

Visit Mid Wales Canolbarth Cymru

# Mid Wales Tourism / MWT Cymru

Established in 1991, MWT is a regional Destination Management & Marketing Organisation (DMO) providing:

- Destination Marketing
- Business Membership & Support
- Policy Advocacy / Industry Representation
- Tourism Consultancy / Project Delivery

MWT is a Not for Profit (third sector) organisation owned and run by the Mid Wales tourism community



# MWT Communities Stakeholders & Partners

- Individual tourism business (Accommodation, attractions, activities, event organisers)
- Community Tourism Groups & Town Councils
- Commercial organisations including marketing agencies
- Strategic Tourism Organisations (National organisations, LA's)
- Tourism Suppliers

MWT is the leading tourism organisation in Mid & West Wales. Our core membership of 600 + members support the vital work we do to promote Mid & West Coast Wales as a 'must visit' destination, a fantastic place to stay & visit.





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# Marketing Mid Wales

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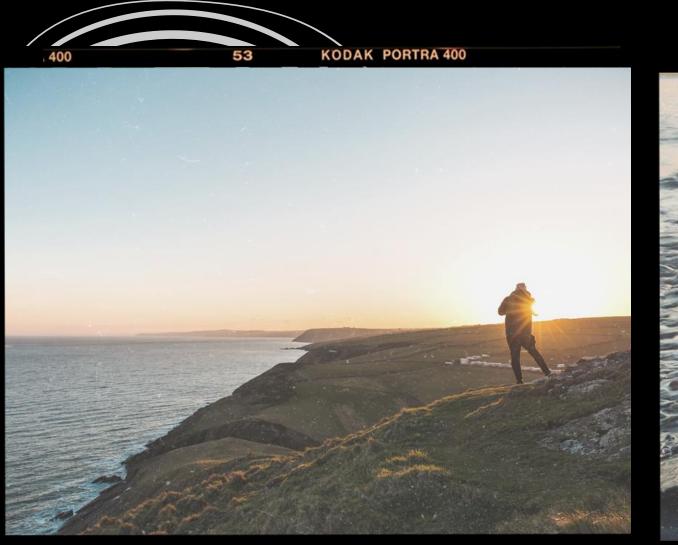
• MWT promotes Mid & West Coast Wales as a 'must visit' destination, a fantastic place to stay & visit.

• All consumer-facing regional marketing in branded as 'Visit Mid Wales'

• This includes any print, Pr & Media, social channels and web

 VisitMidWales.co.uk our regional 'hub' for the areas within the region, market towns, scenic places & things to see, do

# Mid Wales Brand



REAL

Mid Wales offers an unbranded, unpretentious, authentic destination that can be shared and loved by all. Full to the brim with real, authentic experiences, people, place and culture – Mid Wales is completely unique to its own, and so are we. An extension of our product, we don't care for formalities or overpromises, we're all about the real. No filter.



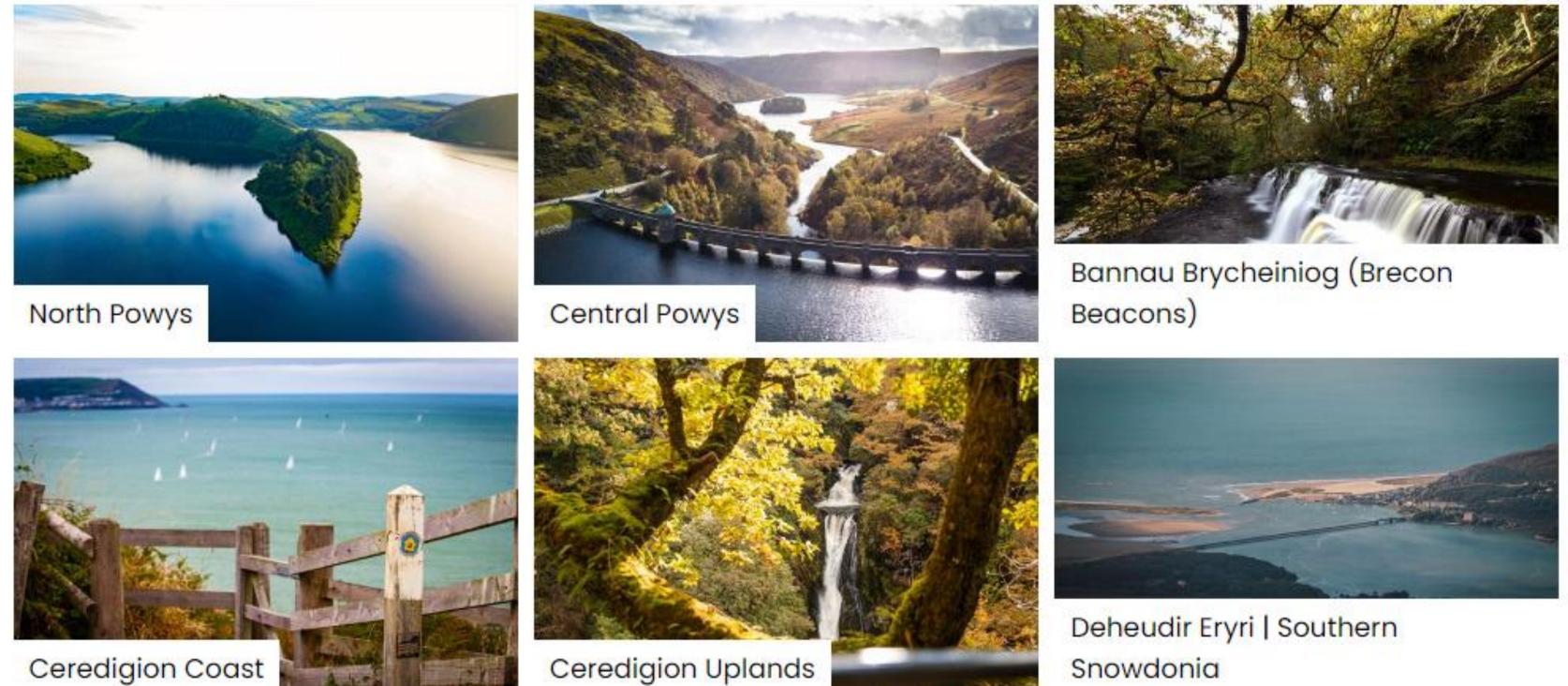
### Think Less...

"Explore this hidden gem, nestled in the heart of Mid Wales' beautifully quaint countryside. Why not spend time wandering the historic market towns and charming architecture, there's truly something for everyone here"

#### More...

"Uncover a place you'll love. Get familiar with the striking market towns of old or get out and about, losing yourself in something new. It's your choice."

#### **Mid Wales Destinations**

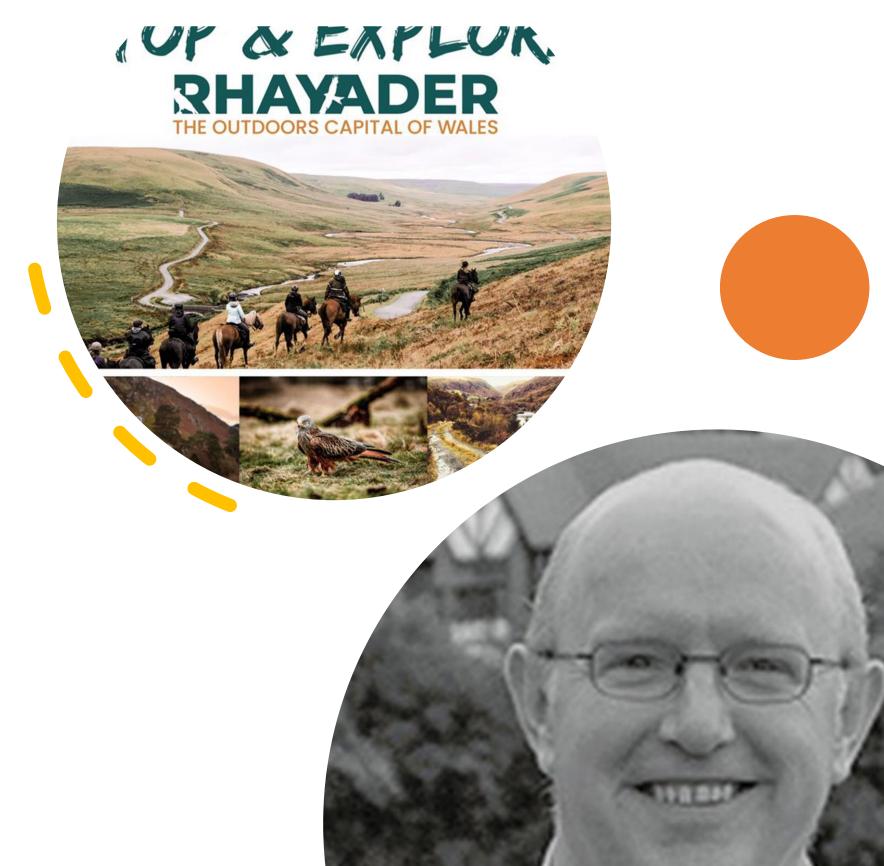


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# Visit Mid Wales Media Hub

- Support Media Visits
- Press releases published in national press, online, TV channels and radio
- Editorial content & Information sharing
- Mid Wales Blog & Website
- Members PR Support & Advice





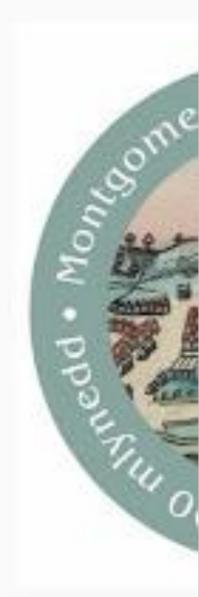
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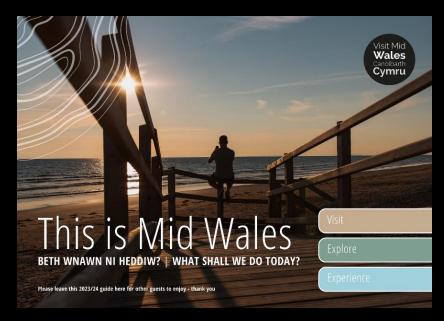


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Page Likes: 14k +
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Reach: 400k +



# Followers: 9400+ Reach: 27k +

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Visit Mid Wales

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See Insights and Ads

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Lights and Let the Stars Shine Bright 🐪

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Ads

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## **DESTINATION DATA**

3000+ Web Pages 59 Bus & Railway Stations

139-Walking Routes/ Trails

46 Scenic Paces (lakes/Rivers etc)

23 beaches

41 Towns & Villages

# New Website Launched August 2022

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Business Weddings Groups

Accommodation

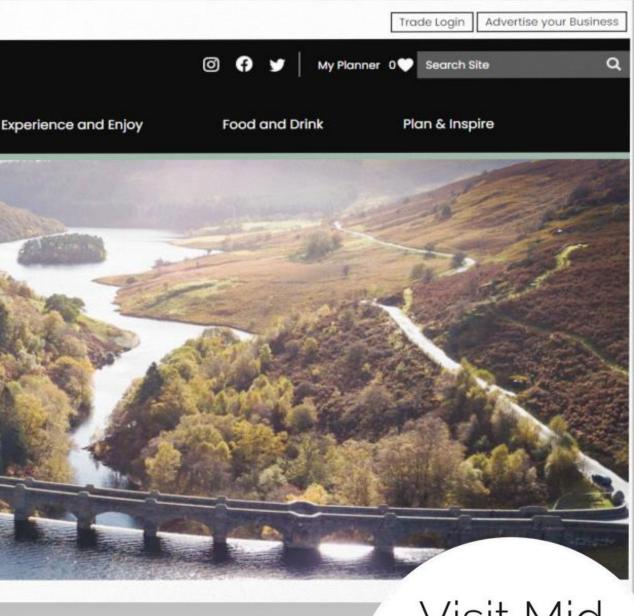
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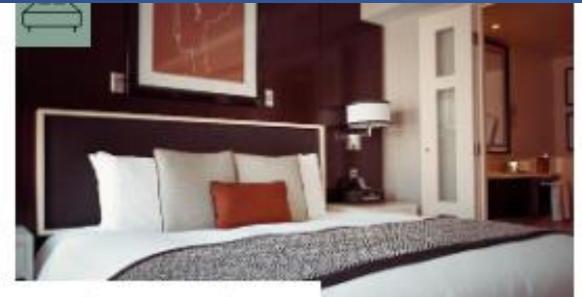
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## **NEW FEATURES**

New Booking Capabilities via FreetoBook, Sykes, Supercontrol ,TXGB & Moree New Business Platform Shortlisting Facility Newsletter Sign Up Event Upload Form



#### Visit Mid Wales Canolbarth Cymru



Hotels, Inns and B&Bs



Self Catering & Holiday Cottages in Mid Wales

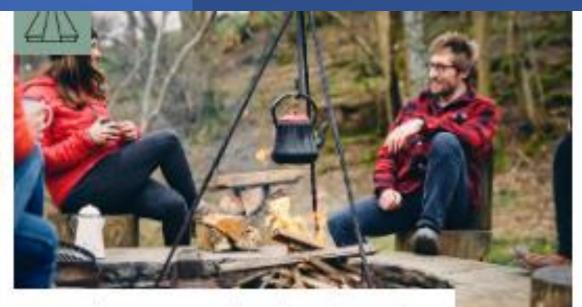


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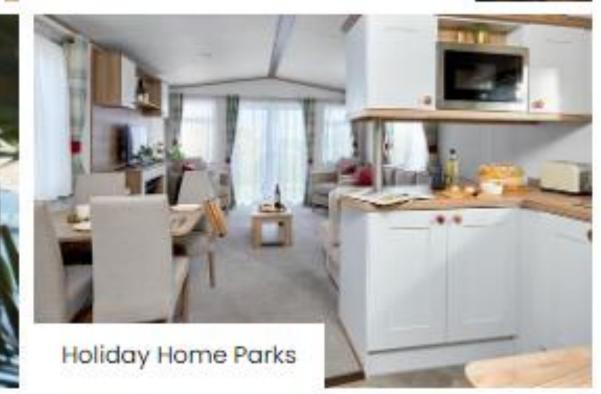


Holiday Parks & Resorts in Mid Wales





Touring & Camping in Mid Wales



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Accommodation

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**Experience and Enjoy** 

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#### Autumn / Winter Special Offers

Great Autumn/Winter Getaway Deals in Mid Wales

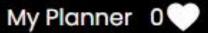


#### **Discount Code Offers**

Support businesses and book direct special discount codes apply

# Visit Mid Wales | Seasonal & Themed Offers





Search Site

#### Food and Drink

#### Plan & Inspire





#### Gourmet Getaways

ect - Escape the hustle and bustle and enjoy a gourmet getaway in Mid Wales.

# VisitMidWales.co.uk Special Features

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This Month



Ffair Grefftau y Gaeaf Aberystwyth Winter Craft Fair

The Arts Centre's annual Winter Craft Fair is back! Mae Ffair Grefftau Gaeaf flynyddol Canolfan y...

17th November 2023 - 21st December 2023



Carols in the Courtyard @ Gregynog

Carols in the Courtyard with carol

singing and local musicians.

23rd November 2023



Brecon with Bells On

Join us for a Festive extravaganza with free entertainment, stalls, food & drink, children...

18th November 2023

Hay Festival Winter

weekend for all the family....

The Hay Festival Winter Weekend

promises to be a fun-filled festive

23rd November 2023 - 26th November

Weekend



Festive Afternoon Tea @ Gregynog Join us for a special festive Afternoon Tea.

21st November 2023



Dolgellau Christmas Fair & Lights Switch On

Late Night Shopping ~Town light switch on ~ Santa's Grotto ~ Craft Stalls ~ Food Stalls ~ Choirs...

24th November 2023

# Channels

Special Offer Options

• Personalised Itinerary Planner Options

• Business Events & Wedding Venue

• What's Nearby on every page

Events & Festivals section by month

#### Itinerary Planner

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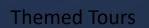
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Events & Festivals – listed by month



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# Visitor Economy and Sustainable Communities

Tourism sector is an ecosystem - the success of our individual business is intrinsically linked to the success of our local communities.

Good regional marketing & promotion can only do so much – we need thriving local towns, cultural offers and experiences, local events and festivals and retail and hospitality businesses to build our region to be a resilient, competitive and compelling region to live, work and visit.

Our Mid Wales visitors come to get away from the hustle & bustle of their day to day lives, experience our local towns, culture and heritage, our small independent artisan producers, crafts, galleries, museums – they don't travel to Mid Wales just to stay in a hotel, holiday park or cottage.



# Supporting Sustainable Communities

At our last conference we explored how individual businesses, communities and organisations can pull together and rebuild our sector as we move forward to 2022 and beyond.

A number of towns have already shown interest in working with us, and today we are in a position to share with you for the first time what we have planned, and for you to meet our new project team.

Web 3 Technology opens up possibilities for local communities and independent businesses to come together to develop something really special that will help drive footfall back into our market towns

MWT is leading on an exciting new project – funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund – which will allow us to work with local towns in Powys and to pilot and roll out a very new technology and make it available to businesses, towns and communities based on Web 3.

# Introducing Web 3.0



# Web 3.0 Charles Symons -Buzzmint



# WEB3.0 Buzzmint



# What is Web 3?





# When did you last ask how the internet works?



# Do you own your digital self?

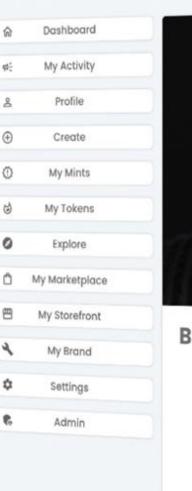


# Who is Buzzmint?

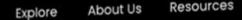
A Web 3 agency & enterprise level SaaS based platform that allows businesses and creators to quickly and easily deploy Web 3 token products of purpose and value!

- New digital experiences •
- Community growth •
- Engagement •
- Collaborative Web3 projects •
- Establish new business models  $\bullet$









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#### **Brand Information**



Buzzmint Rewards Follow

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Buzzmint's loyalty and rewards program

Social Media

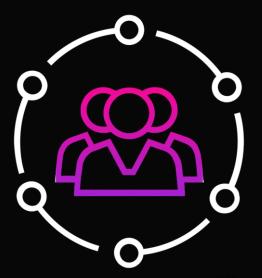
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Current Collection

# **OUR WEB 3 FOCUS**

#### COMMUNITY









#### GOVERNANCE







## Web1 Read Only



### Web2 Read & Create, Tech Giant Domination



## Web 3 Read, Create & Own through tokenisation



# What is a Token?





It is a tamper proof, digital unit or asset held on the blockchain which can only ever belong to one person at any one time.



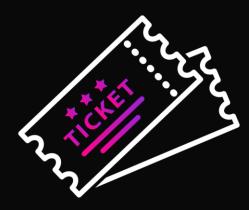
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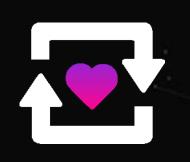


### and many more...



# Token Examples





Access Tokens Loyalty & Rewards

CARBON CREDIT



ESG Actions Vouchers, physical goods







#### Ownership & Licensing of content

Governance and Certification

### Buzzmint.

# Web3.0 Ownership

Web2 relies on social media sites to store, distribute, and benefit from content.

Web3, however, allows businesses and people to utilise tokens to build connected communities and to incentivise community participation.







# Web3.0 Collaboration

Web3 and tokenisation allows organisations, group and communities of any size to collaborate and become directly connected not reliant on big tech platforms.

Each Web 3 project belongs in equal measure to the people involved and not on single entity.



## Community



# Web3.0 Opportunity

Web 3 works like Lego blocks, where every part can be interconnected and reused.

This paves the way for leveraging existing projects to unlock something new, making it easy to generate innovative new projects with real value.







## What does this mean for the tourism industry?

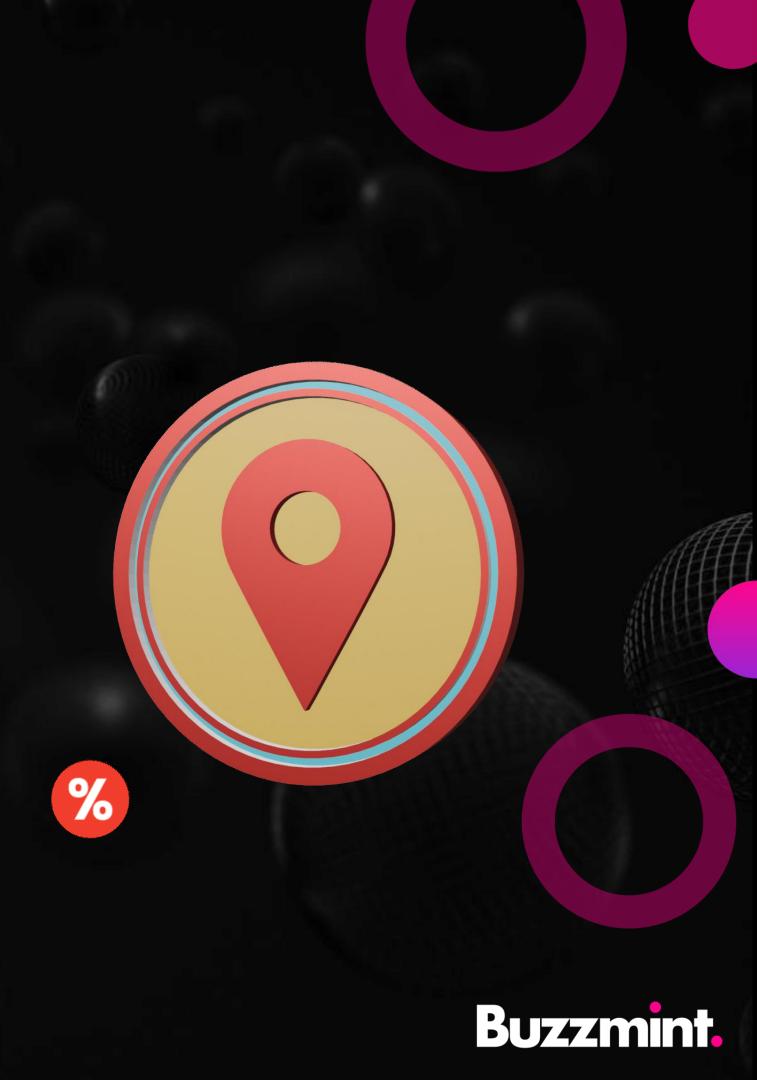




## Web3 & Tourism

- . Redefine Loyalty Programs
- Provide Unique Travel Experiences
  - **Create active engagement**





## So what do we provide?

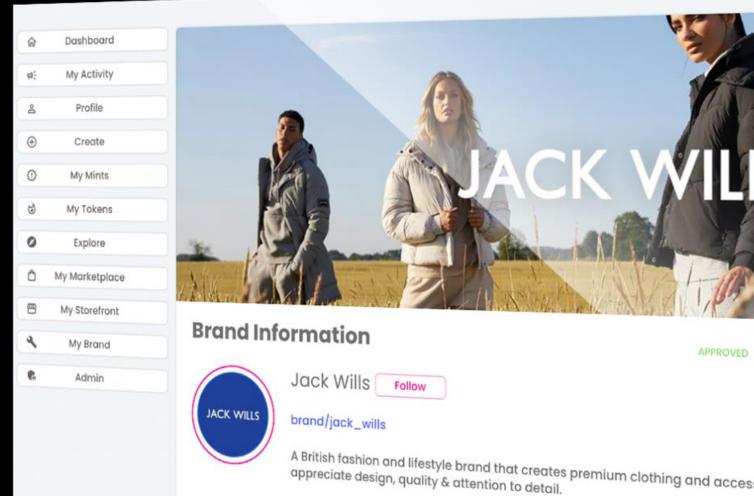
A platform for communities and businesses to quickly and easily create Web 3 token projects which help them connect, grow and generate new revenue streams and future proof their digital engagement.

#### What does Buzzmint deliver?

- A fast and easy to set up brand area
- Simple single, multiple or utility digital asset creation
- Fully customizable storefront that is integratable with brand websites
- Full analytics on activity
- Ability to market Projects
- Enable 'digital twin' with physical goods
- Unlock benefits via smart contracts
- Low financial risk vs large gains



#### Buzzmint



**Current Collection** 

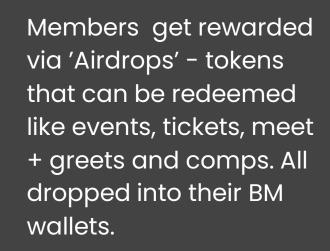


## Example - Jack Wills



Jack Wills customers buy JW Club token which gives them access to private sales, discounts, events and competitions throughout the year. There can be different tiers of membership





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JACK WILLS



Builds a bigger and stronger community for Jack Wills. Members feel like they are closer to the brand and can interact more than they could ever do before...

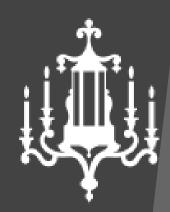
## **Buzzmint**

## Lapada

- Digital twin tokens of membersart/antique
- Proof of authenticity certificates
- Exclusive LAPADA community token
- Access to exclusive gated community







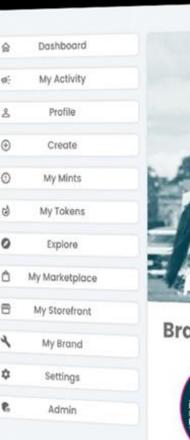
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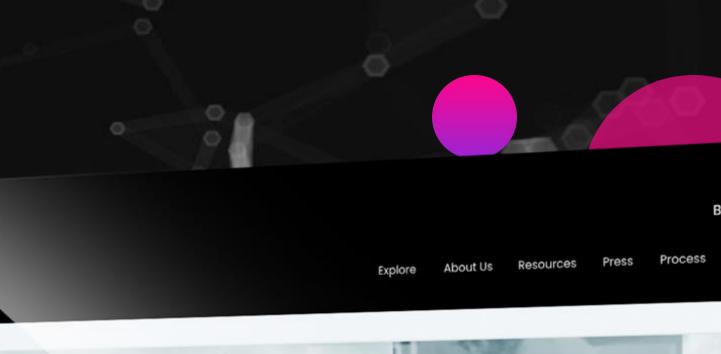
- Plant 200K Trees
- People purchase a tree token
- Token gives them access to BP
- Token becomes a ticket
- Counts to carbon offsetting & verification of ESG actions



Buzzmint









#### **Brand Information**

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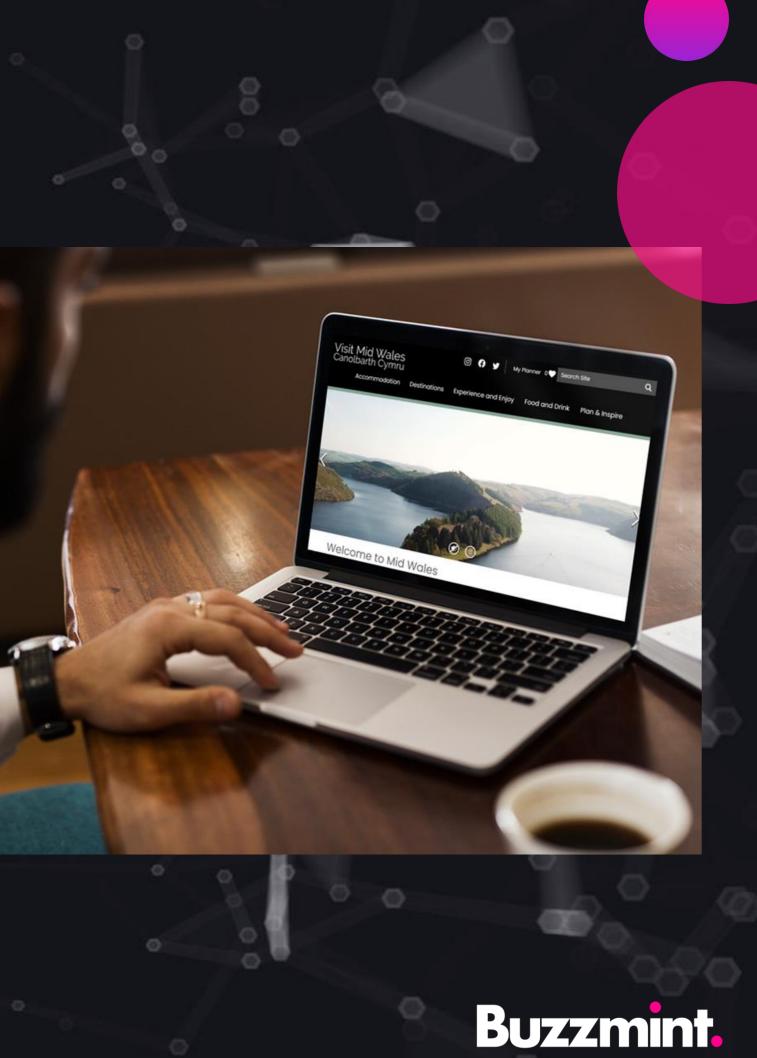
Four days of eventing action including Dressage, Cross Country and Showjumping. All taking place in the one of Britain's most beautiful and historic venues - Blenheim Palace, home of the Duke of Marlborough, v

#### Social Media



## Finally, a platform that provides..

- Siloed Tourism Businesses with comprehensive crosspromotion
- A scalable community loyalty and rewards program
- The ability to cost-effectively create connected communities beyond 'Big Tech' platforms
- The means to direct 'tailored' marketing initiatives to visitors to Wales
- True marketing gamification
- The ability to cross promote and build cross border communities and tourism providers





## The businesses that will win tomorrow are those that invite their audience in to contribute and play active roles within their community.









# This is what Web 3 does!





## Buzzmint

# Introducing MWT's new community centred tourism project

## Meet the project team.....

Zoe Hawkins | Project Lead Guy Edwards | Project Manager Jo Lewis | Project Co-ordinator (North Powys) Project Co-Ordinator (South Powys)









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#### **Community Centred Tourism:** A loyalty & rewards token platform for Mid Wales Towns & Local Communities

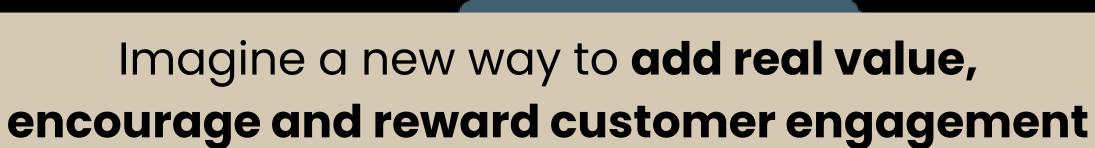
**Guy Edwards - Project Manager** 

## Welcome to the Mid Wales Token



Our local community loyalty scheme will provide a foundation stone (or token!) to build stronger partnerships, positively enhance the visitor experience and encourage repeat visits.

#### And it would be a UK first!



Improve customer retention and loyalty through new thinking and technology

#### **The Mid Wales Token Project**

- MWT awarded UK Shared Prosperity Funding (SPF) to develop  $\bullet$ an innovative rewards and incentives platform for local communities in Powys.
- The platform will support local community businesses in Mid  $\bullet$ Wales, MWT Members and ultimately visitors to Wales with access to rewards and benefits, enhancing town centre footfall, overall experience and encouraging repeat visits.
- MWT use expertise to help facilitate collaboration, partnerships  $\bullet$ and connections with local businesses, communities, tourism and towns across Powys.
- Gain valuable insights and learnings that could be applied to  $\bullet$ other towns in Wales







MEMBER



## A digitally & physically connected marketplace







#### Challenges facing towns & local businesses today

- Consumers are prioritising low price and/or convenience
- The loss of independent shops and local businesses
- The growing dominance of big chains
- Additional business challenges and priorities
  - Decreasing footfall / occupancy / revenue / guests
  - Decrease in direct trade and spend or bookings
  - Increase in costs, overheads, and cost of living
  - Marketing, advertising, Instagram or Facebook Groups
  - Improving customer engagement, loyalty and retention

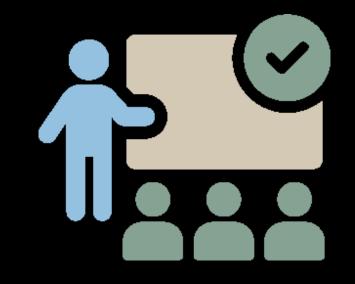
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#### What are we looking to achieve?

- Connect businesses directly to their customers and prospective customers
- Enable businesses to offer a simple, intuitive and easy to use loyalty and rewards scheme
- Drive footfall back into town centres, give something of value?
- Enable businesses of any size to airdrop timely rewards and offers
   directly into the wallets of their customers
- Gamify local shopping, make it fun, ideas to spend your time?
- Be able to create tickets and sell or distribute them immediately through a marketplace / noticeboard / store front
- Feel part of a community that's connected at incredibly low cost



#### **Our Approach**



MWT Cymru will provide ongoing guidance, support and marketing

MWT has appointed a project team who will work with local businesses and groups

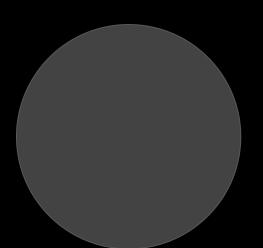
#### Adopting a collaborative approach to help participants maximise the benefits

## Our Approach Stage 1 - Engage with businesses

#### **On-board Local Businesses**

- Present the project and model
- Lock down 'always on' rewards
- Build a 'shopping list' of rewards
- Build partnerships with tourism
   operators
- Agree cross marketing promotion





## Our Approach Stage 2 - Partnering with tourism companies

#### **On-board Tourism businesses**

- Accommodation providers: This includes hotels, bed and breakfasts, holiday cottages, caravan and campsites.
- Activity providers:
   Such as adventure sports, water sports, and hiking tours.
- **Tourist attractions:** This includes museums, historical sites, and theme parks.





## Our Approach Stage 3 - Marketing to consumers

#### **On-board Local Communities**

- Launching Beta version 'free' •
- Marketing the project and • programs
- Promoting the benefits to • strategic partners
- Measuring the success of the • program
- Involving all community • stakeholders



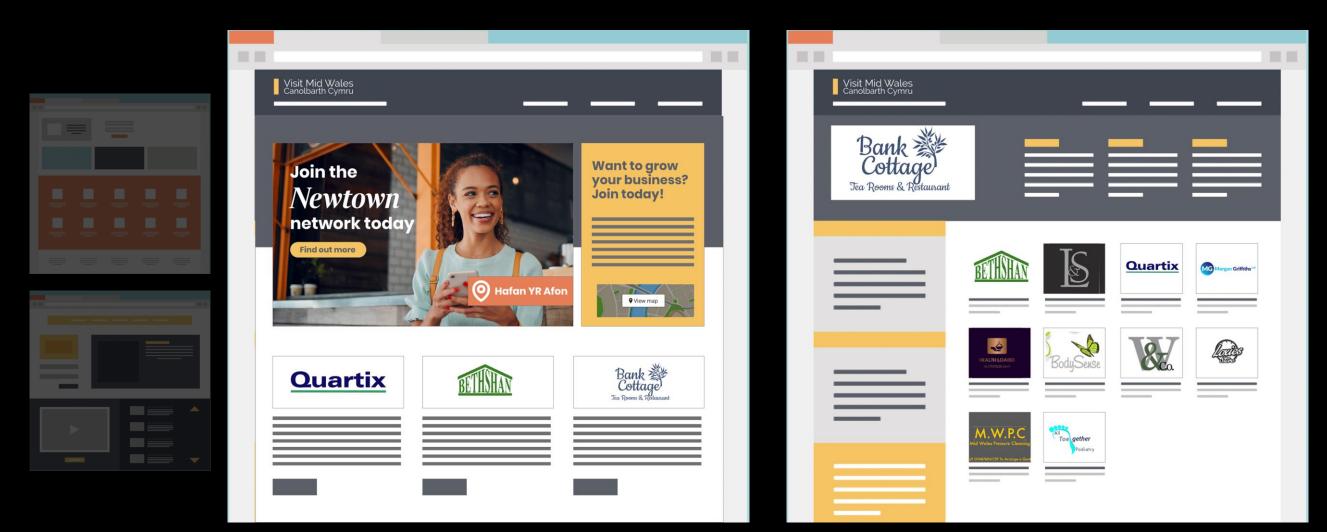




## How it works The Mid Wales Token Platform

### **Platform For Businesses**

B2B Site for suppliers to manage their account Creating tokens and rewards

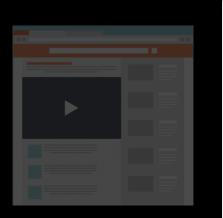


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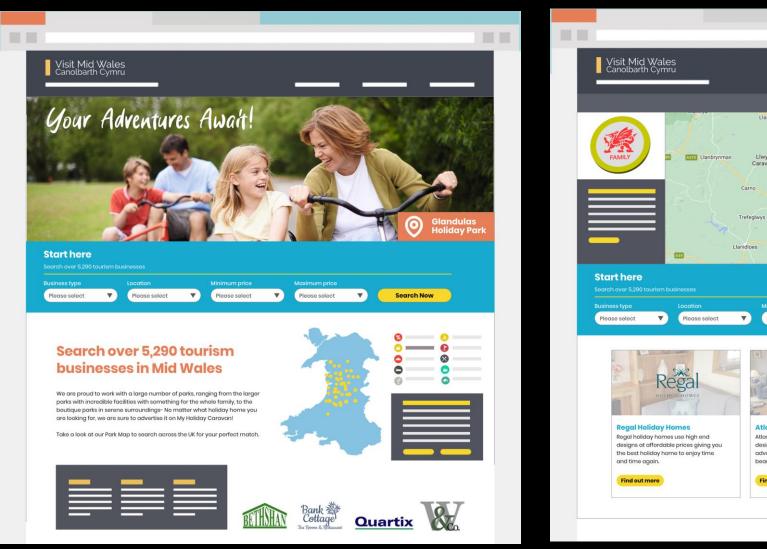


#### **Website for Consumers**

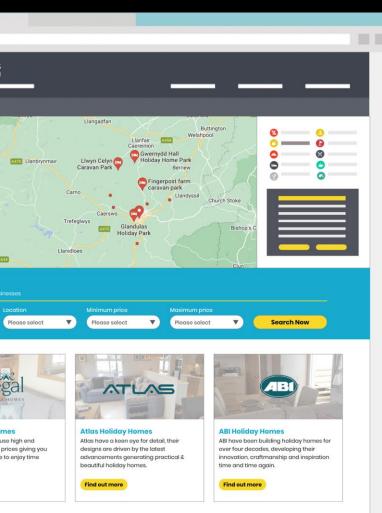
Consumer website to attract new customers







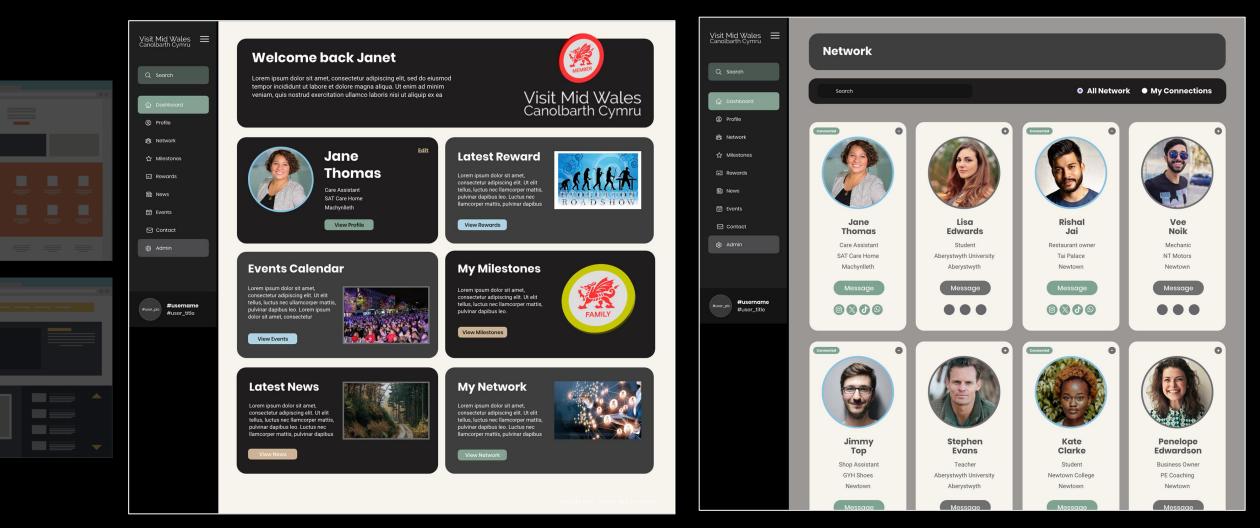
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#### **Portal for Individuals** Access to a Portal and community





#### Summary of benefits from using the Token Platform

Tokenisation can facilitate many benefits

- Personalised offers, incentives & vouchers
- Cross-business promotion
- Active community engagement & sharing
- Supporting and enhancing local tourism
- Local causes and initiatives
- Encouraging civic participation and collaboration
- Encouraging and promoting healthy lifestyles
- Encouraging local shopping and supporting businesses
- Enhancing education and skills development
- Promoting sustainable practices







## Get in touch...

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