

**Title: Natur Cymru update & plea**

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### ***Background/Progress***

**Natur Cymru** helps members of WBP to communicate through the 1,200 subscribers / 2,800+ readers of the magazine. Members of **NATUR** (The Welsh Institute of Countryside and Coastal Management) receive a subscription to Natur Cymru as part of their membership benefits.

The 40<sup>th</sup> edition of Natur Cymru covered a wide range of subjects including reptiles, moths, BTO Cymru, lichens, upland conservation, giant hogweed, etc. Edition 41 (December 2011) will have a marine theme plus articles covering slime molds and the Natural Environment Framework. The theme for edition 42 will be Brecon Beacons.

We have started a '**50 years ago**' feature to draw attention to the digitisation of our predecessor, Nature in Wales, which was published from 1955 to 1987. The combination of Natur Cymru and Nature in Wales provides a valuable resource for researchers.

In addition to the magazine we help get messages across through social media (blogs, tweets and YouTube) and recently added a new film about the Anglesey Grazing Animals Partnership.

To encourage debate and awareness of conservation issues we have just launched the 4<sup>th</sup> nature writing competition with over £1,000 of prizes donated by WWF Cymru, Tŷ Newydd and the Wildlife Trusts. Closing date 31<sup>st</sup> March 2012. Full details at <http://www.inspired-by-nature.org.uk/>

### ***Plan/Proposals***

If you have a story that would make a good article for Natur Cymru -  
If you need help creating case studies, films, blogs etc -  
If you would like to contribute to the Natur Cymru blog -  
Please let us know.

### ***Action Requested***

We ask all WBP members to get in contact if they have a story to tell and to help promote the writing competition.

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