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Mid and West Wales
Fire and Rescue Service



Nature Recovery Action Plan

2026 - 2029





Background

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 was developed in 2015 to support and compliment the long-term, well-being objectives outlined in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. Public bodies that are subject to the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 are also subject to the Section 6 Duty within the Environment (Wales) Act 2016. The Act delivers against the government's commitment to introduce legislation to protect the environment and puts in place legislation needed to plan and manage Wales's natural resources in a more proactive, sustainable and joined up way and highlights government commitment to adapt to the ever growing impacts of climate change.

The Part 1, Section 6 Duty was introduced under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 to improve biodiversity and the resilience of ecosystems in Wales, essential to our well-being. The Duty requires that **public authorities must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity in the exercise of their functions in relation to Wales, and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems, so far as consistent with the proper exercise of those functions.** The enhanced biodiversity duty is to recognise the link between biodiversity and the long-term functioning of ecosystems.

In 2025, NRW prepared and published their third State of Natural Resources Report (SoNaRR 2025) which highlights that Wales has nearly one in five species at risk of extinction, and that pollution, unsustainable land use and climate change are driving further losses across the range of Welsh environments.

On 27th March 2026, the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales 2026, was published which outlines the aims for restoring and enhancing the natural environment of Wales. The new plan aligns with international and national frameworks, such as the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the Global Biodiversity Framework (GBF) and is designed to drive sustained and long-term action to address the nature and climate emergencies. The 2026 Plan for Wales includes refreshed aims which replace the objectives set out in the 2015 NRAP for Wales. Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescues (MAWWFRS) Plan will align with the new 2026 NRAP Wales aims.

It is highlighted that public authorities with no land still need to consider each of the aspects of resilience, as their decisions and action can influence ecosystems indirectly, for example, through their procurement policy or through funding decisions and conditions.

To comply with the Section 6 Duty, Welsh public authorities must prepare and publish a plan setting out what action they propose to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote resilience for the next 3 years. A monitoring report on what individual public authorities have done to comply with the duty in the last 3 years will be published alongside this document. The full Monitoring Report of what MAWWFRS has achieved between 2023-26 can be found on the Service's external website.



Section 1

Introduction and Context

MAWWFRS is committed to excellence with a vision to deliver the best possible Fire and Rescue Service for the community of mid and west Wales. The Service recognises the prevailing climate emergency and the increasing importance of the need to protect the environment and conserve the habitats and resources within the area we serve.

As a Service, our operations cover 4,500 square miles of predominantly rural countryside which makes up two-thirds of the area of Wales, covering six counties including, Carmarthenshire, Ceredigion, Neath Port Talbot, Swansea, Pembrokeshire and Powys. Within this geographical area are a number of Special Sites of Scientific Interest (SSSI), National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONBs).

The Service acknowledge the climate emergency and are committed to reducing its negative impact on the environment, which is reflected through the Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2040, Environmental Policy, Carbon Reduction Road Map 2030, guidance documents, strategies and certifications. The Services sustainability and environment aims and objectives are outlined within the Annual Environmental Report and CRMP 2040 which are published on the external website.



As a Fire Service, there is a commitment to be environmentally responsible, and as such the Service have consistently achieved the Level 5 Green Dragon Environmental Management Standard since 2014. Since then, the Service have been committed to maintaining the highest level available each year to date,

most recently being in February 2026. To comply with the Standard, the Service have a wide range of environmental procedures and guidance available to all members of Staff via the internal website. This is used to support our Service wide Environmental Management System which ensures continual environmental improvement and raise awareness of environmental sustainability in our activities and operations.

MAWWFRS is a statutory member at the Public Services Boards under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and report annually on the Well-being objectives. The Service remain committed to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and have embraced it's duties and role as a statutory partner across the six Public Service Boards.

The Service CRMP 2040 contains eight Strategic objectives including environmental commitments. The Plan is reviewed quarterly to produce meaningful strategic aims and improvements and well-being objectives against our strategic priorities on an annual basis. Each of the CRMP objective meetings is chaired by a member of the ELT and an overarching Delivery Board is held quarterly to monitor and delivery on progress.

The following Report highlights what the Service intend to do to comply with the Section 6 Duty of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, through its activities and operations and to encourage biodiversity to all owned sites, however small or large scale. The Report covers all of the Fire Stations, Workshops, Training facilities and administration buildings within the Service estate and actions relative to their functions.



Section 2

Nature Recovery Action Plan

This is the third Nature Recovery Action Plan published by MAWWFRS and covers the period 2026-2029. It sets out actions which have been specifically identified to meet the Service's objectives and to reverse the decline of biodiversity and the Services impact on the environment. The Plan used Welsh Government's 2026 Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales to align objectives to the Fire Service. The Action Plan encapsulates more than just biodiversity improvements on our site but also collaboration opportunities with external partners and community groups. A separate monitoring report has been

published in relation to the achievements the Service has made towards the objectives within the Plan for the period 2023-26.

The Service responds to calls across two thirds of the geographical area of Wales, but the available land on which Fire Stations and administration buildings occupy is minimal. The Table below categorises the amount of available green space present at Service locations and as a result highlights where we can have a direct influence in relation to the Section 6 Duty requirements.

	Less than 5% green space	Less than 5-39% green space	Over 40% green space
Number of locations	37	16	4

As outlined in the CRMP 2040, the Service is committed to embracing sustainability in the delivery of Service excellence. We aim to do this by reducing energy consumption, working towards zero waste to landfill, enhancing available green space, reducing our Service wide carbon footprint and ensuring supply chain and service delivery are environmentally sustainable and work towards reducing scope 3 emissions.

The CRMP, Carbon Reduction Road Map and Annual Environmental Report set out the main principles, proposals and required actions to reduce the environmental impacts of the Service activities and operations. Environmental objectives are reviewed annually and are published in our Annual Environmental Report and through CRMP Objectives.

The Service's aim is to continually improve working practices and activities with consideration to short- and long-term environmental impacts. The Service will continue to strive to reduce its carbon footprint and continue with research into green sustainable renewable technology for fleet and buildings, while looking for collaboration opportunities to improve its impact on the environment. The Service aim to be an environmentally sensitive Fire Service where sustainable development and environmental issues are embedded into all its decision-making processes; enhancing the economic, social and environmental well-being of the communities it serves.



There is a wide range of work being undertaken within the Service which works towards environmental objectives. These projects tie into the Section 6 Duty as guided by the objectives of the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales 2026, as outlined below:

Aim 1

Protect, restore and effectively manage ecosystems to build their resilience

Aim 2

Safeguard species and create space for species to flourish

Aim 3

Tackle key pressures on species, habitats and ecosystems

Aim 4

Establish effective governance and capacity to delivery

Aim 5

Embed biodiversity through engagement and awareness raising to support effective decision making at every level

Aim 6

Improve our evidence and monitoring

[\(NRAP Wales 2026\)](#)



Section 3

Aims and Objectives

The table below highlights the objectives in the Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales 2026 as well as the objectives the Service has developed alongside them, for the coming 3 years. These will be regularly monitored, and progress will be highlighted within the quarterly Sustainability and Environment Group Meetings and within the Annual Environmental Report.

These objectives will be used to guide decisions in activities and projects over the next 3 years.

Wales NRAP Objectives 2026	MAWWFRS NRAP Objectives for 2026-29
Aim 1 Protect, restore and effectively manage ecosystems to build their resilience	Improve and encourage habitat management and restoration and green infrastructure on Service land through external collaborations, internal engagement and funding opportunities. Contribute to the management of protected sites through collaboration with external partners and environmental considerations for incident response techniques. Continue to work with Ground Maintenance Teams to encourage and improve new and existing habitats and biodiversity on Service locations.
Aim 2 Safeguard species and create space for species to flourish	Work with external organisations, where possible, to manage areas of habitat importance, identify and map these habitats across the areas we cover. Work with local community groups to increase resilience and enable local land management.
Aim 3 Tackle key pressures on species, habitats and ecosystems	Ensure areas of high importance in relation to protected habitats are highlighted on the Mobile Data Terminal to inform fire crews. Work with external partners to identify areas of important and protected species. Work with Ground maintenance team to be environmentally sustainable, encourage habitat creation and promote a pesticide free Fire Service. Improve local air quality by reducing Scope 1,2 and 3 emissions.



	Consideration of environmental impacts at incidents in terms of foams and water use. Monitoring of Service wide Waste production to ensure minimal amount send to landfill.
Aim 4 Establish effective governance and capacity to deliver	Highlight Executive Leadership Team involvement in implementation of the Nature Recovery Action Plan Objectives. Monitor and report on Environmental objectives through CRMP Delivery Board for Objective 7 and the Sustainability and Environment Group. Provide updates on Nature Recovery Action Plan objectives in the Annual Environmental Report.
Aim 5 Embed biodiversity through engagement and awareness raising to support effective decision making at every level	Encourage biodiversity action across the Service through engagement and awareness of Section 6 Duty and the Service NRAP. Improve and educate Staff through environmental awareness in areas of emissions, biodiversity conservation, climate emergency and nature recovery both on Service land and areas operate. Promote, implement and progress multiagency campaigns to protect and inform communities of the impact of fire. Support and promote community engagement and external collaboration through awareness and educations in areas such as arson reduction, Wildfire wise engagement campaigns and impacts of climate change on the environment.
Aim 6 Improve our evidence and monitoring	Improve our Business Management Systems and Solar Panel installation and monitoring on Service locations. Continue to embed and raise awareness of the Service Carbon Reduction Plan to work towards Net Zero. Improvement/monitor of water consumption at incidents. Undertake multi agency collaborations to improve delivery, joint working and response. Where possible, align and work towards Welsh Government and Public Service Board environment, nature and climate change requirements and targets and encouraging participation in action with local environmental groups.

Section 4

Delivery, Monitoring and Review

The Service is committed to working towards the objectives outlined within this Nature Recovery Action Plan 2026-29 over the next 3 years. Delivery of the objectives will be monitored by the Sustainability and Environment Manager and will be achieved through external collaboration opportunities, adaptability, and resources.

The Objectives will be monitored quarterly within the Sustainability and Environment

Group Meetings and progress will be reported on within the Annual Environmental Report which will be published on the Service external website and reviewed and verified during the Services annual external EMS audit. Highlights and outcomes will be reported on in the Section 6 Duty Nature Recovery Action Plan Monitoring Report every 3 years.





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OUR VISION

To deliver the best possible service for
the communities of Mid and West Wales.

