

£12m boost for Wales' Great Outdoors

Lesley Griffiths has announced Snowdonia, Brecon Beacons and the Pembrokeshire Coastal Path National Park Authorities will receive grant funding totalling £9.5m for 2017/18.

Meanwhile, Wales' five [Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty](#) have today been awarded £275,000 to help them to continue to deliver the Sustainable Development Fund. Under this fund, AONBs will each receive £55,000 to establish projects which support ways of living and working in a more sustainable way, integrating natural beauty, wildlife, landscape, land use and community.

Earlier this year the Cabinet Secretary confirmed an extra £2.5m, in addition to their core funding, to support projects identified by Wales' National Park Authorities and AONBs. These include initiatives to promote outdoor recreation and improve mountain safety.

The Cabinet Secretary said:

"We all know Wales has some of the most stunning and inspiring natural landmarks anywhere in the world. Our breathtaking National Parks and Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty have long been magnets for visitors and locals alike.

"Earlier this year, I was able to provide over £2.5m of additional funding to support projects identified by Wales' National Park Authorities and AONBs. I look forward to seeing these projects come to fruition over the coming months.

"I am pleased today to further confirm funding of nearly £10m which will enable our National Park Authorities and AONBs to continue to protect and improve these valuable landscapes for future generations."