



UPDATE!

Wales Coastline and Border Celebration

It has been good to see the Wales Coastline and Border Celebration gain some further momentum during January.

We have had more contact with 15 U3As from across Wales and the number increased again in the last week of the month, with some images from Cowbridge U3A which capture the enjoyment and challenge of walking events as part of a U3A group, from Pembrokeshire to Barry Island.

We have also had individual written contributions – childhood memories of the old docks at Connahs Quay, and from a fishing party's camping trip to Ynys Echni (Flat Holm) - see the Facebook Group page.

At an event organised by Ageing Well in Wales in mid January, Flintshire U3A was able to promote the organisation and to invite those attending to think about the places around the coastline and border which they would recommend to others. This produced 80 responses, including one from Sara Rochira, the Older People's Commissioner for Wales, who spoke about the bluebell woods in the grounds of Manobier Castle.

It has been great to receive a steady trickle of material and the growing bank of photographs from individuals and groups. These will help to create a record of great places and a collective mood to provide a source of inspiration.

We will upload as many images and stories as we can to the Facebook Group: [Coastline and Border](#)



*Atmosphere and Mood (1).
On Manobier beach by Peter Briebach*



*Atmosphere and Mood (2).
Walking together - Glamorgan Coast from Kenfig
Dunes*



*Atmosphere and
Mood (3).
The trials and
pleasures of
Cowbridge U3A
- blown about in
a gale and a
coffee break at
Barry Island.*

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Developing a logo!

Following the last Update it has been good to work with Peter Cox who has produced a number of ideas for a Project logo. We have whittled them down to three, with interchangeable font options, which evoke the coastline and border theme.

It now seems appropriate to invite comments and suggestions on the three options we have. Please let us know, by email to u3acoastandborder@gmail.com , which you prefer (along with with any reasons for or against that you might want to put forward) before 26th February.

We will decide on a logo for the project on the basis of feedback received.



Logo Design Option 1



Logo Design Option 2



Logo Design Option 3

Please submit project ideas or materials.

We are looking forward to reporting on progress at the all Wales Conference on 9th May.

The Ageing Well in Wales Wrecsam event in mid January produced about 80 suggestions of places to take people to and things to do. A summary for each section of the coastline and border was produced (available by email to u3acoastandborder@gmail.com) and the section covering the North Wales coast is shown here.

Any images, endorsements or additional suggestions would be welcome.

Watching the the tidal bore from the Blue Bridge over the Dee near Queensferry was the first suggestion received. Along the north coast the list expanded with Flint Castle and the Point of Ayr as points on the estuary, plus the lighthouse and dunes at Talacre before reaching Prestatyn. Seal watching on the headland near Rhos, plus the very popular resorts of Llandudno and Conwy, with city walls to explore, were suggested more than once. There was also Llanfairfechan and the local populations of waders.