

Powys Town & Community Council Climate & Nature Event Resource Pack

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One Voice Wales and “It’s for them” Campaign

Regularly cut, closely mown grass may look tidy, but it has little benefit for wildlife. Reducing mowing on road verges and amenity grasslands will allow grasses and wildflowers to grow. This creates a better habitat for 'Them': invertebrates, birds, small mammals, amphibians, and reptiles. Welsh Government's 'It's for Them' campaign aims to increase the awareness of the public of the benefits of mowing less and enhancing biodiversity.

It’s for them toolkit: [It's for Them campaign: stakeholder toolkit | GOV.WALES](#)

[Information about the wildlife 'It's for Them' campaign \(PDF\) \[3MB\]](#)

[FAQs about the wildlife 'It's for Them' campaign \(PDF\) \[940KB\]](#)

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Welsh Government Section 6 biodiversity lead

Section 6 Guidance documents:

- [Introduction to the section 6 duty](#)
- [Frequently asked questions](#)
- [Reporting guidance](#)
- [Nature Recovery Action Plan for Wales](#)
- [Good Practice Guide](#)
- [Specific Guidance for T&CCs](#)

General Guidance

- [Local Nature Partnerships](#)
- [Wales Biodiversity Partnership - Home \(biodiversitywales.org.uk\)](#)
- [Local Places for Nature Scheme](#)
- [Road verges and amenity grasslands](#)
- [Specific Guidance for T&CCs](#)

Contact Email: s6biodiversity@gov.wales

Local places for nature: Powys Nature Partnership

Over the next two years, Powys County Council, in partnership with Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority (where appropriate), will support community and town councils with funding for projects that meet these goals. These grants could support a council’s Biodiversity Action Plans and help to fulfil their statutory requirement under Section 6 of the Environment Act 2016. Any actions taken should be included

in your next Section 6 report, due in 2025. Community and town councils will be encouraged to work towards the Welsh Government campaigns, 'It's For Them' and 'Bee Friendly'.

Applications between £500 and £5000 will be considered in this round of funding. Applications from two or more councils will be eligible for up to £10,000 for larger costs of machinery. Funding must be spent within the 2023/24 financial year. This can be preparatory spent for changes to the mowing practices in 2024.

Please see the guidance and application form for more information.

How can I help nature?

- [Powys Nature Partnership - Powys County Council](#)
- [Powys Nature Recovery Action Plan - Powys County Council](#)
- [What is biodiversity? - Powys County Council](#)
- [Get wildlife advice - Powys County Council](#)
- [Countryside, common land and rights of way - Powys County Council](#)
- Look for opportunities to be less neat and tidy. Well-kept hedgerows and gardens provide little support to wildlife. Can you create any [wild areas in your garden?](#)
- Record the wildlife you see. We rely on voluntary wildlife recorders submitting their records (also known as wildlife sightings) to the [Biodiversity Information Service for Powys and the Brecon Beacons](#) (BIS). These records tell us about the changes in wildlife populations and areas where conservation efforts are required. Records are also used locally to inform planning applications and can highlight the wildlife importance of a site. BIS also run [training events](#) to help improve your wildlife identification skills.
- Join in with citizen science surveys or projects. Much like recording, these provide conservationists with much-needed wildlife records. You can join in with surveys ran by conservation organisations, which provide you with all the information you need to get started with identifying and recording wildlife.
- Look for opportunities to help to improve local greenspaces for wildlife. This could include litter picking, putting up bird boxes, creating dead wood piles or assisting with habitat management, such as creating and managing wildflower areas. You can also volunteer with community wildlife groups and conservation charities to support local conservation projects.
- Become a Bee-Friendly Community by taking part in [Welsh Government's Bee Friendly initiative](#).
- Help the hedgehogs in your area by working as a community to create [hedgehog highways](#).

Brecon Town Council

Brecon Town Council have developed a Climate Emergency Action Plan outlining their current and future work on the Climate Emergency

- [Climate Emergency Action Plan - Brecon Town Council](#)

Contact Email: office@brecontowncouncil.org.uk

Centre For Alternative Technology (CAT)

CAT is an educational charity dedicated to researching and communicating positive solutions for environmental change.

We speak to government and campaigners about policies that would help create a zero carbon Britain; we train students in all aspects of sustainability; we help schoolchildren to understand the importance of action on climate change; and we give advice to householders on what they can do in their own homes.

Contact Email: info@cat.org.uk

Corporate Website: www.cat.org.uk

Support Available

- **Free information service - [Free Information Service - Centre for Alternative Technology \(cat.org.uk\)](http://www.cat.org.uk)**
- **Zero Carbon Britain Hub & Innovation Lab - [Zero Carbon Britain Hub and Innovation Lab - Centre for Alternative Technology \(cat.org.uk\)](http://www.cat.org.uk)**
- **Courses & Training - [Courses and Training - Centre for Alternative Technology \(cat.org.uk\)](http://www.cat.org.uk)**
- **Zero Carbon Britain: Carbon Literacy for Communities Short Course [Zero Carbon Britain: Carbon Literacy for Communities - Centre for Alternative Technology \(cat.org.uk\)](http://www.cat.org.uk)**

Welsh Government Energy Service

Links to Welsh and English Welsh Government Energy Service website

- **[Y gwasanaeth ynni \(ar gyfer grwpiau'r sector cyhoeddus a grwpiau cymunedol\) | LLYW.CYMRU](http://www.gov.wales)**
- **[Energy Service \(for public sector and community groups\) | GOV.WALES](http://www.gov.wales)**

Support Available

The Energy Service works with the public sector and community enterprises to:

- reduce energy use.
- generate locally owned, renewable energy.
- reduce carbon emissions.

The Energy Service offers technical, commercial and procurement advice and support to help turn energy projects into reality.

The Energy Service works on:

- regional energy planning
- energy efficiency
- renewable energy
- ultra-low emission or electric vehicles

The Energy Service's aim is to make energy and carbon reduction projects happen in the public sector and communities in Wales. The Energy Service can help develop projects at each of these stages:

- opportunity identification

- business case
- financial commitment
- implementation

Each public sector organisation and community enterprise has a dedicated Development Manager.

Ebost / Email:

- ymholiadau@gwasanaethynni.cymru
- enquiries@energyservice.wales

Twitter: [@energyservice](https://twitter.com/energyservice)

LinkedIn: [Welsh Government Energy Service](#)

Additional Welsh Government Support & Guidance

- **Community energy toolkit** [Community energy toolkit | GOV.WALES](#)
- **Local and shared ownership of energy projects: guidance** [Local and shared ownership of energy projects: guidance | GOV.WALES](#)
- **Non-domestic (business) rates support for community owned hydropower projects 2023 to 2024** [Non-domestic \(business\) rates support for community owned hydropower projects 2023 to 2024 | GOV.WALES](#)

For more information contact EnergyPolicyMailbox@gov.wales

Severn Wye Energy Service (SWEA)

SWEA support communities to become sustainable, through holistic, place-based regeneration plans that help build on their strengths and culture, creating a lasting, self-sustaining future.

SWEA's approach is one of 'co-production'. Rather than suggest changes to a town or area, SWEA work intimately with communities to identify their assets, gaps, and opportunities, helping them to transform their ideas into community-led projects.

Contact Email: Dave Gittins - Director for Wales davidg@severnwye.org.uk

Support Available

- **Corporate Website:** [Severn Wye Energy Agency – sustainability now, and for the future](#)
- **Future Ready Homes** offers a fully funded home energy assessment and action plan. [Future Ready Homes – Severn Wye](#)
- **Energy Guides for households** [Household energy advice – Severn Wye](#)
- **Sustainable Communities** <https://severnwye.org.uk/projects/sustainable-communities/>
- **Powys Energy Advocate** [Energy Advocate in Powys – Severn Wye](#)

You can get in touch with the team via email at advocate@severnwye.org.uk

Social Farms and Gardens

Social Farms & Gardens is a UK wide charity supporting communities to farm, garden and grow together. Social Farms and Gardens provide the following support to local communities including:

- **Advocate and campaign for greater recognition, funding, and opportunities for nature-based activities.** We present a united voice for organisations and groups delivering nature-based activities. We influence policy makers and work with partners in the voluntary, public, private, and academic sectors to improve the health and wellbeing of individuals, communities, and the environment.
- **Provide expert advice, support, and a free membership scheme to support communities to grow in sustainable ways.** We are proud to support thousands of grass root organisations from small fruit and veg plots on urban housing estates to large-scale rural care farms, transforming lives and connecting people.
- **Design and deliver innovative training programmes which empower and enable communities to thrive and grow.** We provide practical support and training UK wide to thousands of grass roots organisations and groups.
- **Forge pathways for our members to access commissioned services and demonstrate that they deliver high quality provision.** We promote income generating opportunities for organisations and groups to ensure they can sustain their activities. We promote quality assurance for members to deliver their work with confidence, pride, and impact.

Support Available

- [Social Farms & Gardens | \(farmgarden.org.uk\)](https://farmgarden.org.uk)
- [Training events & workshops | Social Farms & Gardens \(farmgarden.org.uk\)](https://farmgarden.org.uk)
- [The Community Land Advisory Service | Social Farms & Gardens \(farmgarden.org.uk\)](https://farmgarden.org.uk)
- [Advice and support | Social Farms & Gardens \(farmgarden.org.uk\)](https://farmgarden.org.uk)
- [Resources | Social Farms & Gardens \(farmgarden.org.uk\)](https://farmgarden.org.uk)
- [Wales | Social Farms & Gardens \(farmgarden.org.uk\)](https://farmgarden.org.uk)
- [Resource Roundup - subscribe now | Social Farms & Gardens \(farmgarden.org.uk\)](https://farmgarden.org.uk)

Contact Email:

- Gary Mitchell, Joint Wales Manager: gary@farmgarden.org.uk
- wales@farmgarden.org.uk

Powys Action on the Climate Emergency

Powys Action on the Climate Emergency (PACE) is an association of the community groups and organisations in Powys who are helping their communities make the transition to a low carbon future.

Individuals who are interested in working towards a low carbon future, either for themselves or in their communities are also welcome to join PACE and support its aims.

The key aims of PACE are to:

- Increase awareness of the transition, the low carbon, and community resilience agenda throughout Powys
- Support PACE member groups and organisations to engage their local audience/community.
- Support PACE member groups to engage with strategic organisations and engage in partnerships.

- Support the capacity and effectiveness of PACE member groups through training and knowledge sharing.
- Collaborate and promote a larger collective voice in climate and ecological emergency issues.
- Use our members knowledge and expertise to help others on matters relating to the climate and ecological emergency.
- As a collective group, be able to influence, do more together, and build on the work we do as individuals.
- Where possible, to support Powys County Council (PCC) to deliver on their Sept 2020 declaration of Climate Emergency

Support Available

- [PACE - Powys Action on the Climate Emergency \(pacepowys.cymru\)](https://pacepowys.cymru)
- [PACE - Powys Action on the Climate Emergency - Projects \(pacepowys.cymru\)](https://pacepowys.cymru)
- [PACE - Powys Action on the Climate Emergency - Organisations \(pacepowys.cymru\)](https://pacepowys.cymru)
- [PACE - Powys Action on the Climate Emergency - Join us \(pacepowys.cymru\)](https://pacepowys.cymru)
- [Powys Green Guide - Welcome](#)
- [Powys Green Guide - COMMUNITY ACTION](#)
- [Powys Green Guide - SUSTAINABLE LIVING](#)
- [Powys Green Guide - GET INVOLVED](#)
- [Powys Green Guide - BUSINESS](#)

Contact Email: contact@pacepowys.cymru

Tripto

TripTo brings together four car clubs, based in [Llanidloes](#), [Newtown](#), [Machynlleth](#) and [Ceinws](#) under one umbrella organisation. **Tripto are a non-profit social enterprise run by and for the communities in which we operate.**

Support Available

- [Welcome to TripTo - Mid-Wales Electric Car Clubs](#)
- [How it works - Mid-Wales Electric Car Clubs \(tripto.org.uk\)](https://tripto.org.uk)
- [Join a car club - Mid-Wales Electric Car Clubs \(tripto.org.uk\)](https://tripto.org.uk)
- [Setting up a Car Club - Mid-Wales Electric Car Clubs \(tripto.org.uk\)](https://tripto.org.uk)
- [Projects - Mid-Wales Electric Car Clubs \(tripto.org.uk\)](https://tripto.org.uk)

Contact Email: coordinator@tripto.org.uk

- **Llanidloes:** coordinator@llanicarclub.org.uk
- **Machynlleth:** coordinator@machevcarclub.org.uk
- **All other car clubs:** coordinator@tripto.org.uk

On the Verge

On The Verge sprang to life in May 2019 when a group of us were drawn together by a simple idea... that we could make a small difference to our environment.

We can help by:

- Creating amazing spaces in and around our communities - giving nature a helping hand in gardens and parks, on verges and playgrounds.
- Every one of us, by small nature-friendly actions, even when no-one is looking, can in our own way help redress the balance and by coming together in true and honest collaborations all of us can do so much more.
- Leave part of lawns uncut to attract a greater amount of insect life, which will, in turn, increase the biodiversity of the space. All of our planet's soil is connected.

Support Available

- [On The Verge | Preserving and creating wildlife habitats](#)

Contact Email: info@ontheverge.wales

Woodland Trust

The Woodland Trust create havens for wildlife by planting millions of trees every year, campaign for new laws to protect ancient woodland and restore damaged ancient woods so they can breathe again.

Their vision is a world where woods and trees thrive for people and nature.

Support Available

- [Woodland Trust](#)
- [Free Trees for Schools and Communities - Woodland Trust](#)
- [Trees for Landowners and Farmers - Woodland Trust](#)
- [Plant Trees on Your Land with MOREwoods - Woodland Trust](#)
- [Agroforestry - Woodland Trust](#)
- [Why Plant Trees? - Plant Trees - Woodland Trust](#)
- [Tree Planting Advice - Plant Trees - Woodland Trust](#)
- [Natural Regeneration: Expanding Tree Cover - Woodland Trust](#)
- [Nature's Calendar - Woodland Trust](#)
- [Campaign in Your Community - Woodland Trust](#)

Email Contact wales@woodlandtrust.org.uk

Keep Wales Tidy

Keep Wales Tidy is the charity committed to working with local communities across Wales to protect our environment now and for the future.

Practically, we know that a good quality environment matters to people and that the benefits can make a real difference to our health, well-being, communities and to our economy. And crucially, it is great for nature too.

Keep Wales Tidy vision as a charity is for a beautiful Wales cared for and enjoyed by everyone.

Support Available

- [Home - Keep Wales Tidy](#)
- [Free Garden Package for Communities](#) [Local Places for Nature - Keep Wales Tidy](#)
- [Our work - Keep Wales Tidy](#)
- [Education - Keep Wales Tidy](#)
- [Keep Wales Tidy Strategy](#) [Beautiful Wales - Keep Wales Tidy](#)
- [Events - Keep Wales Tidy](#)
- [Get involved - Keep Wales Tidy](#)

Contact Email nature@keepwalestidy.cymru

Bannau Brycheiniog

The remit of Bannau Brycheiniog's work is set out in the [Statutory Purposes and Statutory Duty](#). In summary these are

- to protect the natural beauty of the Park;
- to help visitors enjoy and understand it; and
- to foster the wellbeing of local people.

Support Available

- [Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority](#)
- [Grant funding to restore the Brecon Beacon's hedgerows | Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority](#)
- [Nature Recovery Action Plan | Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority](#)
- [Future Beacons: The Management Plan for the Bannau Brycheiniog National Park 2022-2027 | Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority](#)
- [Future Beacons Management Plan](#) [Untitled \(beacons-npa.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Future Beacons Management Plan Summary](#) [Untitled \(beacons-npa.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Bannau Brycheiniog Climate Change Policy](#) [Untitled \(beacons-npa.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Bannau Brycheiniog Nature Recovery Policy](#) [Untitled \(beacons-npa.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Bannau Brycheiniog Resilient Communities Policy](#) [Untitled \(beacons-npa.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Citizens' Assembly | Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority](#)
- [Environment | Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority](#)
- [Help for Communities | Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority](#)
- [Sustainable Development Fund | Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority \(beacons-npa.gov.uk\)](#)
- [Climate Action 2022 | Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority](#)
- [Wildlife & Planning](#) [Wildlife and Planning | Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority](#)

Contact Details [Contact Us | Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority \(beacons-npa.gov.uk\)](#)

Planning aid Wales

Planning Aid Wales is a Wales-wide charity working for effective community involvement in planning. We work with planning authorities, local communities, and the Welsh Government to help create a more accessible and participative planning system. We are core funded by the Welsh Government.

As an impartial and independent planning stakeholder in Wales, we work to build public understanding, increase community engagement, and manage expectations, thereby supporting delivery of the planning system.

Support Available

- www.placeplans.org.uk
- [Communities Place Plans Guidance](#) [Communities – Place Plans](#)
- [Community Place Plans](#) [Before starting – Place Plans](#)
- [Community Place Plans](#) [Making the decision – Place Plans](#)
- [Community Place Plans](#) [Place Plan toolbox – Place Plans](#)
- [Communities Place Plans](#) [Case studies – Place Plans](#)
- [Supporting Your Community – Place Plans](#)
- [Place Plan FAQ – Place Plans](#)
- www.planningaidwales.org.uk/events
- [Planning Glossary – Planning Aid Wales](#)
- [Training – Planning Aid Wales](#)
- [Community Engagement Services – Planning Aid Wales](#)
- [Place Plan support – Planning Aid Wales](#)
- [Planning Aid Wales – Training](#)
- [Events – Planning Aid Wales](#)

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Training enquiries: 02920 625 004

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Powys County Council Waste & Recycling Services

- [Bins, Rubbish and Recycling - Powys County Council](#)
- [A to Z of waste and recyclable items - Powys County Council](#)

Email Contact waste.awareness@powys.gov.uk

Powys County Council Cost of Living Hub

- [Cost of Living Hub - Powys County Council](#)

Powys County Council Funding Information

Funding Report [Community Environmental Projects](#)

(For closed funds, an expression of interest may be prepared in readiness for the opening of the next funding window.)

Further Funding

- [Community Facilities Programme | GOV.WALES](#)
- [Community Foundation Wales](#)
- [The Davies Charity](#)
- [Hafren Dyfrdwy Community Fund](#)
- [Making a Difference in Powys Fund](#)
- [WCVA Cymru funding](#)
- [The Welsh Water Community Fund](#)

Local businesses with community funds, for example:

- [Boots Charitable Trust](#)
- [Co-op Charity Partnership](#)
- [Greggs Foundation](#)
- [Tarmac Community Funding](#)
- [Tesco Community Grants](#)

General energy saving/energy efficiency advice

- [Simple Energy Advice](#)
- [Energy advice for your home - Energy Saving Trust](#)
- [Explore our Greener Heating Guide today - Energy Saving Trust](#)
- [Tips to improve the EPC rating of your home - Energy Saving Trust](#)
- [A guide to energy efficiency in the workplace - Energy Saving Trust](#)
- [Quick tips to save energy at home - Energy Saving Trust](#)
- [About smart meters: smart meters explained | Smart Energy GB](#)
- [Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)
- [Gas, Electric & Water Guides - MoneySavingExpert](#)
- [Warm Wales Powys Energy Saving Scheme](#) [Warm Wales Powys Energy Saving Scheme - Warm Wales](#)
- [National Energy Action \(NEA\) - the UK's leading fuel poverty charity](#)

Green Business Financing, Support & Guidance

- **Development bank of Wales business Loan** - <https://developmentbank.wales/sustainability>
- **Business Wales 1 Energy | Business Wales (gov.wales)**
- **Business Wales 2 Green Growth Pledge | Business Wales (gov.wales)**
- **Green Business Loan Scheme - Dev Bank (developmentbank.wales)**
- **Green Business Loan Scheme | Business Wales (gov.wales)**
- **SME Sign Up | Business Wales (gov.wales)**
- **What is an energy audit? - Dev Bank (developmentbank.wales)**
- **Business Finance, Loans And Equity From £1k To £10m - Dev Bank (developmentbank.wales)**
- **Resource Efficiency | Business Wales (gov.wales)**

Home Improvement Loans

Funded via Welsh Government, the purpose of the scheme is to provide short to medium term loans to help homeowners improve the condition of their residential property. Loans of up to £5,000 per unit of accommodation can be considered to fund the cost of works necessary to make your home 'secure, safe and warm', such as replacing a roof. All loans will be zero interest however a small fee will be added to cover administrative costs. It will also be necessary to pass an affordability assessment to ensure that applicants are able to afford the repayments.

For more information, or to apply please contact the [Robert Owen Community Banking Fund \(ROCBF\)](#) on 01686 626234

Powys County Council [Household energy advice - Powys County Council](#)

Email: privatesectorhousing@powys.gov.uk

[Home Improvement Loans and Financial Assistance](#) Improvements may include, energy efficiency measures, repairing defects and even redeveloping empty homes. Loan amounts and repayment terms depend on type of work and may incorporate a processing fee.

View the [Funding and Advice factsheet \(PDF\)](#) for useful information.