

## **Press Release**

### **The launch of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anglesey Walking Festival and the official opening of the Lôn Las Cefni Cycle Track**

The launch of the 10<sup>th</sup> Anglesey Walking Festival and the official opening of the Lon Las Cefni Cycle Track will be at Malltraeth village on Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11.00 am and opened by Radio and TV Presenter Hywel Gwynfryn.

Following the official launch at the Joiner's Arms, Malltraeth at 1.00 pm there will be a series of charity walks with distances of 2, 4 and 10 miles through Newborough Forest and an opportunity to cycle, also for charity, the new off road cycle way from Malltraeth to Llangefni for individuals and team participation.

Lôn Las Cefni is a linear 13 mile off-road cycleway and public right of way linking Newborough and Malltraeth to Llangefni, Bodffordd and Rhosmeirch. Along the route, which passes through Newborough Forest, cyclists can take in stunning views from the cob across Malltraeth estuary, then follow the banks of the Afon Cefni through "Cors Ddyga" and Llangefni to the Cefni Reservoir, "Llyn Cefni", and the villages of Bodffordd and Rhosmeirch at either end of the reservoir.

The new cycleway enables riders to enjoy some of the most beautiful scenery in Wales and, along with the well-established walking trail, adds to the attraction of Anglesey as a tourist destination.

Construction of the cycleway was funded by: the Environment Agency Wales, Menter Môn (European Union Objective One), Welsh Assembly Government, Isle of Anglesey County Council, Cwmni Gwastraff Môn, Welsh Water, Forestry Commission Wales and Adfywio.

The 2 mile walk is appropriate for wheel chair and pushchair use, and therefore suitable for all ages and will start at the Forestry Commission Car Park just off the A4080 at the end of the Cob to the north west of Newborough. The 4 and 10 mile walk will start at the Malltraeth end of the Cob, where there will be a clearly signposted temporary Car Park situated close by. Both walks will return to the starting point and will follow a route across the Cob and through the forest, the longer of the two then continues through the sand dunes, and onto Llanddwyn Island known for its romantic heritage linked to Saint Dwynwen.

The Alzheimers Society is the main charity linked to the charity walks and cycle ride, however members of the public are welcome to walk or cycle to raise money for any charity of their choice. If you would like to become involved in this event, please register your interest with the organisers, Menter Môn on 01248 725 718 or at [rhian@mentermon.com](mailto:rhian@mentermon.com)

The Walking Festival will continue from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup> - for further information, visit [www.angleseywalkingfestival.com](http://www.angleseywalkingfestival.com)