

Petitions Committee

P-04-439 Ancient veteran and heritage trees of Wales to be given greater protection

Visit to the Great Wood at the Coed Cadw site in Gregynog: 10 November 2013

Attendees:

Petitions Committee

- William Powell, AM, Chair of Petitions Committee
- Russell George, AM
- Bethan Jenkins, AM
- Steve George, Petitions Committee Clerk
- Kayleigh Driscoll, Petitions Committee Deputy Clerk
- Kath Thomas, Petitions Committee Deputy Clerk

Witnesses

- Mr David Jenkins, Director of Coed Cymru based in Tregynon
- Rory Francis, Petitioner
- Rob McBride, Petition Supporter

The purpose of the site visit was to gain a better understanding of what the petition is calling for, and to help assist with the Committee's consideration of the petition.

Famed for centuries for its hospitality, Gregynog Hall is an historic house and country estate in the village of Tregynon, near Newtown. Gifted to the University of Wales by Margaret Davies of Llandinam in 1960, it has Grade 1 listed gardens and is surrounded by 750 acres of beautiful grounds and landscapes.

Gregynog has one of the largest examples of ancient woodland in Wales, aptly named the Great Wood. Some of the oak trees are over 350 years old.

The Committee was escorted around the Great Wood by Mr David Jenkins who is the Director of Coed Cymru based in Tregynon, Newtown.

Rory Francis was accompanied by a variety of people who all share an interest and contributed to the petition. They were able to share their own views with Members while looking at various trees on the Great Wood site.

Set out below are a series of images of trees which were shown to Members.









Members gather around the oldest tree on the site which is estimated to be around 500 years old.



