

## Member Training – Wales AONB Partnership Members

**Date:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Time:** Day 1 14:30–17.00  
Day 2 9.00–15:30

**Venue:** Plas Tan y Bwlch, Maentwrog, Blaenau Ffestiniog LL41 3YU  
<http://www.eryri-npa.gov.uk/study-centre/location>

### Context

Given the diverse range of duties and responsibilities, the management of an AONB is a complex activity. Increasing pressures on the Welsh environment, a changing climate, and an appetite to look at different ways of managing landscape means the context within which AONB Partnerships operate is changing rapidly. Coupled to this, reduced public sector spending, a challenging legislative programme, and the impact of further devolution, and it is clear that the role of AONB Partnership members has never been more complex and challenging.

The majority of AONB Partnerships have published management plans, and many have formal partnerships and AONB staff units to ensure the plans are implemented. Yet there is very little training or updated guidance available on what local authorities and partner organisations should consider in order to manage AONBs effectively and secure their status as nationally important landscapes.

### Objectives

At this member training event we give background information on the designation and the purpose of AONBs as well as the responsibilities that local authorities and others have for their ongoing management. The event will provide up-to-date information on the statutory arrangements for AONBs and will provide advice on how to achieve action on the ground to conserve and enhance AONBs.

The training event is aimed at those who are or will serve on AONB Partnerships and wish to develop understanding of their role in the context of fast changing political and financial circumstances.

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## Programme

Day 1	
14.30	Coffee on arrival
15:00	Welcome – Philip Hygate, NAAONB
15:10	<b>Introduction and background – Howard Davies, NAAONB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 key learning objectives of the training event</li> <li>• The Statutory duties of AONB partnerships</li> <li>• Role of AONB partnership members</li> <li>• AONB designation in the context of the NPPF</li> </ul>
15:20	Exploring “Expectations and roles of AONB Partnership members” – small group working
16:00	Comfort Break
16:10	AONBs in Wales – the challenges ahead – Peter Ogden, CPRW
16:30	Question and answer session
17:00	End of day

Day 2	
09:00	Recap of Day 1 and Day 2 programme – Howard Davies, NAAONB
09:10	<b>AONBs - International Protected Areas – Nigel Dudley, IUCN</b> Question and answer session
09:50	<b>The AONB Family – a UK perspective – Howard Davies, NAAONB</b> Question and answer session
10:30	Coffee and Comfort Break
10:50	<b>A Wales perspective – Carole Rothwell, NRW</b> Question and answer session
11:30	<b>Challenges and Opportunities for AONBs 2015-2019 – Howard Davies, NAAONB</b>
12:15	Lunch
13:00	<b>A Guide for AONB Partnership Members – Howard Davies, NAAONB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is an AONB</li> <li>• Role of AONB Members</li> <li>• Management Plans / Delivery Plans</li> <li>• Role of AONB Partnerships in planning</li> <li>• Trusts / Friends of / Consultancies</li> </ul> followed by pair working to revisit what makes an ideal Partnership member
15.00	Close

## Attendees

Councillor Hugh Jones  
Mr Mike Skuse  
Mr John Roberts  
Councillor Paul Lloyd  
Councillor Richard Dew  
Councillor John Arwel Roberts  
Councillor Gruffydd Williams  
Councillor Angela Ann Russell  
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Philip Hygate  
Howard Davies  
Jill Smith  
David Dixon

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