird Watching. Being on the West Coast it changes with every storm and there is always many things to discover while walking on the Beach. I love to watch the Sea Birds Diving and many more Birds along the Gefni.
- I like how the species are always changing in the stages of the sea
- I like the animals in the sea – fish
- Safe place for open water swimming + Newborough Triathlon
- I love swimming
- Swimming in the sea, clean bathing water and clean beach
- Enjoy kayaking around area of Newborough

The ocean feels like a blanket of safety away from the human condition on land

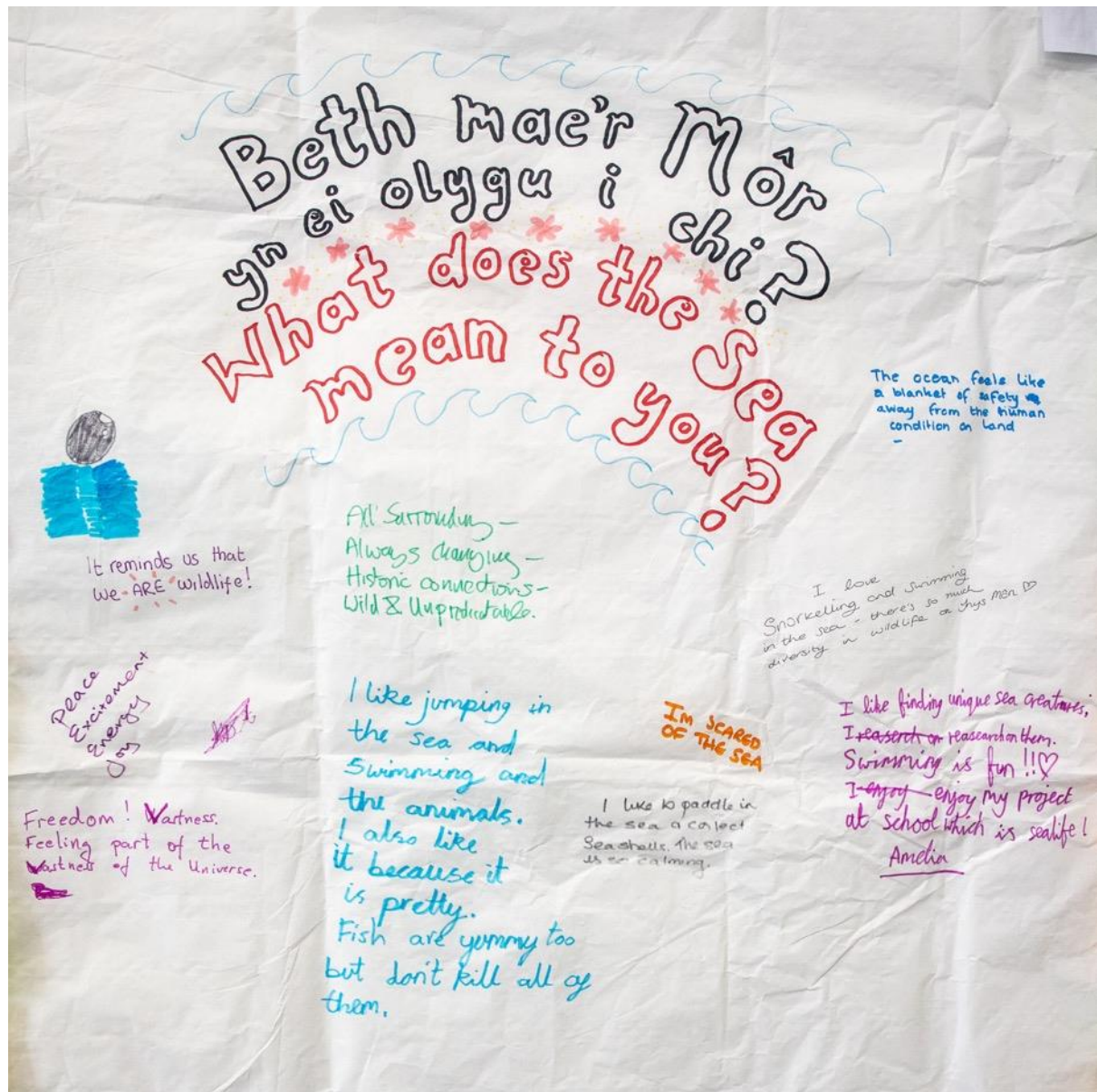
It reminds us that we ARE wildlife!

Yr hanes - the History

- I love the long history, the association of the river with towns, notably Llangefni and the unspoilt nature of some of its length.
- Having played , fished , swam and walked the river for over 60 years its part of my DNA



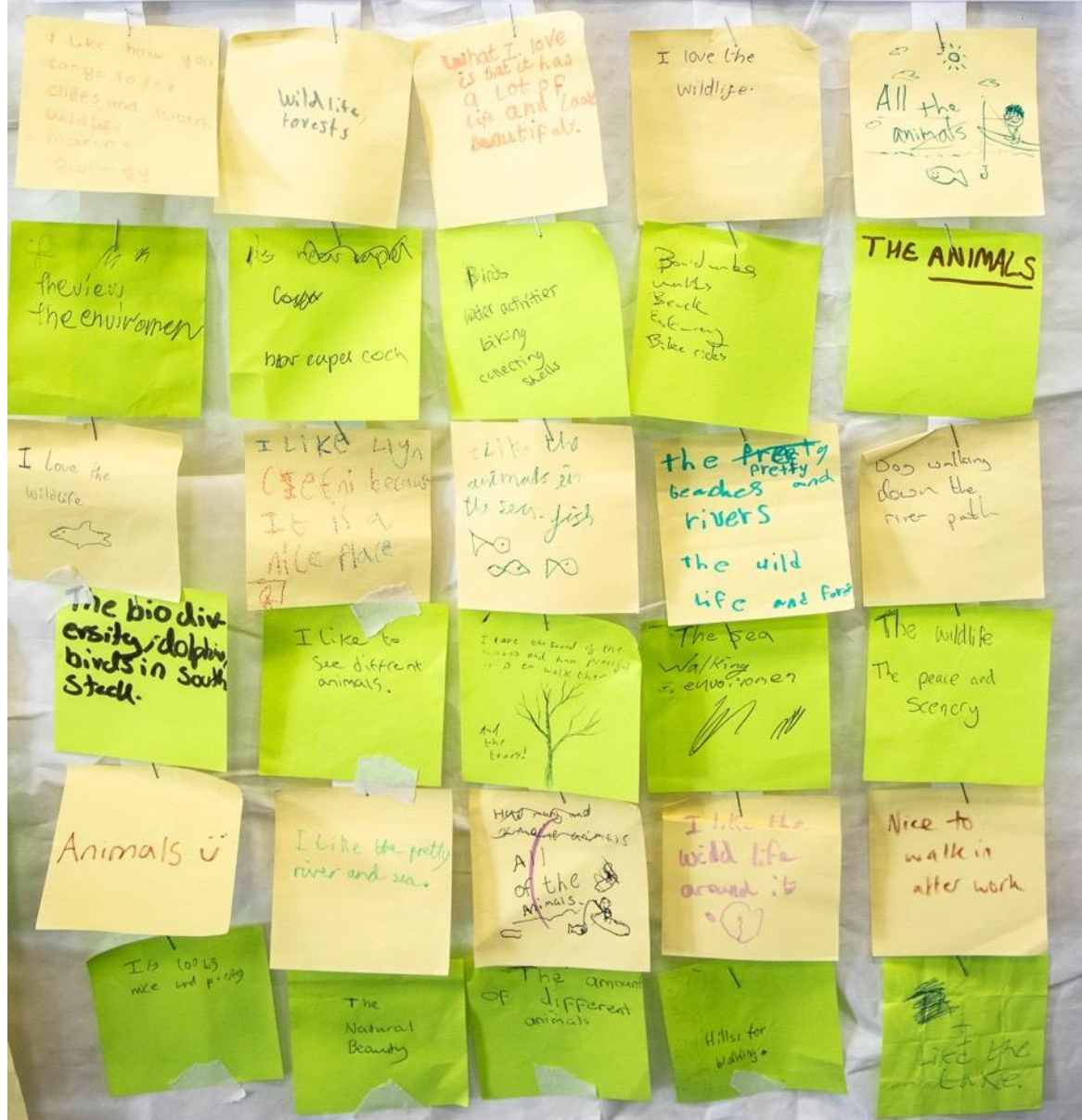
Great community



Beth mae'r Afon Cefni yn ei olygu i chi?

What does the Afon Cefni mean to you?

Scouts



Beth ydych chi wedi'i weld?

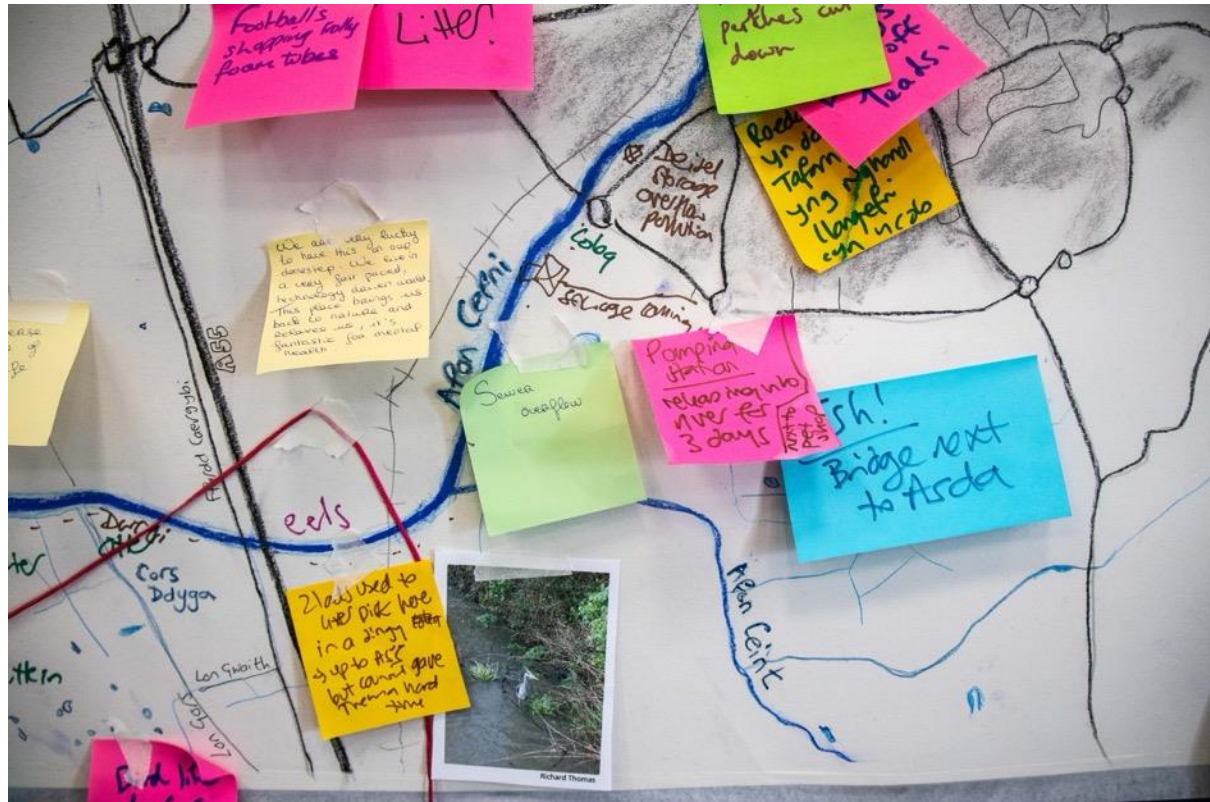
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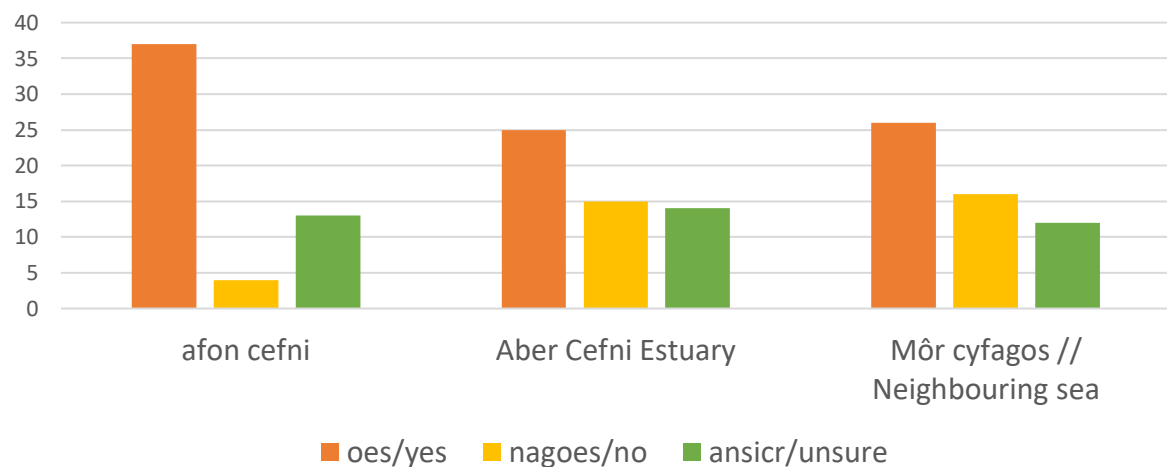
- Wiwer Coch // Red squirrels
- Kingfisher
- Seagrass
- Dwrgi // Otter
 - o swni'n licio weld nhw
 - o Apparently there are otters, although I have never seen one.
- Dipper (but not this year)
- Pysgod - Fish / eels
- From bridge next to Asda
- Roedd 'na eels yn afon cefni
- I have never seen tadpoles
- Heronry/egret tree x 2
- Heron every day!
- Marsh harrier, osprey
- Bittern
- Llygod Pengrwn y Dŵr // Water voles
- All along the river. It is a National Key Site for Water Voles
- At Cefni Estuary the vast majority of birds [c 7000, wildfowl & waders] visit in the winter when comparatively few people wander the muddy shore and sands to disturb them [that's largely down to Peregrines!].



Am beth dach chi'n pryderu? What do you worry about?



A oes gennych unrhyw bryderon am iechyd... Do you have any concerns about the health of...



Sbwriel yn yr afon - Litter and rubbish in the river

- The health of the river has a knock on affect on the estuary as it is all connected Again the amount of rubbish that gets washed downstream can be very detrimental to marine life
- Footballs
- Shopping trolleys
- Foam tubes
- Dog poo bags
- Plastic washing down from Llangefni into the sea. Even outside council offices, and they don't do anything about it
- Don't like people littering
- Mae plastig yn yr afon ger y clwb rygbi yn ofnadwy ac yn hyll iawn. Mae afon llawn sbwriel wrth fynd am yr A5 hefyd. Mae hyn yn sbwyllo fy mwynhad o'r afon. Mae nifer fawr o goed wedi eu torri hefyd ar y llwybr wrth y clwb rygbi a hoffwn wybod pam.
- Sbwriel sy'n mynd i'r afon yn Llangefni
- Llygredd a sbwriel
- Mae rhywun yn gweld llawer o sbwriel yn yr afon - yn enwedig yng nghanol Llangefni, ond yn sgil hynny rhwng y dref a'r A55 (a thu hwnt hefyd)
- Ysbwriel.
- Sbwriel bagia baw ci troli shopio yn cael ei daflu i fewn i'r afon
- concerns over the amount of rubbish in the Afon Cefni which ends up floating out into the ocean and marine habitat
- Still a lot of rubbish seen in there especially the single, tyres and bikes and cones and such
- The amount of rubbish thrown into the river , farmland runoff , lack of maintenance in the removal of fallen trees covered in rubbish ,
- Plastic litter
- ach litter
- The vast amount of rubbish that is left in the Afon Cefni is concerning, some which are too far to reach.



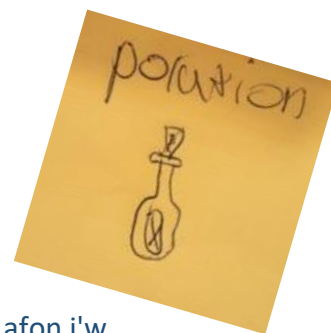
- It's is full of rubbish, plastic, tyres, trolleys, tins, balls, those noodle things etc it's so sad to see, there has been a dead swan there for well over a week ♡ it has been reported ♡
- it's pretty filthy. i wouldn't say polluted, but ther's a lot of rubbish that flows down it now
- foul can be a problem along the path. I am unsure how best this can be tackled - introduce new signage or bins?
- Plastic pollution and litter and also reports of sewage outflows into the Cefni - unsure if this is fact or fiction
- visible plastic pollution, invisible microplastics and other pollutants from farming and industry
- Perhaps I would be concerned about the litter
- Levels of rubbish and fly tipping.
- water quality especially in Llangefni
- Pollution affecting marine animals/fish. I have seen toilet paper in the past. There is rubbish including plastics.
- Pollution and rubbish in the water particularly through Llangefni
- Litter on the beach fishing line waste
- Beach litter
- Plastics and general rubbish from maritime sources. Also the impact of overtourism, including rubbish discarded along this coast.
- How much rubbish is getting thrown into the seas, lakes and rivers
- How much rubbish is going into the water
- I am a bit concerned about littering
- Plastic (x3)
- Litter (x6)
- Rubbish on the beach
- Not enough bins so people throw rubbish into the wild
- Rubbish + litter
- Not enough bins
- ysbwuriel yn y mor
- Rubbish blowing in from places -> Washing machine in the river!
- Rubbish in the sea!
- I'm worried about the amount of rubbish left and how people seem to not care anymore. And the amount of fishing nets that are left.
- Pollution + rubbish
- Plastic rubbish.
- Micro-plastics
- I don't enjoy seeing washed up plastic and nets



Ansawdd dŵr - Water quality

(sewage and pollution being released into the river/estuary/sea)

- I'm concerned about the water quality as it supports so much life
- Because the river feeds the estuary, and the life that the estuary is supporting and has the potential to support the water needs to be cared for
- It's can't be healthy for all the wildlife with so much crap in their water! They swim, eat and drink there ♡ it's disgusting that's people do this.
- Llawer iawn o sôn am ollwng carthffosiaeth i'r môr (mae hyn yn wir o gwmpas Ynys Môn gyfan, yn fwy na dim ond yr ardal dan sylw)
- My major concern is the sewage pipe that flows directly into the estuary particularly when it's high tide you can hear it gurgling obviously with things coming down the pipe
- Mae rhywun yn clywed sôn yn aml am garthffosiaeth yn cael ei gollwng yn ormodol i'r môr. Rhaid iddo fynd i rywle, wrth gwrs, ond gyda thwristiaeth yn gyflogwr pwysig yn Ynys Môn, mae'n cael effaith negyddol ar hynny, heb sôn wrth gwrs am yr effaith fwyaf oll - ar fyd natur.
- There is a wastewater outflow which discharges into Aberffraw Bay, this concerns me when swimming nearby
- Due to sewage outfalls all round the coast
- Pollution affecting Seagrass
- Pumping station has been releasing continuously for 3 days next to Pet shop
- River turns grey after sewage overflow south of the Coleg
- Sewer overflow during storm events and from old septic tank overflow discharge
- Pollution and nutrient increase from sewage and farming.
- Wrth cerdded/beicio o Gaerwen i Llangefni, mae rhannau o'r afon i'w weld yn fudr. Mae llawer o ffermydd yn yr ardal ac rwy'n pryderu am cemegion sy'n cyrraedd yr afon
- Farmland runoff
- Agricultural runoff is also a major and long-term concern, causing vast cyanobacterial blooms every summer that can last into November on some years.
- Possibly pollution - agricultural run- off? Degraded marine habitat's.
- I have concerns with pollution, I have seen the river run green and also be full of litter. I've often found dead fish in the river too.
- Y faint o algae sydd yn y'r Reservoir ac afon, ac fod y'r lle i dynnu llyniau o'r wiwerod coch wedi gael i dynnu lawr gan y Cyngor Sir
- Mae y môr ymhob man dan fygythiad Fyswn i ddim isho 'drochi na hyd yn oed gwlychu fy nhraed hefo yr holl gŵn a charthffosiaeth a ' nialwch llygredig sydd ynddo
- INNS, pollution, land use that isn't nature/biodiversity-friendly, threats from additional development
- Agricultural runoff, industrial spills from Llangefni, a55.
- Deisel storage overflow pollution
- The river through Llangefni industrial estate has long been a source of concern in terms of rubbish and industrial discharges, some of them seemingly unauthorised.
- **Pollution from the roads**



- build up of catchment wide pollutants
- Human excrement spread on fields leaching into catchment (unsure of the extent of this) but i am curious as to whether or not this happens. If it does potential for river contamination. Also, old sewer systems discharging into it from the llangefni area? Sewerage treatment works discharge? Nitrification?
- Llygredd ac sbwriel yn teithio lawr yr afon ac yn mynd i fewn i'r mor.
- There have been a number of pollution events on the ffraw including sewage discharges.
- The litter and pollution in our rivers. Sewage (poo) pollution.
- A lot of pollution (x8)
- I hate sewage in our seas
- Pollution makes me sad and angry, microplastics + sewage
- Water run-off - pollution?
- Pollution going on the industrial estate
- Sewage entering the river upstream
- Keep the river clean

Pethau sy'n effeithio ar fywyd gwyllt - Things affecting wildlife

- The degradation of habitats through human impact
- Poeni am bwyd gwyllt
- Kingfisher perches cut down
- Salmon have disappeared from the river
- Nutrients causing high weed growth
- Grass cutting on the cob should be outside of bird nesting season
- upstream on the Afon Cefni & its two side channels, there has been another crash in breeding birds due to changed farming practise like multiple hay cuts per summer, 'tidying' of bankide veg, field edges & hedge & tree removal, so Yellowhammer, Redshank, Snipe, Teal etc no longer breed, even Skylark is rarer, and Brown Hare.....
- Invasive seaweed
- Dogs off leads
- Roedd 'na llwyth o grifft yn Llyn Cefni ond dim dyddiau hyn
- Too many cormorants! They're affecting fish stocks in winter.
- Is it right that cormorants are affecting fish stocks?
- Himalayan balsam spreading from Llyn Cefni and further upstream.
- Invasive species
- Invasive plant species travelling along streams and becoming difficult to erase from our SSSI
- Concerned that salmon have disappeared in the last 10 years. about loss of spawning grounds due to the reservoir dam.
- Huge litter issues - particularly along the Afon Cefni from Llangefni out towards Malltraeth Marsh. Himalayan Balsam is also a big worry here. And concern of agricultural run-off.
- in the summer a rapidly increasing number of people [and their dogs] walk, canoe, drone, boat, jet-ski or sail-paddle board etc etc all around the estuary, ensuring that



Concerns

the majority of shore birds, like Ringed Plover, & cliff birds, like auks, have great difficulty in breeding here.....

- Increase in nutrient levels causing problems within our rivers and designated sites.
- Loss of vegetation and natural ecosystem services - more run-off and saturation of grass areas (flooding)
- Yachts and boats regularly landing on Bodogan Head beaches and cliffs, and also illegally disturb Schedule One breeding birds like Peregrine Falcons, and cliff and shore birds like auks, Shags, Oystercatcher, Ringed Plover & even Shelduck.....
- human disturbance of wildlife
- I think it's under various stressors such as increasing tourism, use of dirt bikes in the dunes and forest, dogs harassing wildlife which is seen all day every day, and also pollution in the form of run off and sewage
- My main concerns are about global seas generally, although often the general hysteria about climate change ignores the many benefits, as in the increase of some fish stocks and concomitant new species, like Blue-fin Tuna, returning or 'new' cetaceans like Risso's Dolphins,, or breeding Gannets on Mon for the first time, or increased numbers of other fish-eating birds like Atlantic Puffins, auks & terns here.Human fishing on the estuary has both reduced and increased, in that long-line & drift or fixed net fishing, usually illegally at night for Atlantic Salmon & Sea Trout, is greatly reduced, whilst leisure Rod Fishing has increased with good numbers of Flounder, Atlantic Bass, Grey Mullet & Sea Trout using the estuary - as the prospecting Ospreys also love!
- There appears to be a rise in popularity of spear fishing and foraging on the shore line which is not licensed.
- uncontrolled human activities including jet skis
- Grey squirrels killing and spreading diseases to the red squirrels. Loud noises from the boats
- Grey squirrels stealing red squirrels food and too much litter (grey squirrels kills red squirrels)
- Grey squirrels killing red squirrels
- My concern is that some animals are getting extinct (x3)
- Are there any invasive animals
- Loss of biodiversity due to pollution and poaching.
- Hunting. Bigger animals.
- concerns for animals: food loss, pollution
- Agriculture issues such as pesticides
- Jetskis
- pobl yn dal yr anfeiliaid y mor
- Clearance of vegetation
- Invasive species: Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam
- Dead birds after a storm
- Wildlife disturbance and too many visitors and dogs
- Not enough fish!
- I don't like overfishing
- Think you should look after fish

- Hunters and pollution



Llifogydd / newid hinsawdd - Flooding / climate change

- Trees falling across river aren't cleared
- Lack of maintenance in the removal of fallen trees, covered in rubbish
- Trees blocking tributaries
- Defences sy'n creu effaith ar pobl eraill – mae nhw wedi newid y ffordd lle mae'r afon yn mynd
- Adeiladau tai ar flood plain / tir gors. Rhaid iddyn nhw l gyd yn defnyddio septic tanks
- Affect of climate change – floods are getting worse. Do we need to change the canalized river?
- Eroding of the river banks. The river is straight and needs to be re-wiggled. Lack of flood zones for the river.
- The estuary has chaged a lot since I started my job as boatman in 2006 in my opinion the work done higher up beyond the cob has affected the freshwater flow into the estuary.
- Over the years I have noticed the land around the Gefni floods more because in my opinion the Cob needs to be dredged more and the Water gates made to work better. The Cob has become more shallow every year. The over flows block up because of Debris caused by flooding and when the Debris rots it becomes rotting mud, silt and stagnant. The local Waterboards are responsible for keeping the Rivers clean and running right.
- Drainage not maintained
- The estuary also changes every year with the Debris of flooding and tributaries not kept clean by dredging the rotting debris. The estuary is becoming more muddy.
- Littering, eutrophication, rising sea levels and sea temperatures

- Climate Change
- Interfering with the natural world but can't preserve things forever



Mynediad - Access

- certain footpaths are blocked from the Cefni path-cycle track, where it crosses the old railway line south of Pet-Place, up towards Ceint and across to the Gaerwen-Penmynydd road.
- Mae access yn issue – Tir preifat. Dyna pam mae llwybrau mor pwysig
- cycling is generally a good thing, the vast majority - c 66 % - of cyclists neither have nor use bells or give any warning, and this is a growing problem, especially for old folk like myself that walk the old footpaths every day!
- It was once a very quiet place for nature to flourish , now its overrun with tourists letting dogs run loose ,l rubbish discarded on the beaches , poo bags decorating the trees , wild camping resulting in the woodland being used as a toilet
- don't get me started on the jetski crowd.
- Big camp operations + inaccessible areas
- Traffic congestion and parking (Long walk)

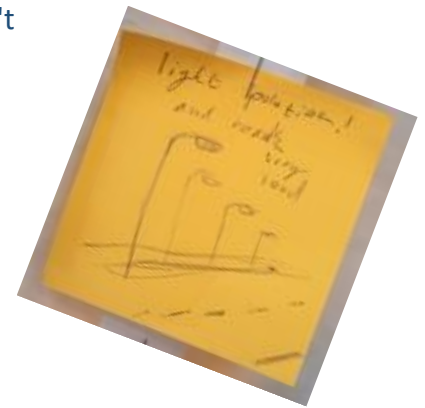
Diffyg gweithredu / gweithredu amhriodol gan yr awdurdodau - Lack of /inappropriate action by the authorities

- Ers dalwm fe fyddai 'kipsr 'mab y diweddar Tim Davies o gwmpas bron yn ddyddiol Roedd gwell trefn ar yr afon a'i hymylon Teimlo bellach fod yr afon yn cael sylw "Crisis intervention' yn lee gofal gwastad
- The dingle is no longer maintained as it used to be . Rubbish , etc

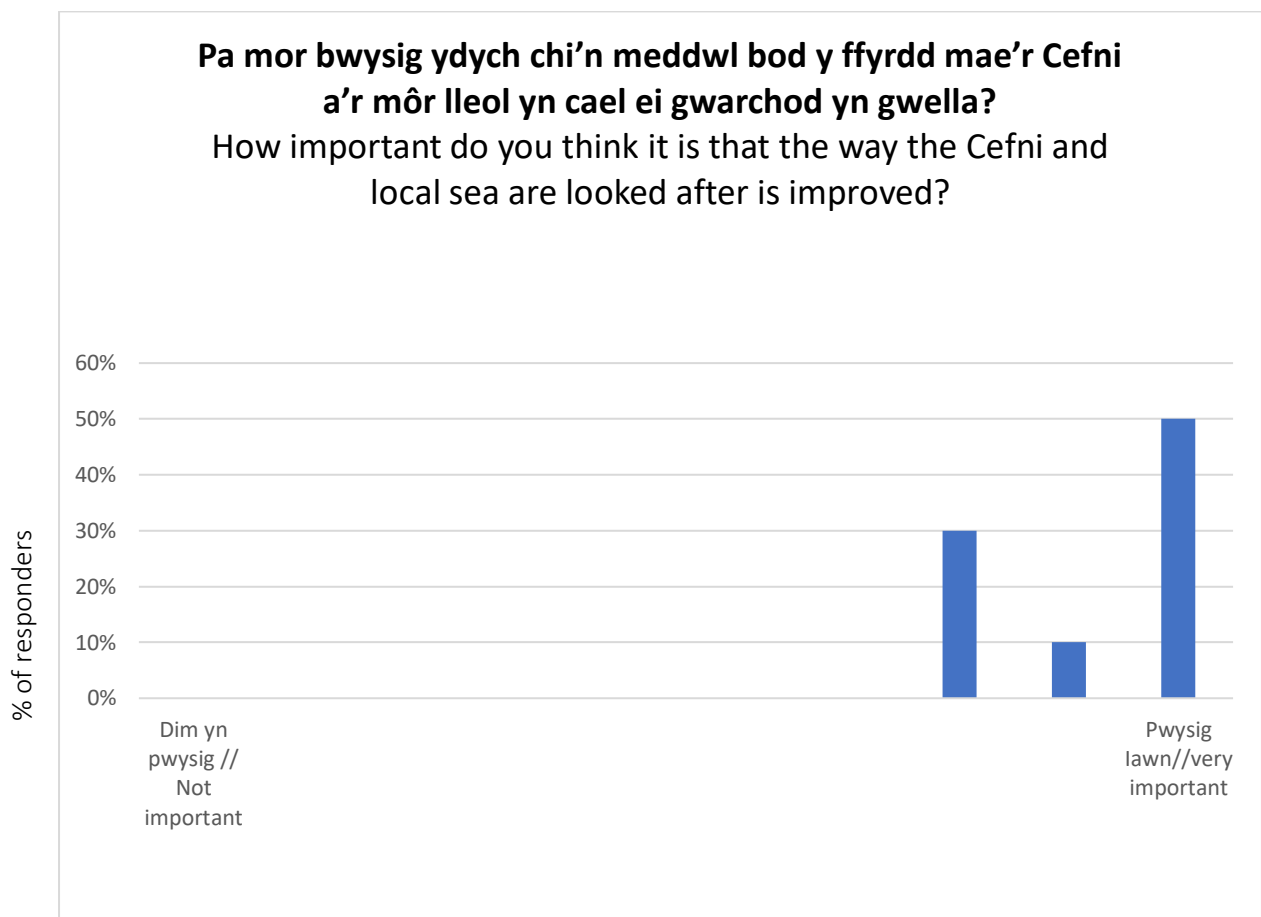
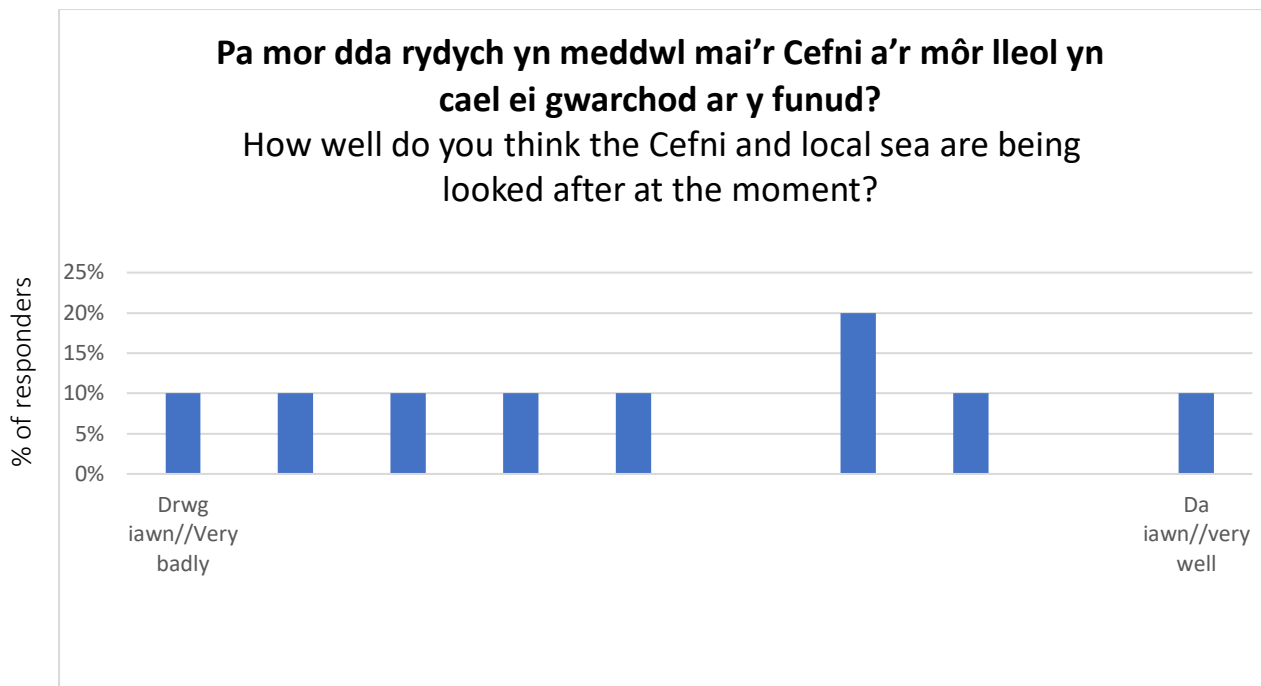
- Then we have NRW cutting the mile long shore-side 'meadow' of the COB bank at bird nesting time, March to June - when they know absolutely there is no need to do that more than twice a yr - so not then. They also know there is no erosion on the seaward bank, anyway, saving their & the Cycle path people's heavy vehicles & Glyphosate spraying [yet on a SSSI, SAC, NNR & AONB!].....
- I was born and bred in Llangefni - I used to love the area but no longer do due to mismanagement by the council
- Complete collapse of NRW's ability, if it ever had any, to manage invasive species and pollution. It is too close to Welsh Water, for example, who were not prosecuted for a serious 2023 diesel spill that lasted for about four days. Welsh Water was allowed merely to make a token donation to charity.
- What looks relatively unspoiled isn't, from sea to marsh to Llangefni! I have lived here [on the Cefni Estuary] for 38 yrs and studied, painted and written about the environment [2 books], and have seen directly lots of changes - and largely due to rapidly increasing human presence and activities - 'official' or not.
- The impact of Llangefni's industrial estate probably migrates into the estuary. Without transparent and frequent monitoring, which doesn't seem to take place, nobody can really know what is being discharged and whether this is done lawfully

Noise/light pollution

- Noise pollution from A55 at Cors Ddyga
- Noise and air/water pollution from industries in Llangefni.
- Light pollution and roads very loud
- Light pollution
- Swn y jetskis / Sound of the jetskis



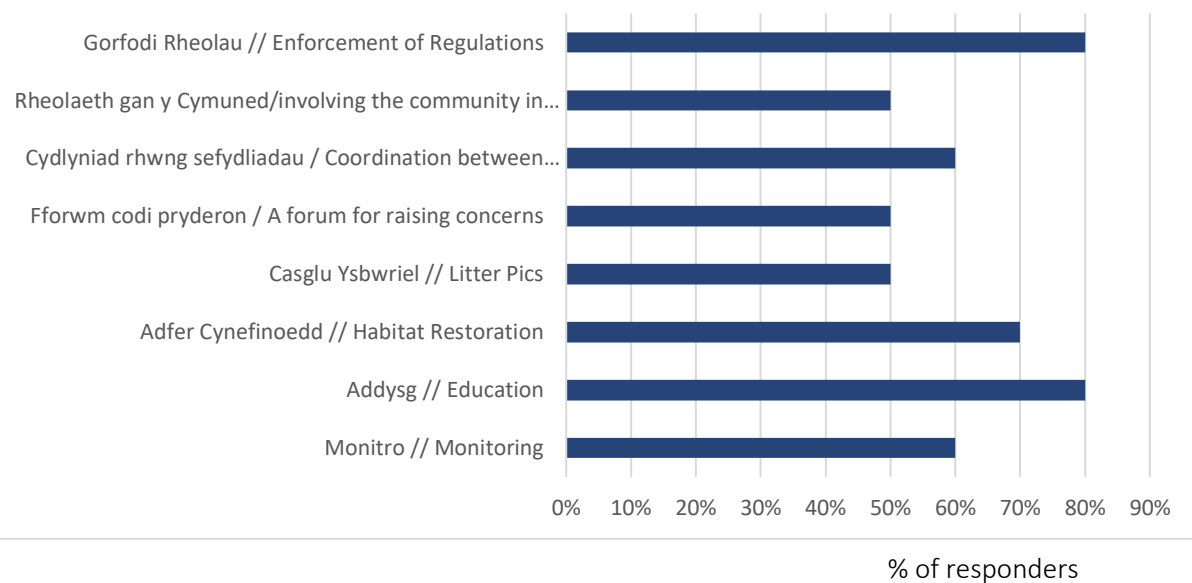
Not knowing where to start
Need more appreciating and observing



What needs to be done to look after the Cefni?



Beth fydddech yn hoffi gweld gwella? What would you like to see improved?



Monitro // Monitoring

- Monitor effect of cormorants etc on fish stocks – is it right that they affect fish as much as they say?
- The water quality as it supports so much life
- A yellow box kit for continuous monitoring of water quality
- Invasive species eg invasive seaweed at Malltraeth
- Monitoring the impact of Llangefni's industrial estate

Addysg // Education

- Its important that people understand the link between river, estuary and sea (environmental impacts)
- Community engagement around why should not throw things in the river
- Education of visitors in boats harassing wildlife
- Making people aware of what we have within this area. Protection is vital for future generations
- Teach people not to throw litter
- Access to the mid and lower reaches of the Afon Cefni has superb access on paths and cycleway. This is a brilliant opportunity to connect with the community
- I have noticed many more people coming, and some irresponsible people not taking their rubbish home. So there needs to be more signs regarding taking rubbish home and the damage it causes to Wild Life and more rubbish bins.
- the growing human presence that is endangering breeding birds around all the margins of the estuary - if often unwittingly, due to ignorance.
- Put posters up saying don't litter
- No littering. Leave it the way you found it
- Don't drop litter anywhere here, use less single use plastic and stuff
- recycle

Adfer Cynefinoedd // Habitat Restoration

- Fish pass at Llyn Cefni Dam
- Addressing the degradation of habitats through human impact
- Cutting of grass at Malltraeth should be only done outside of bird nesting season
- If you kept the cob, but decanalise the Cefni, it would reduce flood risk and create salt marsh. But Cors Ddyga would no longer be freshwater – what would RSPB say about that?
- Kill alien / invasive species (x4)
- Try and get rid of the pink flowers (*Himalyan Balsalm*)
- Get rid of harmful plants and single use plastic products
- Preserve the SSSIs including our campsite
- go mink hunting with buddies! like the grey squirrel, help remove invasive species
- eliminate invasive species
- Get rid of the minks (x3)
- Add more natural species

Casglu Ysbwriel // Litter Pics

- Plastic litter
- Removal of litter
- Keeping it clear of rubbish
- There's a coastal litter pick on the Bodorgan Estate, but the litter in Cefni in Llangefni is mad
- Clean the river edge
- Clean litter from the beach
- Litter picking (x7)
- Litter pick by the sea and maybe in the sea
- 1 thing I can do is say clean up
- Don't litter and take part in litter picks
- by picking up the dirty dirty garbage on the ground
- pick up litter and other things a group effort
- Cleaning party, recycle



Cydlynïad rhwng sefydliadau / Coordination between organisations

- Mae'r cyhoedd yn ymdrechu ond mae angen l'r llywodraeth a cyngor hefyd
- I never see the local council doing anything. The Dingle Warden is deskbound and rarely seen. THE litter problem is horrendous. I regular pick up litter in the Dingle – it is never ending!
- Paid â adeiladu ar tir efo brwyn
- On the Llangefni side of the A55-5, there is still a good mix of farm and marsh, but then we have the usual Mon Council butchery & flailing of riverside trees that goes under the name of 'Tree Surgery' [not by any means just dead Ash] especially nearer the town where Kingfishers breed and need a good balance of greenery and sandy, clayey banks for nesting....We also have one of the worst eyesores on the entire river, as although excessive bankside vegetation is often ripped out, all the rubbish thrown or washed into the river nr Llangefni over the yrs is revealed but rarely if ever removed! Especially nr the Council Offices....where there are old PC monitors & metal framed windows dumped into the river from their grounds..... There is also a lot a lot of garden rubbish etc tipped down the wooded banks of the Cefni as it goes thru the Dingle, although the new 'recycled' boardwalk is a vast improvement, and popular for watching the reintrod Red Squirrels - by Red Squirrel Trust Wales, incidently. not NRW who are still hampering them by excessive tree felling of both conifers and deciduous at Newborough Forest down on the Cefni Estuary, [and elsewhere like Pentraeth].....
- Then we had NRW cutting a mile or so of vegetation incl. small trees, bushes, gorse etc along the margins of salt-marsh & forest - again, at prime bird breeding time, 2020 or 21! They also crushed with tracked vehicles c 12 foot wide margin of wet marsh, where newts etc breed....they also left a wide gap in the new fence - for yrs, despite complaints!- that people used to access the dangerous salt marsh, and get into trouble in all the hidden ditches and marsh....And they did not remove any of the toxic rubbish they crushed, like Polystyrene blocks etc. On the north side, there are still illegal 4-WDs leaving deep ruts in the mud for a mile or so from the bottom of Aberochan Lane, and fairly regular rubbish dumping and even

burning.By the way, NRW claim that 'the trees [Newb Forest] are drying out the dunes', & helping erode the north shore of the estuary are both incorrect and unscientific, as the Newborough dunes have never been wetter than in the last few decades, well watered by increasing rains as well as all the forest springs, and every SW facing estuary in Wales erodes more on the north side due to Atlantic Longshore Drift - whether they have trees or not, or not! Basic geography....

- Any unnatural discharge from the Cefni passes Llanddwyn and area due to tidal flow. Over use of the Newborough National Nature Reserve by visitors and the pressure this puts on wildlife, it drives sensitive species away. For example Ringed Plovers 25 years ago used to nest on the beaches of Llanddwyn, now they don't as it is subject to over use by people and dogs with associated disturbance. It doesn't help that NRW seem to be promoting the Ynys Llanddwyn as a tourist destination, rather than curbing the amount of visitors, it is now above its carrying capacity for visitors and therefore human disturbance. This over tourism is easily and effectively controlled via the electronic sign positioned at the Penlon roundabout, saying beach car park full when it is at full capacity so visitors are informed to go somewhere else. The existing car park should be maintained properly, the wind blown sand should be put at the back of the car park (instead of back on the beach where it will blow in again!) and levelled as a bund, then soft engineering interlocking eco mats should be put on top of the sand so cars can park at the back on a raised level. The car park is currently in a bowl which is tarmaced (the wrong substrate for a dynamic system), this would future proof the existing car park and negate the narrative that the car park needs to be moved! Which would spread the human disturbance over an even larger area, it is a NATIONAL NATURE RESERVE, not a theme park. NRW say the car park needs moving in the long term due to climate change, why don't they use the natural windblown sand to raise the level of the car park and future proof it from the 1.4mm per year sea level rise. I have mentioned this at the NRW drop in sessions, but I feel these sessions are purely a tick box for community engagement. It's as if they have for whatever reason made their mind up on moving the car park.

Fforwm codi pryderon / A forum for raising concerns

- I keep reporting things but no one listens

Gorfodi Rheolau // Enforcement of Regulations

- Abstraction
- Discharges
- Controlling tourism: Ban jet skis and ribs from using Llanddwyn as a playground, enforce the restrictions in place
- An improvement on 'enforcement' is to educate people to improve their behaviour towards polluting/littering
- Punishment for those caught littering or damaging the river environment = they should be made to clear up/repair
- With these areas becoming more popular with Tourists because of its Beauty and Ynys Llanddwyn being the Island of the Lovers, I have noticed many more people coming. And some irresponsible people not taking their rubbish home there needs to be more signs regarding taking rubbish home and the damage it causes to Wild Life and more rubbish bins. The price I am charged to visit Newborough Beach has become ridiculous.! Where is this money going to? Surely they should be employing

more local people and to stop the back up of Cars etc in Newborough they should build another Carpark on the Malltreath sider of the Forest as that beach isnt used as much.

- recycle, bird feeders, dont illegally collect cockle
- Tighter restrictions on businesses to prevent pollution via spillages

Rheolaeth gan y Cymuned

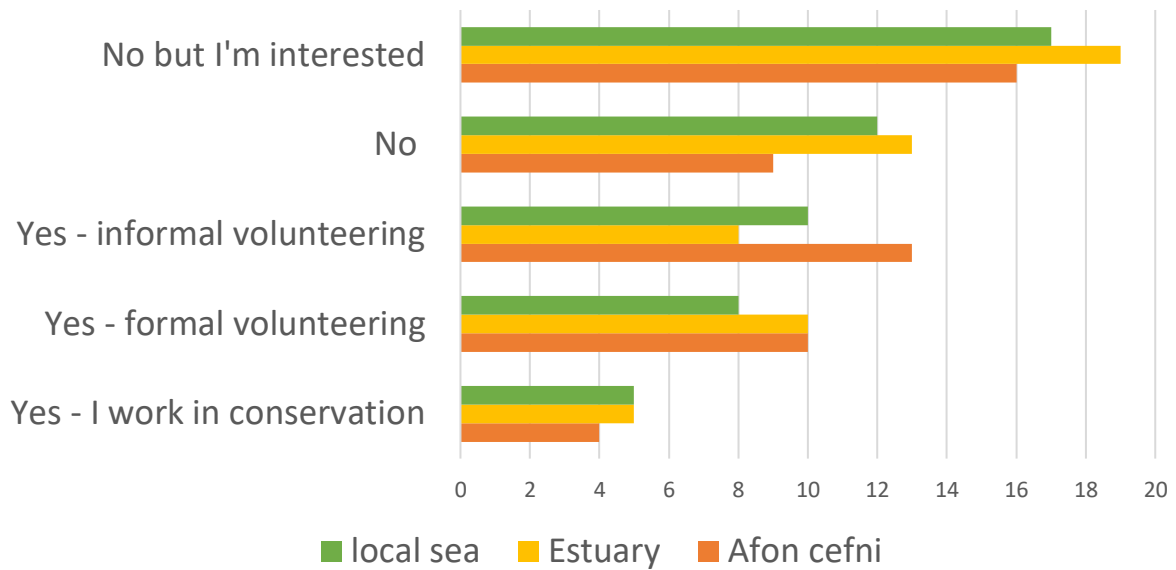
- involving the community in management

- Mae'na lot o bobl lleol yn passionate – grwp passionate will find a way
- Get the community involved in removal of litter, water quality monitoring
- Yes, but I'm an ecologist so I don't know how to manage people!
- Hold more events like these along Cefni
- Run walks along the Cefni to look at different bits, perhaps in a boat too (could pick up litter on the way)
- Need to get INTO the river to remove it. Two lads used to pick litter from a dingy right down the a55. But the council gave them a hard time.



**A ydych yn cymryd unrhyw gamau i helpu i adfer, gwarchod
neu ddathlu Afon/Aber Cefni neu môr lleol?**

Do you take any action to help restore, protect or celebrate
the Cefni river, estuary or local sea?



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Go with kids
with buddies!
July 2000
plant 25.

Recycle
43% less
plastic

Class - 10

LESS
~~WBS~~
Rubber

little pie
or beach
and



Light
from
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The biodiversity of dolphins, birds in South Steel.

Animals ü

Mural Design



- Use the map you've got here of the whole river
- Weeds
- Insects / flying insects
- Fish
- Puffin
- Bats
- Newts
- Egrets
- Snails
- Crabs
- Seaweed
- Dolphins and porpoises
- Kingfishers
- Osprey
- Redkit
- Oystercatchers
- Water voices
- Lots of fungi
- Frogs and toads and newts
- Bees, dragonflies, damselflies, butterflies
- A row of silver birch trees

