

Sustainable Development Fund

2014-15

Clwydian Range and Dee Valley AONB

Highlight Projects in Flintshire

Pantymwyn Village Hall

SDF supported recent renovations to make the building more energy efficient and user friendly. The building had gone out of regular community use, mainly due to poor facilities and heating. The loss of income also meant the hall was costing more to run than it received in revenue. The building has undergone improvements to the doors, windows, kitchen, roof, insulation, waterproofing, walls and heating systems and is consequently more regularly used.

The final phase of the improvements was to replace the flooring which currently contributes to poor acoustics, and add a safety floor to the kitchen. To prevent damage to the new floor old tables and chairs were replaced with new furniture.

Gwernymynydd School Grounds Improvements

SDF has assisted in the development of a learning areas within the grounds of Gwernymynydd School. The project has involved the whole school community in its design, implementation, management and use of the school grounds.

Moel Arthur

The Clwydian Range Archaeology Group undertook a geophysical survey of the plateau on the northern flank of Moel Arthur, the results of which identified a rectilinear anomaly with a possible circular anomaly within, which appeared to be archaeological in nature. In 2013 CRAG undertook an excavation at the site and discovered a burnt mound and charcoal deposits, these were carbon dated to 2617 – 2462 BC.

The key stage 2 pupils also a trip in the AONB to visit an Iron Age Hillfort and meet AONB officers, further developing their appreciation of the landscape and providing a direct link between the work being undertaken in the school grounds and the landscape.

CRDV 06 – Alyn and Wheeler living landscapes interpretation

Applicant – North Wales Wildlife Trust
 SDF – £1,500 (75% of total £2,008.50)
 Match funding – WREN (in form of project officer time) 25%

The Alun and Chwiler living landscapes project is the result of a funding bid by a partnership of organisations including North Wales Wildlife Trust, the AONB, NRW, DCC, BASC and NEW Wildlife. It is a landscape scale project aiming to improve the wildlife habitat in the river corridors of the Alun and Chwiler by engaging with

landowners to introduce habitat improvements on their land, as well as locals to get involved in volunteering in the area.

The Sustainable Development Fund has enabled the project to create interpretive materials including leaflets and pop-up banners. The aim of the interpretation was to help project partners promote the project and gain interest from landowners and potential volunteers, as well as inform locals and visitors about what is happening in the area. The project has not only improved habitats but also benefited local communities through better connection with their local environment.

Tirwedd Byw Alun & Chwiler Living Landscape

YMDIRIEDOLAETH WILDLIFE TRUST GOGLEDD CYMRU NORTH WALES

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- **Dod yn aelod** am ddim ond ychydig bunnoedd bob mis
- **Gwirfoddoli** yn un o'n 30+ o warchodfeydd natur
- **Ystyried gadael Rhodd Fyw** - byddai rhodd yn eich Ewyllys, boed fach neu fawr, yn gadael ôl eich troed ar ein tirwedd am byth

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This project could not happen without its partner organisations, landowners and volunteers. If you would like to get involved with this project, please contact the project officer directly: amygreen@wildlifetrustswales.org

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Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water | **WREN** | **Byrniau Chwiler a Dyffordd**

Gwarchod Natur ar gyfer y Dyfodol
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Outputs	Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5000 leaflets for distribution in visitor centres, libraries, shops, attractions and also at shows and events, • Production of 4 pop-up banners. 	<p>A greater understanding of the importance of the river valleys of the AONB.</p> <p>A greater level of engagement in the delivery of the project</p>

CRDV 12 – Cilcain WI – A Century of Memories

Applicant – Cilcain Women’s Institute

SDF –£1,500 (6% of total £23,350)

Match funding – Private funds £542- Volunteer in-kind (£14,750), Heritage Lottery Fund – secured (£7,100)

The WI celebrated its 100th birthday in 2015, and the Cilcain WI its 80th Anniversary. This project was developed to mark these anniversaries.

This project has created a digital archive of the village, locating family attic-archived material and individual and family stories, and recording and storing them to reflect change and development in village life. Themes underlying stories include changes in local industry and farming, changes effecting everyday life such as transport, shopping and entertainment, and changes affecting church, chapel and the village school.

Materials and stories were collected digitally by interviewing villagers and scanning attic-archived material. SDF enabled the group to purchase equipment including a computer, software and recording equipment to undertake the project.

A core group of people have been trained in the use of equipment and Liverpool Apple Store have committed to running 48 hours of training for 8 adults.



Outputs	Outcomes
48 hours of training delivered 8 people received training Digital Archive established	Raised awareness of heritage of the Cilcain across the community

CRDV 21 – Climate Change Teacher Training

Applicant – Plas Derw Trust

SDF – £1,400 (31% of total £4,500)

Match funding – Private funds £3,100

The Plas Derw Trust a ‘not for profit’ local outdoor education provider wanted to pilot a project to develop the best way to train teachers to deliver Climate Change in a local and national context to Key Stage 2 students. The project aim was to enable teachers to feel comfortable and confident in talking to children about climate change and global warming as well as enabling them to relate it to the landscape of the AONB. The project utilised the Resources developed by the AONB in 2014.

The project delivered 11 individual sessions (of varying sizes up to assembly level) and trained 54 teaching staff. A target of 50 was set at the beginning of the project. In turn this training now has the potential to benefit 754 children.

The subject is controversial and the messages out there are mixed and sometimes confusing. It is really important to provide a coherent, and consistent message, especially in a local context.

Areas/schools in Flintshire which were part of the scheme include;

- Northop
- Cornist
- Sychdyn
- Lixwm
- Ewloe Green
- Caerwys
- Trelogan

Outputs	Outcomes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 11 sessions delivered• 54 teaching staff trained• 754 children participated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased awareness of issues around climate change and its impacts on society and the environment.