Appendix 2

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 Gwerymynydd School. The project has involved the whole school community in its design, implementation, management and use of the school grounds.

Moel Arthur

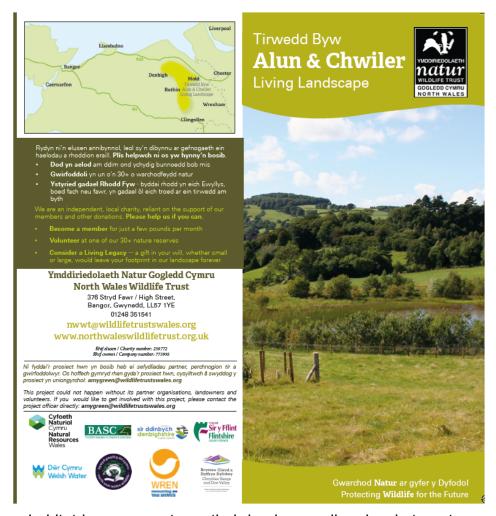
The Clwydian Range Archaeology Group undertook a geophysical survey of the plateau on the northern flank of Moel Arthur, the results of which identified a rectilinear anomaly with a possible circular anomaly within, which appeared to be archaeological in nature. In 2013 CRAG undertook an excavation at 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 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.

Outputs	Outcomes
 5000 leaflets for distribution in visitor centres, libraries, shops, attractions and also at shows and events, Production of 4 pop-up banners. 	A greater understanding of the importance of the river valleys of the AONB. A greater level of engagement in the delivery of the project

CRDV 12 – Cilcain WI – A Century of Memories

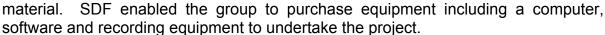
Applicant – Cilcain Women's Institute SDF –£1.500 (6% of total £23.350)

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



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	Raised awareness of heritage of the Cilcain
8 people received training	across the community
Digital Archive established	

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
 11 sessions delivered 	 Increased awareness of issues
 54 teaching staff trained 	around climate change and its
 754 children participated 	impacts on society and the
	environment.