2014 has been another busy year all in all. Following two exciting years of working out of Pen-y-pass, I have relocated my office to the new centre at Ogwen. On top of this, I have taken direct responsibility for an area which includes parts of the communities of Llanllechid, Llandygai and Llanddeiniolen, and I am very much looking forward to working for the benefit of those communities. Following the appointment of Rhys Wheldon Roberts as Assistant Warden for the Snowdon Area in the autumn, (which allowed me to take a 'small' step back from the management of Snowdon!) below is an illustration of the current Warden team:-

Area Warden Ifan Eryl Jones has also been included in the northern team since the end of the summer, and he has already settled as part of the team. Grace Sanderson has been working as a Seasonal Warden on weekends since the autumn, and provides a huge amount of assistance with site duties at Ogwen and Pen-y-pass, as well as patrolling Snowdon. Perhaps equally important, Grace provides Ground Condition Reports on Snowdon’s paths for the Met Office on weekends and during holiday periods.

http://www.metoffice.gov.uk/public/weather/mountain-forecasts/snowdonia#?tab=mountainWeather
Above, left – Ground conditions report as it appears on the Met. Office Website.

Above, right – Improvements to the ‘reception’ area at Pen-y-Pass, now a more welcoming sight for the public.

Dilwyn Williams (Pen-y-Pass Site Manager), who has the task of managing one of our busiest sites, has continued to prove to be invaluable in his job since starting two years ago. He has been busy helping to give the building at Pen-y-pass a facelift (photo above), as well as expanding his role to include site management duties at Ogwen, which is a great help to the team.

• **Access and Rights of Way work**
  - The Warden Team has been busy conducting surveys on all Public Rights of Way in the National Park throughout the year, compiling an access database which aids the Authority with prioritising improvements including signs, gates and stiles, and even surface and drainage works. The Wardens covering areas within Conwy County, Ioan Davies & Alan Pritchard have been busily continuing with their work in accordance with the *Service Level Agreement* with Conwy Council, which has proven to be very successful to date.
  - The Estate Team for the North, Gerallt Price, Sion Jones and Gavin Buckley have been undertaking a large amount of access work, together with essential maintenance work on Authority-owned buildings, car parks and lay-bys, and the woodland (Below, at Nant Peris Car Park).
Above, Left – Conducting a survey (and head-scratching!) of the ‘zig-zags’ beneath Bwlch Glas with Hywel Jones (Access Projects Officer). Above, Right – A path vastly improved by the Snowdon footpath team. The contract was managed and implemented by the Park’s Warden & Access Service, with the cooperation of the landowners and Natural Resources Wales.

- **A quick look at other ongoing projects or those on the horizon...**
  - Snowdon Volunteer Project,
  - 3 Peaks Partnership (Snowdon, Scafell Pike, Ben Nevis),
  - Cairn rationalisation plan,
  - Cwm Idwal Partnership,
  - Bryn Tyrch path improvements,
  - Snowdon Partnership Project,

  ...and much more...

With this type of bulletin, the work mentioned here is merely a snapshot of what goes on. As is always the case, if you have any questions or comments about this update, please do let me know:

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