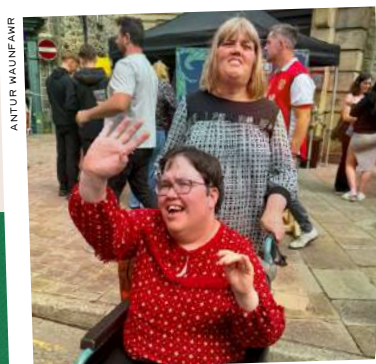




2025/26

The story of Our Year



Sesiwn Fawr Dolgellau



Halibaliu



Hafan y Môr



Pumpkin Painting Party

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Waunfawr

Bryn Pistyll

- Head Office
- Blas y Waun Café,
- Brewery, Gardens
- Supported Living and Complex Needs Services

2
Caernarfon

- Warws Werdd
- Beics Antur
- Llarpio Antur

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A message from the Chief Executive and the Chair of the Board

Ellen Thirsk
Chief Executive

2025/26 has been another successful year, and this report provides a snapshot of the work being carried out across Antur Waunfawr to benefit the individuals we support.

We have a strong belief in the importance of our communities, and the essential services we provide to more than 70 people with a wide range of learning disabilities are at the heart of everything we do. Our work is underpinned by our core values of respect, wellbeing, sustainability, empowerment and professionalism.

Like all social enterprises, Antur Waunfawr continues to face the annual challenge

of maintaining high-quality services and businesses in a difficult economic climate. To help us plan for the future and respond to these challenges, we are currently developing a strategy that will define our key priorities for the next five years.

It is a genuine privilege to lead Antur Waunfawr, and I would like to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt thanks to the individuals we support, their parents and carers, our staff, our health, social care and environmental commissioners, our funders, key partners, our Chair and members of the Board of Directors for their continued energy, commitment and support.



Dr Catrin Elis Williams
Chair of the Board

As Chair of the Board, it is my pleasure to jointly present this report. For more than four decades, Antur Waunfawr has enriched the lives of adults with learning disabilities by providing meaningful work, training and leisure opportunities, always placing the individual at the centre of everything it does.

The safe and supportive environment at Antur Waunfawr helps people develop practical, social and creative skills through enjoyable activities, community projects and training opportunities. As the mother of one of the individuals that receives support, I have seen

first-hand the positive and meaningful impact Antur Waunfawr has on the lives of the people it supports, their families and the wider community. Its inclusive approach ensures that support is tailored to reflect the needs and strengths of every individual.

Everyone at Antur Waunfawr is given the opportunity to shine.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the continued success of Antur Waunfawr. I hope you enjoy reading this report.

Aims and Objectives Antur Waunfawr

To provide meaningful and engaging work experience, purposeful activities, and progressive training opportunities in a supportive environment for people with learning disabilities.

To provide high-quality supported living accommodation where people are treated with dignity and respect, empowering tenants to live full and independent lives.

To deliver sustainable reuse and recycling initiatives and professional environmental services across North Wales in partnership with statutory organisations and private sector businesses.

To develop person-centred planning approaches and promote Active Support within individual support plans, embedding these principles throughout every aspect of Antur Waunfawr's activities and services.

To promote inclusion and healthy living throughout all of our services and leisure opportunities, supporting good health, wellbeing and happiness while meeting the genuine needs of the people we support.



To be an excellent and forward-thinking employer, while promoting the Welsh language, culture, and the local economy.

To provide accessible facilities for visitors, customers and the local community, while developing sustainable income streams through our activities and sites.

To develop sustainable initiatives that respond to the needs of the Waunfawr and Caernarfon areas, support the wider community, and protect the environment.

Our Values

Respect

We always show respect towards people with learning disabilities, our staff, the public, our community, and our culture. We demonstrate empathy towards the individuals we support, enabling us to understand and meet their needs.

Wellbeing

We place the individual at the heart of everything we do, providing a wide range of activities and services that promote happiness, health and wellbeing.

Sustainability

We operate in a sustainable way—socially, environmentally and financially—to help maintain a thriving culture, language, community, and environment.

Empowerment

Developing individuals and communities to reach their full potential is central to Antur Waunfawr's mission. We are committed to empowering people, strengthening the local economy and protecting the environment.

Professionalism

Our organisation is led and managed effectively by an experienced Board and leadership team with an entrepreneurial approach, ensuring the delivery of high-quality services.

Wellbeing Statement

Promoting wellbeing, good health and happiness, while enabling individuals to achieve their full potential, will remain the cornerstone of Antur Waunfawr's services for the future.

We provide care, Active Support, training and work experience in an efficient and proportionate way to meet the needs of people with learning disabilities within our local communities.

As a social enterprise, Antur Waunfawr is committed to meeting the social, environmental, economic and cultural needs of the local community through the medium of Welsh, or the individual's language of choice, while working in partnership with others.

Our aim is to create an innovative, equal, productive and low-carbon society by developing a family of sustainable local businesses. We believe in starting with our own community and acting with ambition to promote wellbeing and build resilient communities.

Care and Support

Supported Living

Antur Waunfawr Supported Living creates opportunities for people to live in safe and inclusive homes, enabling them to live as independently as possible with the right support. Through partnership working, the project develops homes that reflect the needs and wishes of people with learning disabilities, giving them a voice and choice in their everyday lives. The Supported Living Scheme is an important part of Antur Waunfawr’s vision to create communities where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

Supporting:

13

People with learning disabilities

10

Homes

Creating a Home, Creating Opportunities

Everyone has the right to have a place they can call home - somewhere they feel safe, valued and able to live life on their own terms.

Over the past few years, we have helped create a home and new opportunities for two individuals through our Supported Living Service.

When Gwynedd Council approached us about



Person A, they were at risk of having to move out of the county because suitable accommodation was not available locally. This would have meant leaving behind their family and the community that was so important to them.

Working in partnership with Cyngor Gwynedd and Cartrefi Cymru, we transformed our respite bungalow into a permanent supported home. Our aim was to build support around Person A, understanding their individual needs and strengths.

By working with specialist professionals and using Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) approaches, we introduced small but meaningful changes that helped Person A become calmer, more confident and more independent.

The impact has been significant. Their support needs have reduced from 2:1 to 1:1, their reliance on medication has decreased, and they have been discharged from specialist psychiatric services.

As well as creating a home for Person A, the property also created an opportunity for Person B, providing a safe and supportive place for her to continue to thrive close to her family and

community. After taking time to get to know one another, Person A and Person B now share a home where they can enjoy greater independence and new experiences.

Person B has embraced new opportunities, including working in our café, taking part in music sessions and theatre groups, and attending Makaton classes.

This story demonstrates the power of person-centred support. By listening, adapting and working collaboratively with our partners, we have helped two individuals build more independent and fulfilling lives in a home where they feel they belong and are part of their community.

Multiple Complex Needs

The multiple complex needs support service at Antur Waunfawr offers one-to-one support and health and well-being opportunities for people with multiple complex disabilities in the community. The service, which is available 6 days a week, includes wellness sessions at our site in Waunfawr, such as music, karaoke, and drawing, as well as activities in the community, namely swimming, climbing, cycling with Tonic sessions at Galeri Caernarfon being one of the favourites.

This year the individuals have attended quite a few Well-being Pathways sessions in order to expand the various experiences and activities available. We have also been fortunate to collaborate with Galeri Caernarfon and Ambient Jam to provide sensible sessions for the individuals in the Galeri under the expert guidance of Cai Tomos. At weekends, we offer a relaxed service with various local trips, which provide valuable time for parents.



Statistics:

16 individuals received support from the service

Over 24,000 hours of support provided during the year

519 hours of support every week

An average of 6 group activities each week supporting health, well-being and community connection

300 well-being group activities attended



Bryn Pistyll Site - Gardens & Brewery

Bryn Pistyll is a place where people develop skills by working with nature, gardening and producing local products outdoors. Set within over 7 acres of gardens and a nature park, the site includes growing gardens, an inclusive playground, café, workshop and brewery. These spaces support learning, wellbeing and connection with the natural environment.

The team grows a variety of fruit and vegetables on site, using the produce to create Antur Waunfawr products such as cider, jams and chutneys. This work provides valuable opportunities for people with learning disabilities to develop practical skills in gardening, production, packaging, and sales.



The Orchard

Highlights of the Year:

1 Tonne of fruit grown on site or received through community donations

1,519 Bottles of cider produced

778 Jars of pickled onions produced

9 people with learning disabilities attending the site every week



Throughout the year, we attended a number of local fairs and events to sell our products and connect with our community. Events included the Caernarfon Food Festival, Anglesey Show, Glynllifon Christmas Fair and Fron Goch, as well as a weekly stall at Caernarfon Market Hall every Tuesday.

These events offer more than an opportunity to promote and sell our products; they are an important way of strengthening our connections with the local community. Individuals from Antur Waunfawr play an integral role at the stalls, developing valuable skills in customer service, sales and communication.

Bryn Pistyll Site - Blas y Waun Café

It was a pleasure to reopen Blas y Waun Café to the public, with an official opening event held on 16 July 2025 to celebrate this important milestone.

With financial support from the Food Crisis Fund through Cist Gwynedd, Gwynedd Council and SPF funding through Mantell Gwynedd, we were able to invest in new equipment, improve our facilities and provide training for staff and individuals with learning disabilities who receive training and support at the café.

The reopening of the café would not have been possible without the generosity and support of local businesses and partners who helped to give the space a new lease of life. We would particularly



like to thank Travis Perkins and Perkins Furniture & Flooring for their valuable support with the installation of a new kitchen and flooring, and CARN Cymunedol and Zoe Lewthwaite Design for creating a unique upcycling project that has brought colour and creativity to the space. We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Ceurwyn from Coffi Dre for providing barista training, helping our staff and the individuals we support to develop new skills and build their confidence.

The café has created valuable opportunities to develop skills, build confidence, and connect with the community in an inclusive environment. Now registered as a Gwynedd Council Warm Welcome Place, Blas y Waun provides a welcoming space serving high-quality home-cooked meals, afternoon tea and homemade cakes to the local community and visitors.

Highlights of the Year:

11 people supported in the café to develop their skills and gain valuable work experience

£14,911.32 received in grant funding



Summer Fair



Warws Werdd

A shop and reuse centre that gives new life to furniture, textiles, and surplus items. By collecting, restoring, and reselling items from Gwynedd Council Recycling Centres, the local community, and local businesses, we reduce waste, support the circular economy, and provide work experience and skills development opportunities for people with learning disabilities. The Warws is also a community hub, with Ffiws and its creative and meeting spaces providing a venue for training, workshops, and events.

Statistics:

346 Tonnes of furniture
saved from landfill

302.7 Tonnes of textiles
collected and reused

16 people with learning disabilities
supported to develop skills and gain work experience.

We have partnerships with local businesses that donate end-of-line stock and surplus furniture to our shop, including Perkins Furniture & Flooring, Caprice, and Paryys Furniture.

Thank you to:



Preparing parcels for Ebay



Collecting furniture



From Waste to Worth

In September, we launched our From Waste to Worth campaign with a special event at Warws Werdd to celebrate the completion of the building's new extension, funded through the Welsh Government's Circular Economy Grant. Partners, councillors, and stakeholders came together to celebrate the initiative and strengthen collaboration in developing the circular economy across Gwynedd.

As part of the campaign, we have worked with upcycling and upholstery specialist Siân Griffiths to transform furniture collected from Gwynedd Council Recycling Centres and the local community into unique, high-quality pieces. This work also provides people supported by Antur Waunfawr with the opportunity to develop practical skills in furniture restoration and upcycling.

From Waste to Worth demonstrates how reuse and collaboration can create a more sustainable future, keeping valuable resources in use, helping people develop new skills, and transforming waste into something of real value.

£5,000 grant funding received through the Menter Môn Circular Economy Fund

Over 30
upcycling sessions delivered

Dodrefn Del

This project was funded through Menter Môn's Circular Economy Programme, which enabled us to employ a Reuse Officer to work with Gwynedd Council Recycling Centres to rescue suitable furniture and household items before they were disposed of. The items were cleaned, repaired, and resold through Warws Werdd, giving them a new lease of life while delivering environmental and social benefits to the community.

The project also provided practical opportunities for people with learning disabilities and volunteers to take part in every stage of the process, from collecting and sorting items to repairing and selling them—helping them develop skills, confidence, and independence.



Worked in partnership with **8 Gwynedd Council Recycling Centres**

576 items
rescued from recycling centres

12.2 Tonnes of furniture
diverted from landfill



Beics Antur

Based at Porth yr Aur in Caernarfon, Beics Antur offers bike hire, repairs, and servicing for conventional bikes, e-bikes, and adapted bikes. The workshop also provides work experience and skills development opportunities for 8 people with learning disabilities, helping them build confidence while developing practical bicycle maintenance skills.

Beicio i Bawb

Our Beicio i Bawb project promotes health, wellbeing, and active travel by ensuring that accessible cycling opportunities are available for people of all ages and abilities. The project received continued support through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, via Gwynedd Council's Wellbeing Fund, enabling the team to continue delivering sessions in schools, communities, and care homes across Gwynedd.

Using a fleet of standard bicycles, e-bikes, and adapted bikes, the project helps people develop cycling skills, build confidence, and enjoy the physical and mental health benefits of active travel.



The team couldn't have been **more friendly, helpful, or supportive**. We were a large group of people of different ages, sizes, and abilities, and there was **plenty of choice** to meet everyone's needs. **The team took great care of us**, offering helpful advice, route recommendations, and maps. They even **cycled with us to the start of the route to make sure we could navigate through the town safely and confidently**. We couldn't recommend Beics Antur more highly, and **we're incredibly grateful to the team for making the day such a success for everyone**.



Visitor
August 2025

Effects of Beicio i Bawb:

- 271 activities delivered
- 370 participants took part in accessible cycling sessions.
- 12 primary schools participated in Bike Skills sessions
- 161 Year 3 and Year 4 pupils developed their cycling skills and confidence



Llarpio Antur

Llarpio Antur provides a secure, confidential, and environmentally responsible paper shredding service to businesses, organisations, and households across North Wales. Based in Caernarfon, we collect, shred, and recycle confidential documents in accordance with data protection requirements, giving customers peace of mind. The service also provides work and skills development opportunities for people with learning disabilities.

During the year, with continued support from the Gwynedd Council Environment Department, the service moved to a new unit on Cibyn Industrial Estate, Caernarfon, ensuring business continuity and creating an opportunity to further develop the service.

- Over 2,000 customers used the service
- 13,786 red sacks of confidential documents collected and processed
- 262 tonnes of paper prepared for recycling
- Provided work and skills development opportunities for 8 people with learning disabilities



Health and wellbeing

Health and wellbeing is at the heart of our work, creating opportunities for people with learning disabilities to try new things, build confidence, and connect with others through creative, physical, and social experiences. By taking part in activities such as Halibalw, Ambient Jam, Dawns Gogledd Cymru, and many more, we support people to express themselves, develop new skills, and enjoy inclusive experiences that contribute to their wellbeing and everyday happiness.

We are incredibly grateful to all our partners, including Galeri Caernarfon, Llwybrau Llesiant, Theatr Bara Caws, and many more, for their support and collaboration in creating these valuable opportunities for the people we support at Antur Waunfawr.

Halibalw

Theatr Bara Caws, Galeri and Antur Waunfawr came together to re-establish the Halibalw partnership, providing a series of creative workshops for people with learning disabilities. The sessions were led by artists from Bara Caws, giving participants the opportunity to create, develop and perform a show of their choice in front of a live theatre audience.

Antur Waunfawr service users were at the heart of the process, developing ideas and shaping the performance from the very beginning. After weeks of creating and rehearsing, the project culminated in a successful performance of Halibalw: Waunbalw y Panto in December 2025.

Halibalw is more than just a performance - it is



a project that gives participants a voice, builds confidence, and creates new opportunities. Throughout the process, participants developed social skills, creativity and confidence, while experiencing a real sense of pride and achievement as they saw their work brought to the stage.

17 people
took part in the project.

13 rehearsal
sessions delivered.

1 live performance



North Wales Dance

During the year, members of the Antur Waunfawr team took part in North Wales Dance 2025, an inclusive event organised by Llwybrau Llesiant in partnership with Dawns i Bawb, Mencap Môn, STAND North Wales and Conwy Connect.

Dancers with learning disabilities and autism from across North Wales came together on stage at Venue Cymru, Llandudno. The event provided an opportunity for individuals to share and develop their creative skills, build confidence, and perform proudly in front of an audience.

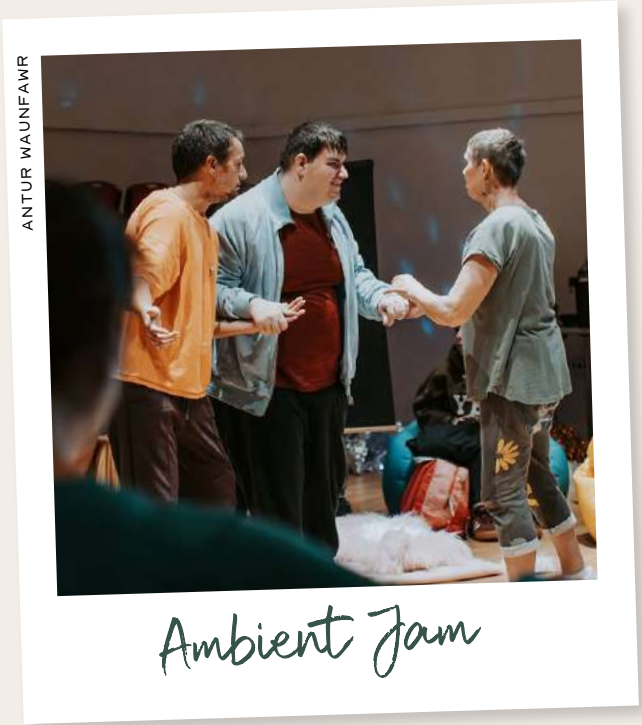


Ambient Jam - Cai Tomos & Galeri Caernarfon

Ambient Jam Wales is a creative partnership between Galeri, Entelechy Arts and Antur Waunfawr, using music, dance, movement, and sensory experiences to create inclusive opportunities for people with learning disabilities and multiple complex needs.

Led by Cai Tomos, the sessions provide a welcoming and safe environment where individuals can express themselves, relax, and explore creativity through sound, movement, and interaction. The project has a positive impact on participants' wellbeing, helping to build confidence, reduce anxiety, and create meaningful connections.

Ambient Jam has become a space where everyone can take part in their own way. We would like to thank The National Lottery Community Fund for their support in making this valuable partnership possible.



Social Value Report

This report measures the difference our Care Services make to the people we support, their families, and our staff. It demonstrates the social, environmental, and economic value created through our services and highlights the positive outcomes achieved every day.

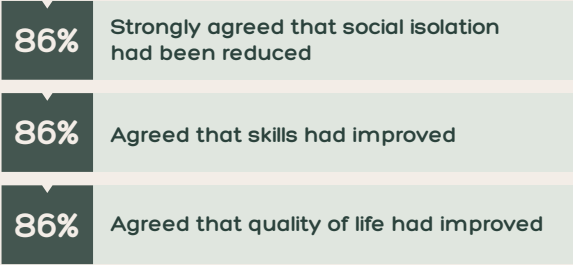
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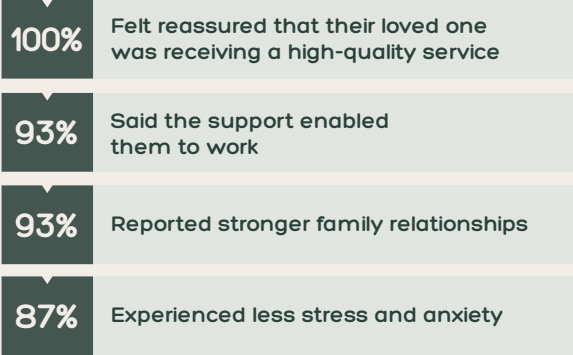
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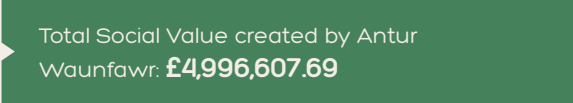
Outcomes for People Using Our Services - Family Perspective



Impact on Families



Wider Value



Social Return on Investment (SROI)





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Social Value Report Case Study

Rebuilding Confidence and Independence - Person B's Story

Person B's journey over the past year is a story of growth, resilience, and a renewed sense of purpose. Following a challenging period during the COVID-19 pandemic, when social opportunities were limited and pressure on her family increased, it became clear that a new approach was needed to help her develop greater independence and enjoy a fuller life.

A year ago, Person B moved into one of Antur Waunfawr's homes on a full-time basis, beginning a new chapter in her life. This change has had a very positive impact, giving her the opportunity to develop a supportive relationship with her housemate, build confidence, and take greater responsibility for her everyday life. Her relationship with her family has also improved, as previous pressures and concerns have reduced.

Antur Waunfawr has played a central role in her development. Person B enjoys spending time at the café, where she feels a strong sense of belonging and takes pride in contributing by helping with cooking and baking alongside the team. These opportunities have helped her develop new skills, build confidence, and feel valued as part of the community.

Today, Person B leads an active and social life, attending Glynllifon College and taking part in a variety of activities, including swimming, Makaton sessions, and social activities with friends. She has

interests that bring her joy, from singing karaoke to enjoying quizzes and spending time with others.

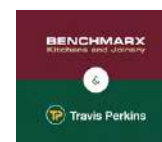
The support Person B receives is based on her individual needs, choices, and aspirations. As a result, she is now more independent, more confident, and more connected to her community than ever before, with less need for external support.

Looking ahead, Person B is excited about the future and new opportunities, including the possibility of going on holiday - something that previously seemed out of reach. Her story demonstrates the impact of a person-centered approach and how the right support at the right time can enable people to live more independent, meaningful, and fulfilling lives.

- + Greater confidence
- + Greater independence
- + Stronger relationships
- + Active social life

Thank you for your support!

The work of Antur Waunfawr would not be possible without the support of our funders, partners, and community. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who has worked with us over the past year. With your support, we can continue to create opportunities, develop services, and support people to live the lives they want to live.



...and many more community initiatives and other organisations. **Thank you very much!**