



Land

Accredited Training



36 different courses



165 number of businesses



222 number of individuals



3427 number of hours

Courses included:

Courses	Number of claims
Rough Terrain Telescopic Lift Truck	22
Level 2 Award in Rodent Management	19
Level 2 Award in the Safe Use of Pesticides (PA1) & Safe Application of Pesticides Using Vehicle Mounted Boom Sprayer Equipment (PA2)	18
Chainsaw maintenance and cross-cutting	17
360 degree excavator tracked under and over 10 tonnes	13

Feedback:

"I learnt a great deal and have the knowledge now on how to deal with rodents more effectively than I did previously" Level 2 Award in Rodent Management

"This course offers me the chance to do more diggerwork around the farm such as drainage and ditching" 360 Degree Excavator tracked under and over 10 tonnes

Horticulture



11 Horticulture events delivered to 71 individuals from 64 different businesses

Training titles included: Peat free propagation, growing field scale Organic veg, Integrated pest management for ornamental.

Feedback:

"The three speakers were very knowledgeable, the combination of the 3 was good as they bounced off each other which made for fuller answers." Alternative orchard crops webinar



50%

50% of course places align with the SFS Characteristic Reduce, reuse and recycle inputs, nutrients and waste – Nutrient management, planning and soil test.

Business support sessions

43

Support sessions

49

Individuals

38

Businesses

Topics included: Soil Health, Native tree production, IPM, Organic field scale production.

Feedback:

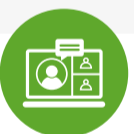
"The consultant was incredibly knowledgeable and very approachable and understanding also. He's an easy person to work with and learn from and very supportive of lots of different viewpoints and experience levels. As a result we will definitely tighten up our growing rotation and bed prep systems ahead of next year's season. Implementing a more rigorous green manure rotation too. It has helped me feel more confident in my plans."



27%

27% of sessions focused on the SFS characteristic of Reduce, Reuse and recycle inputs – integrated pest Management.

E-learning



147

Individuals Supported

89

Businesses Supported

Modules completed include	Individuals Trained
Mandatory Unit: Pesticide Safety	56
An Introduction to Sustainable Farming	10
Horticulture Start-up and Development	4
Horticulture – Recognition of Pests, Diseases and Weeds	4
Hedgerow Management Cycle	4

Surgeries



14

Surgeries completed

Topics included: Grassland and Diversification

Clinics



63

Clinics completed

Topics included: Grassland and Soils

Strategic Awareness Events



8 Events

Topics included: Soil Health, Agri-pollution regulations and Grow your own protein

Knowledge Exchange Hub



Literature reviews: Carbon Sequestration in Soils and Grasslands, PLFA soil analysis

Advisory Service

The Advisory Service supported the following instances of advice:

Themes included	Instances
Technical – Grassland & Crop Management	914
Nutrient Management Plan	451
Infrastructure	228
Technical – Livestock Management & Performance	7
Technical – Carbon Advice	5
Technical – Specialist Veterinary Advice	4
Business Planning	4
Technical – Woodland Management	2
Technical – Agri-environment, ecosystems services & biodiversity	1
Technical – Animal Health Welfare & Bio-security	1
Technical – Energy & Water Efficiency	1

Our Farms Network

On-farm project updates:



[Llysiau Menai Project Update – Final | Farming Connect](#)



[Regenerating Existing Woodland at Glyn Arthur Farms Through Management](#)



[Low input grazing leys](#)

Masterclasses

Topics included:



Masterclass Advanced



Masterclass Entry

Feedback:

“Really useful and informative session.”

“Good mixture of presentation and practical.”

“Learned the link between chemical, physical and biological aspects of the soil. And to focus on top 20% of land that can respond to inputs.”

Discussion Groups

36 discussion group meetings took place

36

Meetings

193

Attendees

81.5

hours of CPD

Highlights: YEN grain analysis results, Extreme weather resilience, Crop rotations, Minimum tillage, Fertiliser spreader calibration

Agrigôp

22 Agrigôp meetings have taken place:



142 total attendance



71.5 hours spent

Groups that met during this period focussed on:

The elderberry group visited Ty Rhos Trees where Aisha Mowat spoke about the different Elder Cultivars available as well as providing information on the wild elders that she has. We discussed the challenge of growing elders during wet summers given the slug pressures. The next steps for the group are to develop a plan for the mother orchard and decide on cultivars that will be included in the Woodland Trust application for the, ‘Trees on your Farm’ grant.

Mentoring



203 Individuals have accessed mentoring



798.5 hours of mentoring



291 mentoring sessions



50% of all sessions were related to this theme

Extracts from mentoring diaries include:

1. We looked into various options for an evergreen hedge / shelterbelt around a horticultural production area. The mentee will decide on what kind of height / width / management regime suits his context best and choose from the options we discussed.
2. Review of crop planning, existing and proposed. Crops to check profitability. Crop Gaps. Complexity/large number of crops.
3. Farm walk to look at the quality of the grazing and talk through the needs of the alpacas. Future plans for the land and the business as well as what had been achieved so far. Worked together on part one of a grazing plan.

