

Gelligaer Community Council & Keep Wales Tidy

Biodiversity Project Report July and August 2023



Project Progress - July

- Meetings Attended

Initial meeting with community council.

- People/communities engaged with

Initial conversations with Clerk over potential sites to visit for future improvements.

- Sites visited

Site visits to Glyn-gear, Cefn Hengoed, Gelligaer, Tir Y Birth, Ystrad Mynach.

The initial site visits were to locations recommended for improvement works by the community council. These sites were visited to see if they were suitable for any improvements or to rule out due to the current condition or location.

- Practical work

1 dog waste bin reported, 1 bag of litter collected.

Whilst visiting sites litter was removed from the location and any street furniture issues were reported to the local authority. The dog waste bin at the entrance to Glyn-gear was reported for a broken lid.

- Project Research

Mapping of areas that the community council covers. Research on the schools in the area. Identifying existing groups or activities within the community council boundaries.

Ystrad Mynach in Bloom nature area



Glyn-gear Broken dog waste bin reported



Record of Additional Spend - July

Date	Items	Cost
Total		

Record of Time - July

Date	Activity	Time Spent
13	Initial Meeting	8.5
17	Project Research	4.5
18	Project Research	4.5
19	Project Research	5.5
21	Project Research	3
28	Site Visits Glyn-gear, Cefn Hengoed, Gelligaer, Tir Y Birth, Ystrad Mynach	6
31	Reporting	3
Total		

Forward Look - August

- In depth site visits for project proposal
- Further project introductions

Project Progress - August

- Meetings Attended

Site Meeting in Penpedairheol with Erika Dixon CCBC Ecologist looking at a site that could become a nature reserve.

- People/communities engaged with

St Catwgs Church Gelligaer, Hedgehog awareness visit.

Recently a contractor for the church unfortunately strimmed through a hedgehog nest, killing 2 hoglets and injuring a third, the adult hedgehog is missing. CCBC have identified the area in the church as a good habitat for hedgehogs. A project proposal to install hedgehog boxes in the area will be put forward, As Hedgehogs are currently in decline across the country this would be a beneficial way to support a local population.

- Sites visited

Site visits to Glyn-gear, Gelligaer, Ystrad Mynach and Pengam park and ride were carried out to look at potential improvement to the sites. In depth visits were carried out in Ystrad Mynach and Gelligaer to form part of a project proposal.

- Practical work

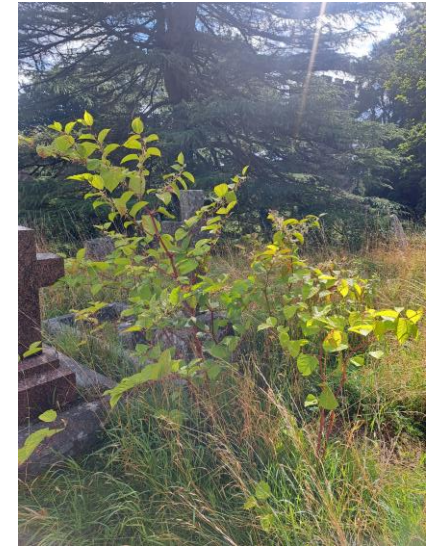
2 bags of litter collected, and Herbicide applied to some Japanese Knotweed.

Whilst visiting St Catwgs, a couple of small stands of Japanese Knotweed were noted. We applied Herbicide in line with recommended control methods to stop the spread to avoid an infestation.

- Project Research

In depth research on the project proposals, including recommended species mixes, habitat creation and area to cover.

Oak Leaf roundabout,
Ystrad Mynach. Potential
site of wildflower project



St Catwgs, Gelligaer Japanese Knotweed treated with Herbicide

Record of Additional Spend - August

Date	Items	Cost
Total		

Record of Time - August

Date	Activity	Time Spent
3	Proposal Research	5
4	Site Visit Pengam Park and Ride	5
10	Site Visit Gelligaer St Catwgs	8.5
11	Emails / Introductions	1.5
15	Site Visit / Practical Works St Catwgs Gelligaer	7.5
16	Proposal Research	2.5
21	Reporting	4
25	Site Visit St Catwgs Gelligaer	6
Total		

Forward Look - September

- Initial engagement with the area's schools
- Submission of first project proposals,
Proposal 1 Hedgehog Boxes, St Catwgs
Proposal 2 YM in Bloom Nature Area
Proposal 3 Wildflowers Oak leaf roundabout