



Gwarchodwyr Cefn Gwlad Countryside Guardians



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Project conception

- Consultations with community groups in 2016 told us that groups wanted to do more green space management but didn't have the skills and knowledge
- Application made to Rural Action Cwm Taff in 2017 under the RDP LEADER theme; 'Adding value to local identity and natural and cultural resources'
- *This project sets out to provide skills and knowledge to local groups and volunteers to improve their confidence in responsibly managing local green spaces*

What

- Activity planning

Supporting groups to make their own activity plans

- Traditional countryside management activities

Hedge laying, woodland management

- Training

Accredited by Agored Cymru



Who

Existing groups:



New to Keep Wales Tidy:





Who

Stakeholders

Merthyr Tydfil CBC

Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC

Brecon Beacons National Park Authority

Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water

Gelligaer and Merthyr Commoners Association

Wales and West Housing

Merthyr Valleys Homes

Match funders:

- Ffos y Fran: £4427
- Martin Wills Trust: £2000
- Merthyr Valleys Homes: £2498

RDP partners: Actif Woods, Wildlife Trust, South East Wales Rivers Trust

Where

- Initially targeted rural wards of Vaynor, Cyfartha and Bedlinog. Then also Ynysybwl and Rhigos
- Groups manage specific sites or wider areas



What again....

Ongoing activity plan



Operation	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Countryside management												
Grass cutting – amenity areas			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Grass cutting – wildflower areas			■							■		
Wildflower seed sowing- See general advice below			■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Bulb planting- See general advice below									■	■	■	
Tree/hedge planting- See general advice below	■	■	■						■	■	■	■
Tree maintenance	■	■	■						■	■	■	■
Other tasks												
Litter picks	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■
Bedding plants- Replace at bus stops	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■

Activities

Where? National Park

Why? Make the area inviting & show that it is being managed



Activities

Where? Council Priority Open Space

Why? Make the area safe and show it is being managed



Training

- 23 people received formal certification (more participants)
- 9 modules delivered

“It was a very informative course that has provided knowledge and skills that can be used across the countryside and within an urban landscape”. Tracy Sweetland-Hodges, Penderyn Community Group.



Training

Making the activity relevant to the area / group



Comms

Twitter

#CountrysideGuardians

Flickr

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmHpBHJi>

Press

Planting with Keep Wales Tidy

Keep Wales Tidy provided Cyclamen plants, dwarf Daffodils, Crocus and Grape Hyacinth bulbs to plant up a bank between our scheme and Castle Park which had been cut back.

Eight children came along to help with the planting. The planting formed part of a wider project funded by Rural Action Cwm Taf to maintain, improve and increase the biodiversity value of hedgerows in the Cwm Taf Rural wards (RCT & Merthyr Tydfil).



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Mae Cadwch Gymru'n Ddaclus yn gweithio gyda grwpiau ac unigolion i roi'r sgiliau a'r cymorth ymarferol sydd ei angen arnynt i reoli gofod awyr agored ym Merthyr Tudful
Keep Wales Tidy is working with groups and individuals to give them the skills and practical support needed to manage outdoor space in Merthyr Tydfil



Mae Cadwch Gymru'n Ddaclus yn elusen sydd yn gweithio ar draws Cymru i ddiogelu ein hamgylchedd nawr ac i'r dyfodol.

Sut mae'n gweithio?

Ydych chi eisiau rheoli gofod awyr agored ym Merthyr Tudful? Ydych chi eisiau helpu i ddechrau neu gynllunio eich camau nesaf? Ydych chi eisiau dysgu am draddodiad a sgiliau rheoli'r tir? Gall Cadwch Gymru'n Ddaclus helpu. Cysylltwch â ni!

Pwy a iâd?

Rydym yn gweithio gydag unrhyw grŵp ac unigolyn sydd wedi ei leoli ar wadau Vaynor, Bedlingog a Chyfartha.

Pa gymorth?

Gall Cadwch Gymru'n Ddaclus eich helpu gyda chynghor, cynllunio, offer, sgiliau, hyfforddiant, offer a thrafnidiaeth. Dyma rwyfaint o'r cymorth penodol y gallwn ei gynnig:

- Gallwn eich helpu i droi eich syniadau cychwynnol a'ch gobeithion yn gynllun rheoli i gyflawni gweithrededd.
- Gallwn helpu gyda chaniatâd perchennogion tir ac yswiriant.
- Gallwch helpu gyda hyfforddiant anffurfiol a ffurfiol, yn cynnwys achrediad Lefel 1 Agored Cymru ym maes Rheoli Cefn Gwlad.
- Gallwn helpu i ddarparu offer a chyfarpar proiect.

Keep Wales Tidy is a charity working across Wales to protect our environment now and for the future.

How does it work?

Do you want to manage outdoor spaces in Merthyr Tydfil? Do you want help in getting started or planning your next steps? Do you want to learn about tradition land management skills? Keep Wales Tidy can help. Just get in touch!

Who and where?

We are working with any group and individual based in the wards of Vaynor, Bedlingog and Cyfartha.

What support?

Keep Wales Tidy can help you with advice, planning, equipment, skills, training, equipment and transport. Here are some of the specific support we can offer:

- We can help you turn your initial ideas and hopes into a management plan to deliver actions.
- We can help with landowner permissions and insurance.
- We can help to provide informal and formal training, including Level 1 Agored Cymru accreditation in Countryside Management.
- We can help to provide project tools and equipment.



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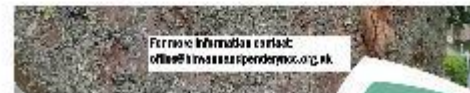
Promotional materials shared online and at community events

More recently...

- Keep Wales Tidy re-started practical activity in June
- Given advice to groups on safe working practice
- Home activities



Keep Wales Tidy and Hirwaun and Penderyn Community Council have teamed up to help you encourage wildlife into your own back garden:



Mae Cadwch Gymru yn Datlus a Cyngor Cymunedol Hirwaun a Penderyn wedi ymuno i'ch helpu i annog bywyd gwylt i'ch gardd eich hun.





objectives

The following shows progress against the original targets:

- 2 Training courses in Countryside Management. Progress: Nine modules delivered.
- 3 Green Spaces improved. Progress: 24 green spaces improved across 6x rural wards.
- 5 Habitats improved. Progress: 19 habitats improved.
- 300m² Area of land improved. Progress: 784m² improved
- 3 Natural / Built heritage awareness raising activities. Progress: Seven activities
- 30 Beneficiaries involved. Progress: 119 beneficiaries in total

Lessons learnt

Formal training.....

Some people prefer informal

Changes to partnerships have knock on effects...

Plans to train one group of people fell through early on, which effected the spend profile

Popular activities.....

- Groups want to manage grassland for amenity and biodiversity
- People like fruit trees!

Going forward

Group plans

- All groups have activity plans going forward

Equipment

- All groups have been equipped with basic project materials / tools
- All groups will be able to borrow Keep Wales Tidy equipment, e.g. for hedgelaying

Network

- All Merthyr groups are involved in the Green Spaces Network



Any questions?

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