



Parc Y Betws

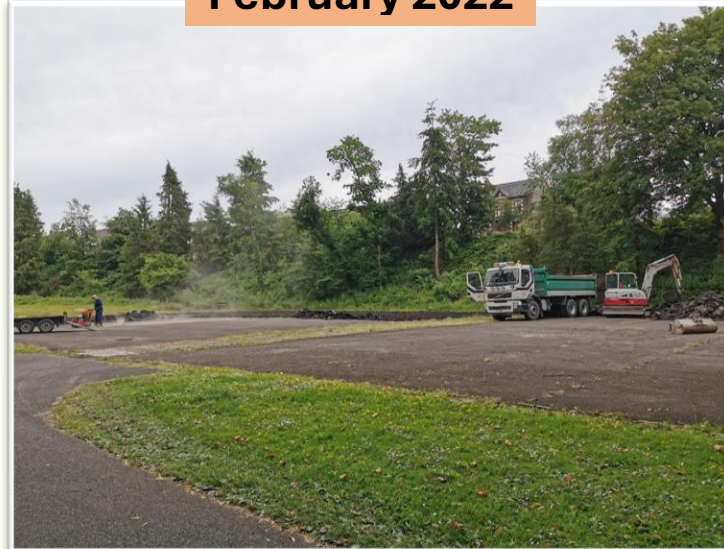
**In 2022 we were awarded an £86,750
Local Places for Nature Grant**



An award winning project to transform disused tennis courts into a biodiverse nature park, with accessible pathways, species rich meadow, heritage orchard and community garden. *Started: February 2022 Completed: March 2023*



**Before
February 2022**



**After
May 2023**



Betws, Carmarthenshire - A village and ex-mining community on the Amman river at the base of Betws mountain. There is a primary school, a parish church and a local Park. Betws now has around 1000 homes. The saying Betws a'r byd refers to the isolation of Betws until a road was built in 1817.



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5,000m² of biodiverse habitat created



Local history & heritage featured

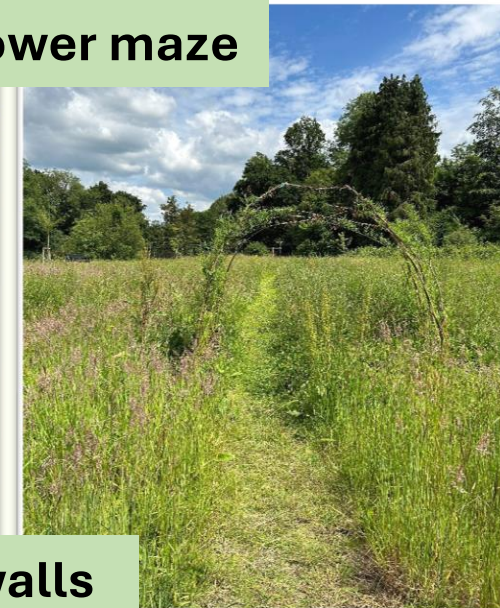


500m of accessible pathways created

Over 150 volunteers involved



A wildflower maze



Sensory & herb garden with dry stone walls



Ar gyfer Bioamrywiaeth... For Biodiversity...



Reduce the use of pesticides



**Organic techniques and
Peat free compost only**



Increase Orchard tree planting



Locally sourced natural materials used



100m² of Heritage Orchard





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Change mowing practices

Increase wildflower planting

**1300m²
of species rich
meadow
created**

Working with the National Garden of Wales



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Nest boxes

Benefits to wildlife



Increase pollinators



**Multiple new
habitats created**

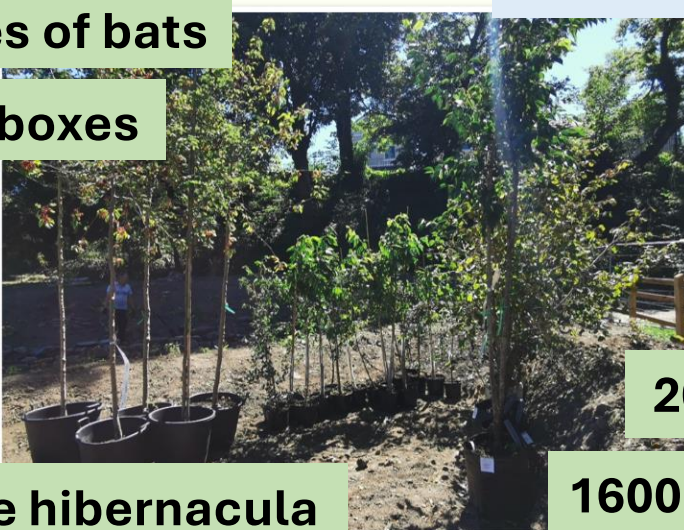
Increase local tree planting

6 species of bats

Bat boxes



Local stone used to create hibernacula



200+ native trees planted



1600m² of woodland improved



Ar gyfer Ein Cymuned... For our Community...

Gwely Llysiau Plant
Ysgol Gynradd Betws
Betws Primary School
Vegetable Bed

Increase community food growing opportunities

Raised beds to grow food for our community

Local people feel a greater sense of community

Adult Day Unit



Local College and School students



Nursery and Family centre



“My daughter came home from Betws park one day and now our garden looks like this... Thank you for encouraging the children to get outside and enjoy nature.”



Local Primary school pupils love growing vegetables and getting mucky!



Ar gyfer Ein Cymuned... For our Community...



'Ffrindiau Betws' volunteer group manage the garden



**CLAS Cymru Award
for Community engagement**



"It's a joy to see the young children so eager to get their hands dirty by planting and sowing seeds, then reaping the reward."

"I have made new friends in the community and improved my wellness."

"It's great to be part of a team of volunteers, who have a wide range of skill sets but all have the same goal."



Food is shared with the community





Am Y dyfodol... For The Future...



Increase pollinators

**Increase species richness in the park
and increase our knowledge and skills
in meadow management.**

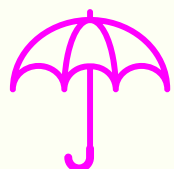
Increase community food growing opportunities

**Improve public
access to
drinking water:**



**Install a tap and
drinking fountain.**

**Maintain the growing area and orchard to provide so
local residents can continue to grow their own food.**



**Build a wooden roundhouse or shelter to provide a dry
space for the children and volunteers on rainy days!**



Am Y Dyfodol... For The Future...

To keep helping biodiversity we need...

Funding to create, restore and protect the Nature On Our Doorstep.

A Volunteer Coordinator to increase participation and support all our volunteers.

Access to expert advice, training and support.



Betws Community Council's Biodiversity Action Plan



We will assess the impact on biodiversity in the planning process.

Provide practical advice to our community on increasing biodiversity at home.

Identify and map important habitats and species in our area.

Change mowing frequencies to allow wildflowers to grow.

Increase volunteer participation in restoring biodiversity.

Work with other local organisations to collaborate on future biodiversity

