



Calon Cymru live-work community

Up until around 2024, the Calon Cymru Network CIC was encouraging sustainable rural regeneration projects along the Heart of Wales railway line corridor. Although the CIC is no longer active, there are still many people interested in living and working regeneratively in the Mid Wales area. This includes people and groups interested in land-based businesses and social enterprises, those wanting to grow their own food or have space for a smallholding or homestead.

A Calon Cymru community could take many forms depending on what people wanted and what the chosen site allowed for. There could be both residential and commercial uses. For residential, this could include cohousing, a housing co-operative, or re-purposing existing buildings for residential. There may also be scope for affordable homes, and OPD smallholdings on surrounding land.

In terms of livelihoods, again these depend on the land and buildings available. Should the chosen site be well-related to the transport network or at the edge of a rural settlement, there could be scope for a range of uses, not dissimilar to those at [The Fold](#). The Fold is an organic farm based in a Worcestershire village with a café, studios & shops, community farm, therapy centre, nature trails, etc. There are also plans at The Fold for a community housing project.

In a less populated area such as Mid Wales, the economic viability and planning potential of the land and buildings would be crucial. The aim would be to co-create a community that is far removed from a 'dormitory'-style residential community, and incorporates opportunities for ethical and sustainable livelihoods. This could breathe new life into and regenerate land and buildings.

If this sounds of interest, whether as somewhere to live or work, or if you are a landowner with suitable land available, please [get in touch](#).