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Dear Llyr

Ynyslas Visitor Centre

Thank you for your letter of 25 March regarding Ynyslas Visitor Centre. I will deal with your queries in turn.

We have made our Visitor Centre accounts for the financial year 2023/24 publicly available on our [Consultation Hub webpage](#). They show that Ynyslas Visitor Centre made a loss for that year of £72,976.

Our Land Management and Commercial teams are working together to ensure we continue delivering our statutory services at the National Nature Reserve (NNR) in the long term, in line with our Case for Change focus on our strategic objectives. Although the NNR Officer at Ynyslas is only one individual, they are and will continue to be ably supported by a wider team of conservation and land management experts.

Now that our visitor centre services have ceased, the NNR will continue to be managed in line with the other NNRs we manage across Wales, which do not have any visitor centre provision.

Visitors to all our sites, including Ynyslas, are responsible for their own safety as well as the safety of any children and animals with them during their visit. Ynyslas is a red flag beach and is clearly labelled as such; signs are posted prominently along the beach and estuary advising the public of the dangers. Safety advice is also available to visitors on our website, for those planning a visit to Ynyslas.

In respect of ordnance, there are warning signs in place around the Ynyslas site along with pictures of the ordnance types that have been found, advising people to contact the

emergency services if they come across one. If an ordnance is reported, our Incident team will arrange for the area to be cordoned off and it will be treated as a priority incident. There is a 24/7 incident rota to ensure swift response, should attendance or other action be necessary.

Thank you again for your letter. I hope I have been able to address your concerns.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sir David Henshaw', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Sir David Henshaw
Cadeirydd, Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru
Chair, Natural Resources Wales

Croesewir gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg a byddwn yn ymateb yn Gymraeg, heb i hynny arwain at oedi.
Correspondence in Welsh is welcomed, and we will respond in Welsh without it leading to a delay.