



# Cae Crwn Criccieth Community Project



Cyngor Tref  
**CRICCIETH**  
Town Council

**In 2020 we were awarded a £20,800 Local Places for Nature Grant**

**Development of community allotments and butterfly garden on wild scrubland where people from young to old can learn new skills and share knowledge on their doorstep.  
Started: January 2021 Completed: September 2021**



**Before  
January 2021**



**After  
September 2021**



**Criccieth, Gwynedd is a coastal town on the Llŷn Peninsula with 1 primary school, 1 chapel, 3 churches, a community centre in the Memorial Hall and Library. We have 12 Town Councillors and a population of 1,800.**

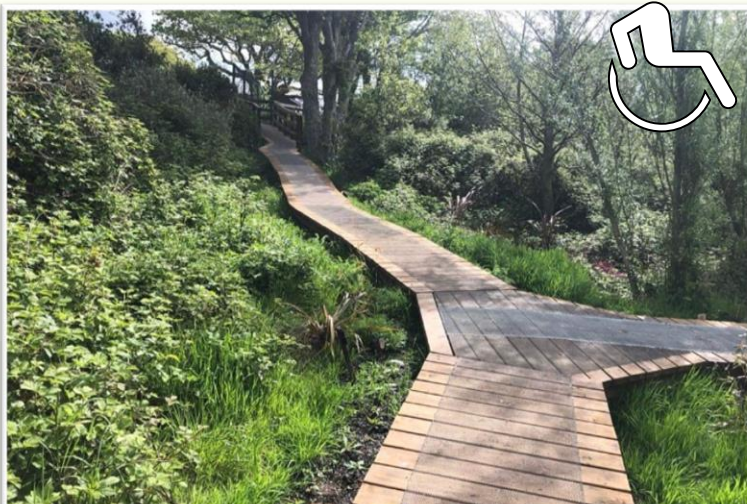




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**1600m<sup>2</sup> of accessible community growing space created**

**150 volunteers involved**



**Wildflower areas restored with woodland bulbs**



**Restored Woodland habitat**



**300m of accessible pathways created**





# For Biodiversity...



**Reduce the use of pesticides**

**Organic techniques and Peat free compost only**



**Companion planting method to reduce damage to crops**

**Provides a local source of fruit and vegetables**



**Increase Orchard tree planting**

**4 apple trees 4 pear trees  
growing in our community orchard**







# For Biodiversity...



**Increase wildflower planting**

**2753 m<sup>2</sup> of pollinator habitat restored**



**Increase local tree planting**

**Blackthorn hedging**



**Increase pollinators**

**7 species of butterfly**

**Benefits to wildlife**

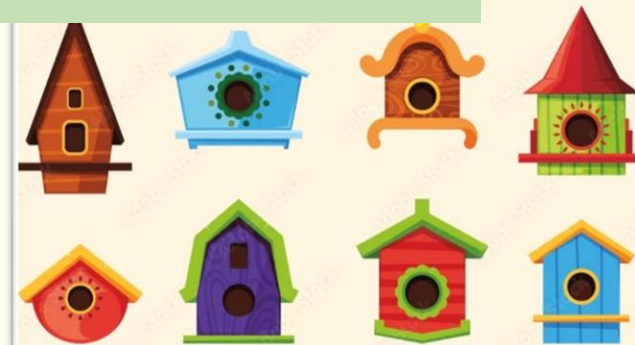
**4 bat boxes installed**

**6 reptile hidey holes**



**14 bug hotels installed**

**6 bird boxes installed**



**Welsh native  
black bees**







# For Our Community...



**Increased community food growing opportunities**

**Partnership between our Council, Friends of the Nature Garden & Cyngor Gwynedd provides 35 communal plots**

**“I’ve never had a garden or grown anything before. To see the site change, the hard work and to share seeds, tips and produce with friendly and welcoming people is amazing.”**

**Treforthyr Primary School has an allotment**



**“What a great addition to our beautiful town – it’s transformational”**

**Increased visitor footfall**

**Provides a location for a defibrillator**



**Planting of the John Ystumllyn Rose & community event**





# For our Community...

**Cae Crwn Pavilion - £30k  
Welsh Government**



“As a Development Worker for Social Farms and Gardens I’ve seen many community growing projects & this one is special. It enhances & celebrates nature in the middle of town, is treasured by plot holders, volunteers & residents alike & deserves to be celebrated.”



**Surplus produce is  
shared in the  
community.**

**Cae Crwn has supported 7 local businesses & artists. Included in a film entitled The Power of Local Community Solutions to our Global Crisis, showcasing 30 groups working to achieve fair local food systems across five continents, launched on World Localization Day 21 June 2024. Featured on S4C, BBC Wales & ITV Wales**



“The impact of the initiative goes beyond teaching pupils how to grow vegetables and plants and experience nature”







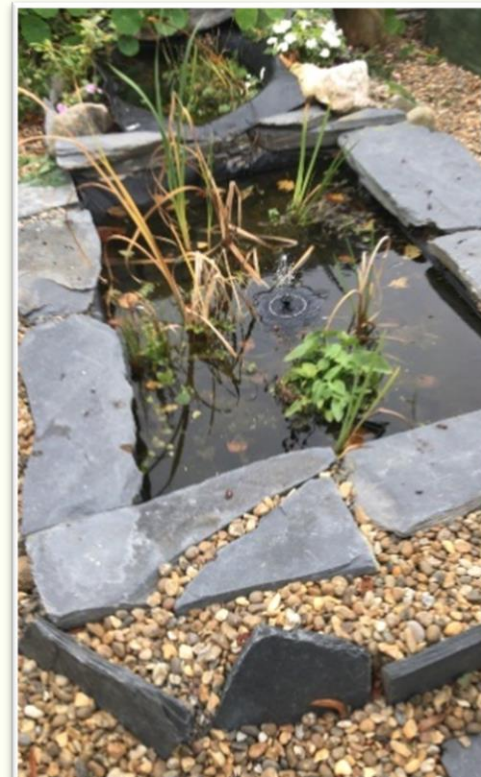
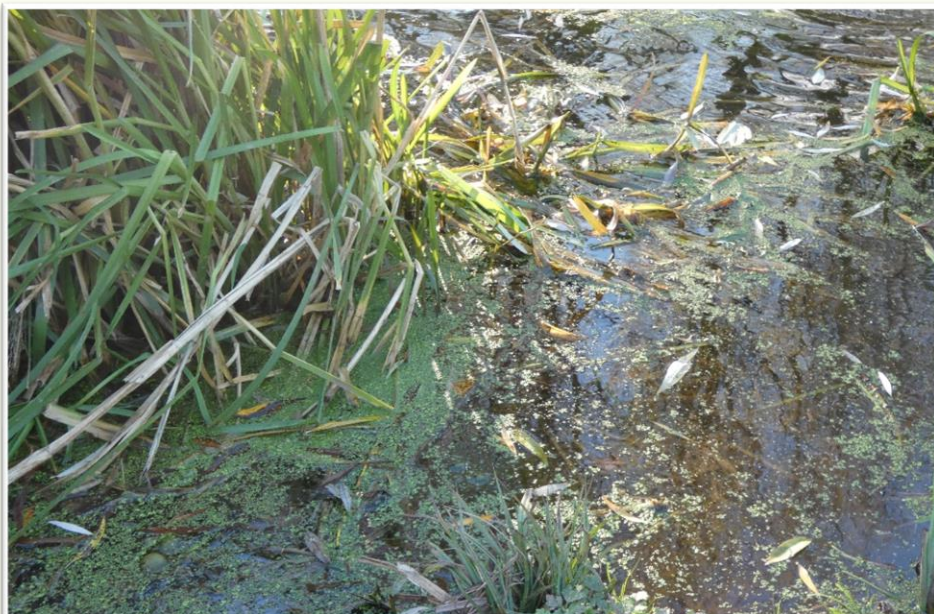
# For The Future...

## Increase pollinators

**Planting native bulbs and trees from Keep Wales Tidy - £600**

**Install a rainwater harvesting system, tool replacement & compost project thanks to Local Nature Partnership Cyngor Gwynedd - £2K**

**Establish a mushroom growing area thanks to Local Nature Partnership Cyngor Gwynedd - £5.6k**



**Improve our pond to encourage biodiversity and wildlife**





# For The Future...



## Awards 2024:

- One Voice Wales Best Environmental Project
- Social Farms & Gardens Community Management and Best Use of Green Space
- Finalist - Keep Wales Tidy Nature's Heroes Award



**To keep helping biodiversity, we need...**

**Support to start new projects and develop our Biodiversity Action Plan.**

**Further funding to create, restore & protect the Nature on Our Doorstep and build on the £80,000 already invested.**

**Advice, training & support from One Voice Wales and Keep Wales Tidy.**