

PROJECT:

GLYN CEIRIOG BIKE RAMP

APPLICANT:

GLYN CEIRIOG COMMUNITY COUNCIL



STAKEHOLDERS ENGAGED

91



LOCATION

CEIRIOG VALLEY, WREXHAM



TOTAL PROJECT VALUE

£23,226.90

GREEN COMMUNITIES FUND OVERVIEW

The Green Communities fund, delivered by rural development agency Cadwyn Clwyd, aims to support improvements to outdoor community activities and infrastructure.

Supported through the Enabling Natural Resources and Wellbeing grant, 30 local areas in Denbighshire, Conwy, Flintshire, and Wrexham have been given support to transform their outdoor community spaces for wildlife to thrive and to create desirable places to live, work and play.

Some groups opted for funding for renewable energy systems, such as solar installations, to reduce carbon emissions and help reduce their fuel bills.



PROJECT SUMMARY

The village of Glyn Ceiriog is on track to provide community-focussed improvements to its local park, following support from Cadwyn Cwlyd.

Through funding and guidance from Cadwyn, the community council has succeeded in providing a bike track to the village park, in addition to incorporating biodiversity measures to boost local wildlife.

OBJECTIVES

As the largest village in the Ceiriog Valley, the ramp installation sits as part of wider improvements to provide residents with purpose-built facilities without having to travel out of the area.

The decision to introduce a bike track was made after consultation with Glyn Ceiriog's local youth group and parents, aiming to prevent anti-social behaviour in the community.

The ramp was designed with all ages in mind, receiving support and insight from Cadwyn Clwyd throughout the process.



ACTIVITY

Cadwyn Clwyd helped the council source soft materials to build the ramp, in addition to providing support to carry out health and safety assessments in line with standards from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, and adhere to the National Trust's wildlife regulations.

During the two-year scheme, a 100-metre path was created along the length of the park's rugby field, and new fencing was assembled so local farmers could safely graze sheep in the park.

In addition, two picnic benches, made from 100 per cent recycled milk cartons were installed with extra space for wheelchair access.

To strengthen the natural environment in the park, a biodiversity audit was carried out by the council, which included identifying the best trees and plants to grow to help the park's wildlife flourish.

As a result, local school children from Ysgol Cynddelw helped plant a red oak tree, hawthorns, and rose beds, followed by the installation of new bird boxes.

OUTCOMES

With children previously making their own bike tracks or riding on the road, implementing safer infrastructure to keep them away from the high street has already been well-received.

Community council clerk Jean Davies, who has been commended an award for her dedication to the area, said:

"It's fantastic we can bring the residents' requests to life, and we're seeing significantly more families using the park by improving access to engaging outdoor activities right on their doorstep.

"Being a community council rather than a charity makes it hard to know what grants we are eligible for, so we are extremely grateful for Cadwyn Clwyd's continued guidance so we can make the most of available funding streams."

Community councillor Trevor Bates added: "The results have exceeded our expectations as we are not only seeing people of all ages now enjoying the park, but we had the added benefit of involving the community from the outset.

"We hope we will continue to feel the effects of this project for years to come, and protect our biodiversity through annual inspections and ongoing maintenance."



"WE WERE SO LUCKY TO HAVE CADWYN CLWYD'S HELP TO IMPROVE BIODIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, AND WITHOUT ITS SUPPORT, THIS PROJECT WOULD STILL BE IN THE PLANNING STAGES."

- TREVOR BATES

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