

Changing perceptions about rural fires

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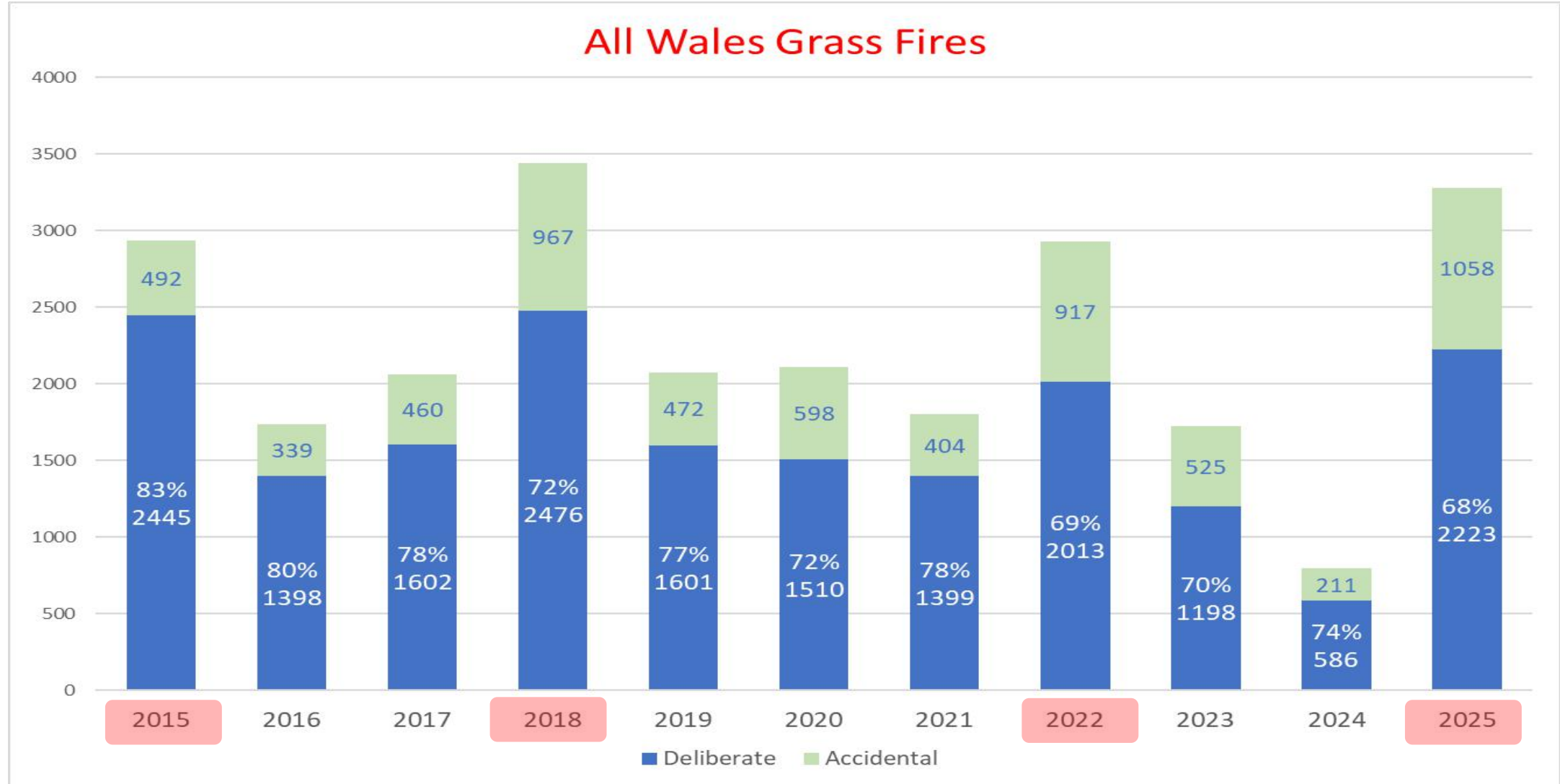
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What is the current and future position?

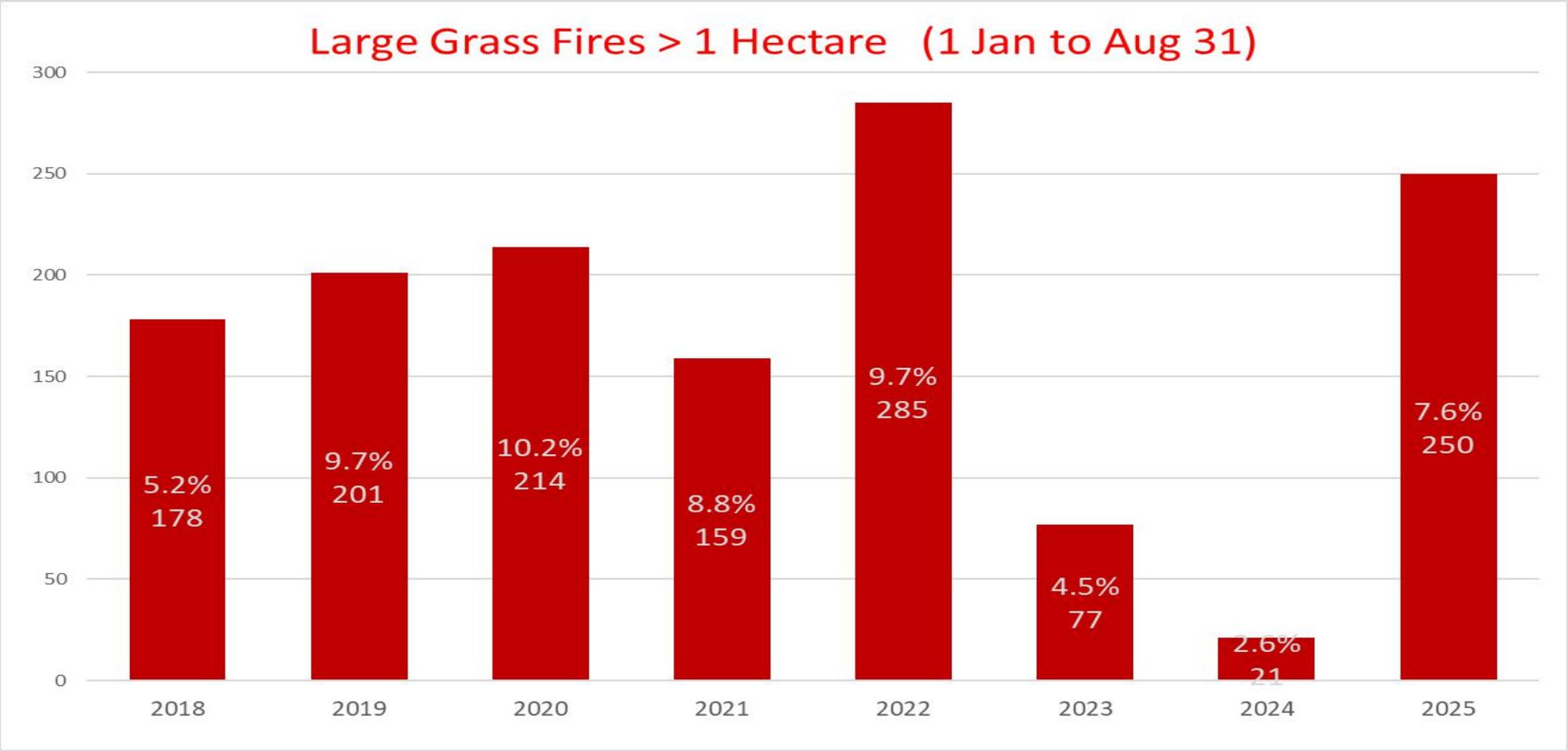
Under climate change predictions, Wales is anticipated to have decreased summer precipitation and increased summer temperatures, increasing the risk of wildfires year on year.



Annual Wildfires since 2015 (Jan 1 to Aug 31)

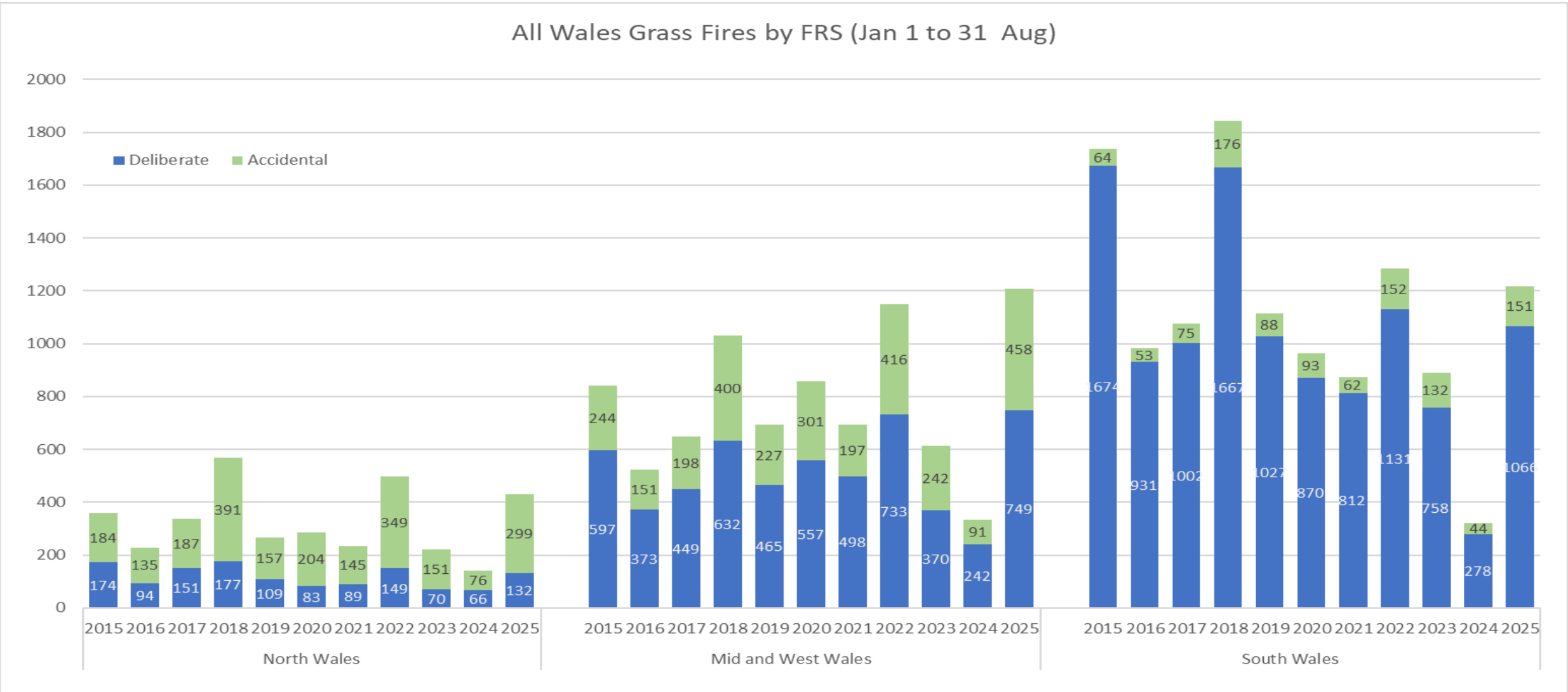


Large Wildfires 2018 to 2015

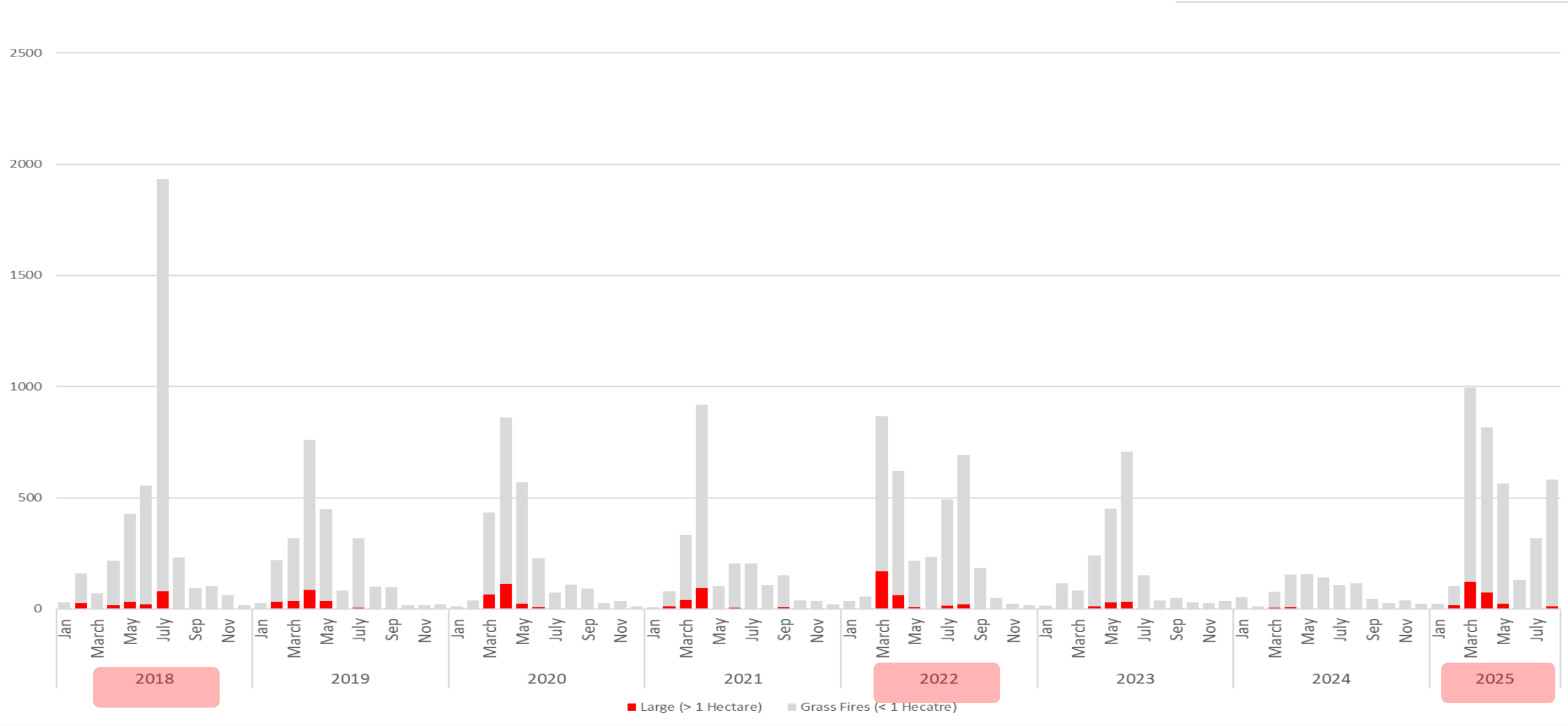


Annual wildfires since 2015 by FRS

All three FRSs in Wales has seen wildfires similar in number to previous ‘spate’ years.

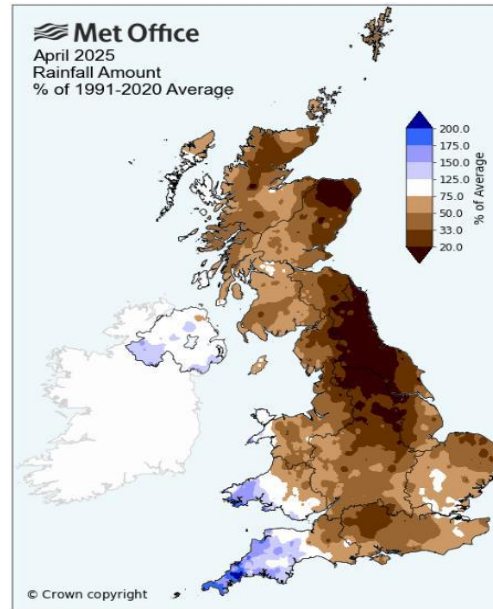
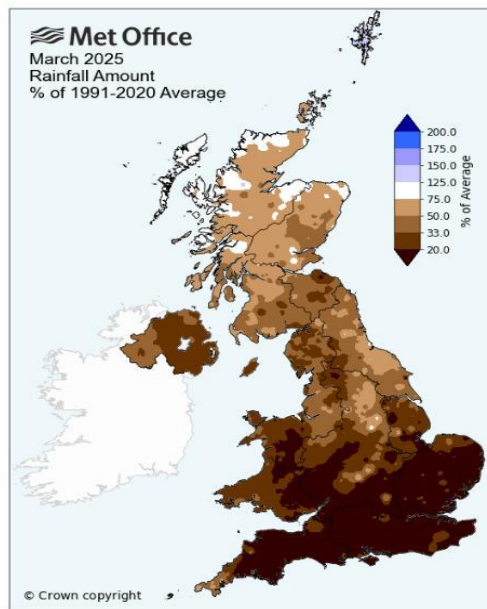
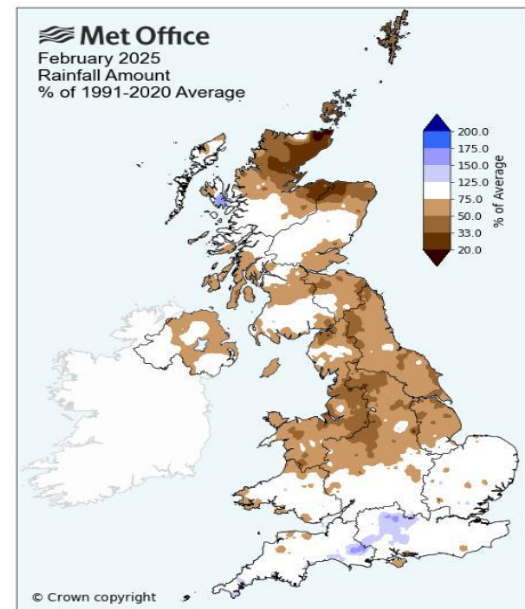


All wildfires since 2018 by month



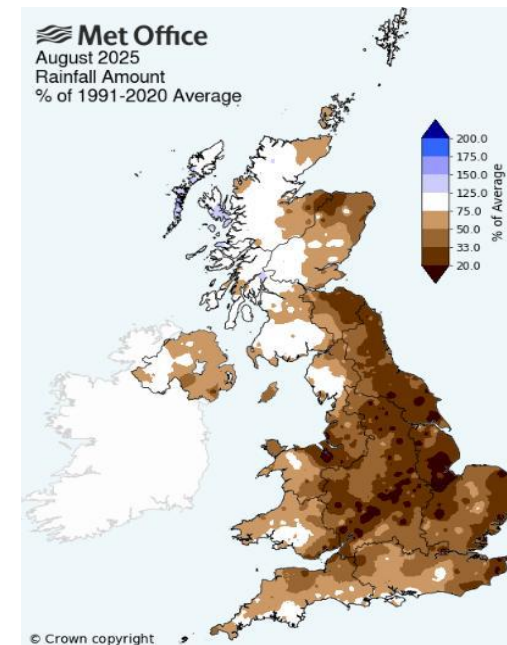
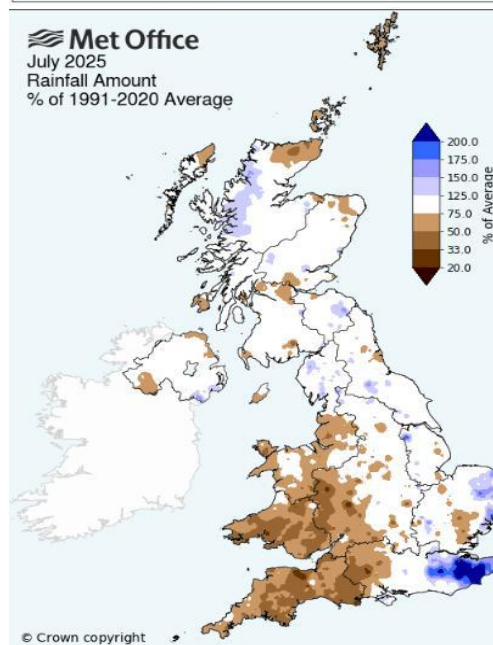
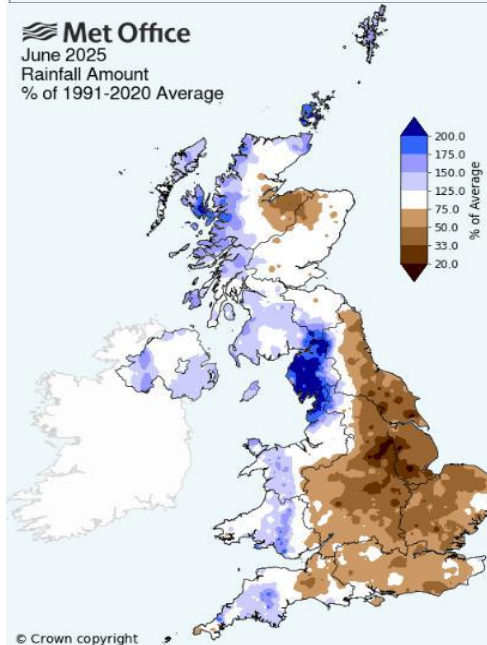
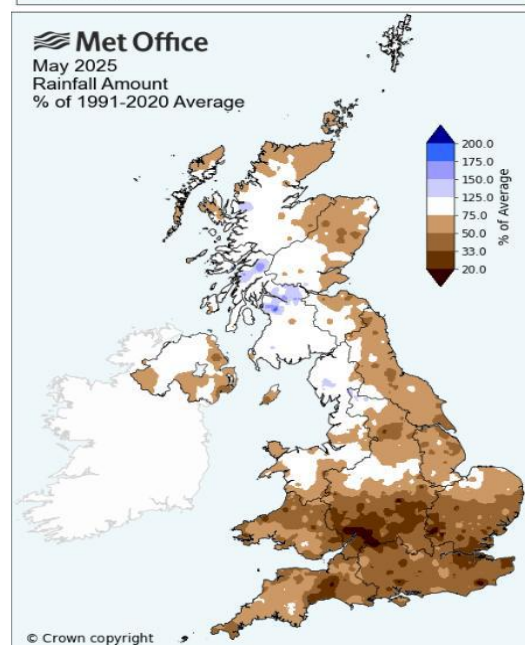
Weather Trends for 2025

This year, March, May, July and August were dryer than usual in Wales

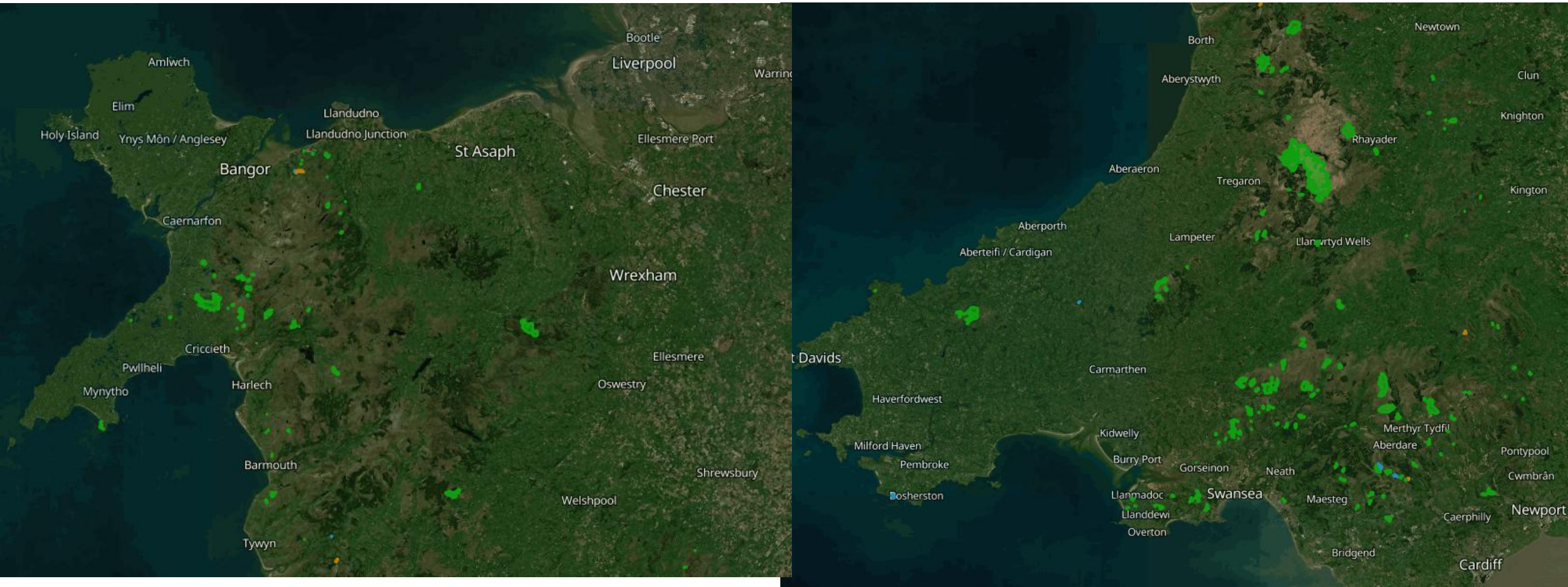


Dark Blue – wetter than average

Dark Brown – dryer than average



EFFIS Satellite burnt areas 2025





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Wales Wildfire Charter Commitments

Partnership

Prevention & Protection

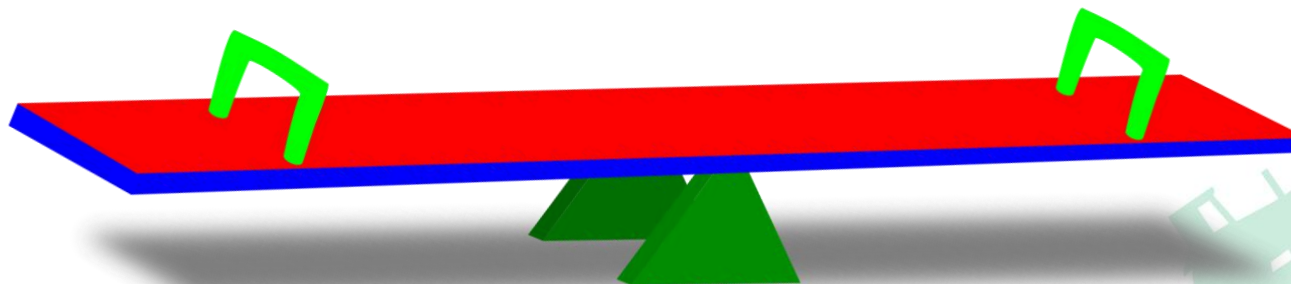
**Environmental
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Resilience**



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Partnership:

Bringing together Welsh Government, Emergency Services, Public and Private Organisations, Landowners and Land Users to manage and develop our landscape.



Partnership in practice





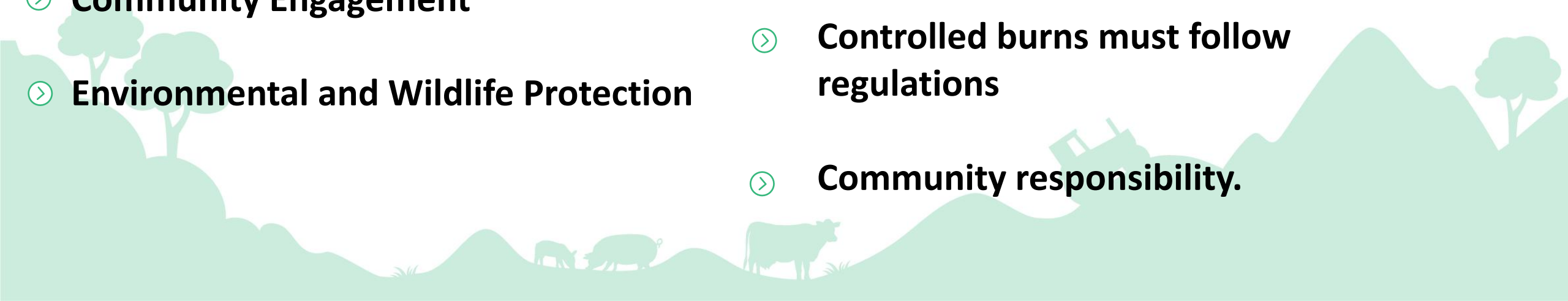
Wales Wildfire Board Campaign/Communication Strategies

#Burntoprotect

- Responsible Burning
- Collaborative Prevention
- Community Engagement
- Environmental and Wildlife Protection

#Wildfirewise

- Wildfires are preventable.
- Deliberate fire setting is a crime.
- Respect the countryside.
- Controlled burns must follow regulations
- Community responsibility.



Home safety at the rural-urban interface



Photo: Wildfire May 2023 from Porth to Trebanog, RCT. Photo credit Craig Hope.



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Diolch/Thank you

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Presentation available

Useful links:

[#WildfireWise](#) – MAWWFRS

[#WildfireWise](#) – SWFRS

[Grass and Gorse Fires - Arson reduction - Keeping You Safe - North Wales Fire And Rescue Service](#)

[Natural Resources Wales / Wildfires](#)

