Ministerial Foreword

Lesley Griffiths AM, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs for inclusion in WCVA’s first Annual Report on Landfill Disposals Tax Community Scheme (LDTCS)

The Landfill Disposals Tax (Wales) Act 2017 established the landfill disposals tax in Wales and set out the operational arrangements for the tax, alongside the Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Act 2016. Replacing landfill tax with landfill disposals tax from April 2018, ensured public services in Wales will continue to benefit from the revenues raised by this tax following its devolution in April 2018.

Building on this, the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme (LDTCS) commenced during April 2018. The scheme recognises there can be negative impact for communities through the disposal of waste to landfill and provides funding for projects which contribute to offsetting these impacts in the communities affected. The scheme focuses on enhancing community well-being through local projects that improve the quality of the local area, deliver wide reaching benefits and maximise the funding initiatives.

The Wales Council for Voluntary Action were awarded the contract for the administration of the LDTCS. The scheme supports delivery of Prosperity for All and a range of Welsh Government policies, by funding projects that support biodiversity, waste minimisation and other environmental enhancements in areas affected by the disposal of waste to landfill. Although a budget of £1.5m in each financial year is made available to support the scheme, it is clear that the scheme has been successful in leveraging in additional resources to support the delivery of the projects awarded, increasing the value of the scheme.

I am very pleased with the level of interest expressed in the scheme during its first year of operation. During the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019 over 150 grant applications were received. In the same period, a total of 44 local projects were allocated funding in eligible communities across Wales. The wide range of projects supported in local communities clearly support the delivery of Welsh Government priorities within those areas.

This report contains information on scheme administration during the first year and the projects that it has supported. Although it is too early to report on the outcomes of the projects funded, I have no doubt of the far reaching benefits these projects will bring, that these projects will have far reaching benefits for communities, the environment and wildlife, which will continue for generations to come.

I look forward to receiving further information on the achievements of future projects future projects achievements and the positive benefits they produce for their communities.

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April 2018 saw the devolution of the collection of Landfill Taxes to Wales and the community scheme officially opened for applications on April 30 2018. The fund is open to all sectors with socially focused activity, WCVA Grant Funds Team received a high number of quality applications with lots of potentially meaningful and impactful community benefit activity, under the three schematic themes.

Over the two funding rounds run in 2018-19 the panel were pleased to see such high-quality applications made, demonstrating contributions in delivering Wales’ various environmental legislation and of course the goals of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (2015) Wales. We are confident that funding decisions made will enable community focused action and contribute to the enhancement of local communities across Wales.

WCVA administers the LDTCS on behalf of Welsh Government, as a trustee of WCVA I was delighted to have the opportunity to chair this new panel. We have some real expertise around the table, ensuring that the best projects are awarded funding to achieve the maximum of community and environmental benefit across Wales.

I look forward to seeing what the existing projects achieve and seeing more, high quality applications coming in!

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Executive Summary

This report details the activity of the first year of the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme in Wales.

The first year of operation has been a great success, with the scheme proving to be extremely popular to groups working in close proximity to a landfill site or waste transfer station, who are seeking funding for activity to improve the quality of the environment in their locality.

Background to the Scheme

The Landfill Disposals Tax (LDT) (Wales) Act 2017 establishes landfill disposals tax (LDT) in Wales and sets out the operational arrangements for the tax, alongside the Tax Collection and Management (Wales) Act 2016 (TCMA).

The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme recognises there can be negative impact for communities through the disposal of waste to landfill and will provide funding for projects which aim to offset these impacts. The activity carried out by the projects funded focuses on the five mile radius surrounding a landfill site or waste transfer station which has reported sending in excess of 2000 tonnes in the past year.

Sites may be added or removed from the list of eligible areas of benefit dependant on the tonnage reported to Natural Resources Wales in that reporting year.

The LDT communities’ scheme is a Welsh Government scheme which will be distributed under contract for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2022 by Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA) on behalf of Welsh Government.

This report covers the period from April 1 2018, up until March 31 2019.

In this first annual report of the scheme, the principles and aims of the scheme will be outlined and the decision-making process of the grant administration explained. The set-up of the scheme took place in the initial part of the year, followed by the delivery of two successful grant fund rounds.

The first grant round of the scheme was launched in April of 2018, with the first projects beginning in late July 2018. The second round opened to applications in October 2018 with projects beginning in April 2019.
General Principles of the Scheme

The scheme is underpinned by a set of general principles, which provide a framework to shape the operational delivery of the scheme. The general principles are focused on enhancing community well-being through projects by improving quality of place, delivering wide-reaching benefits and maximising the funding that reaches initiatives.

THE LDT COMMUNITIES SCHEME WILL SEEK TO:

1. IMPROVE QUALITY OF PLACE
   • Promote positive environmental behaviours;
   • Offset the negative impacts on communities affected by the disposal of material as waste to landfill;
   • Enhance existing spaces – both open space and physical space.

2. DELIVER WIDER COMMUNITY BENEFITS
   • Support community participation – volunteering, skills development etc;
   • Promote and maintain good relationships between landfill site operators, communities and the distributive body;
   • Support sustainable projects which do not rely on continuous funding.

3. MAXIMISE THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT REACHES INITIATIVES
   • Maintain a cost-effective administrative model;
   • Make funding accessible by providing clear and understandable objectives and application guidance around the scheme and the application process.

How the funds work

WCVA administer the fund on behalf of Welsh Government. WCVA is a part of a Wales wide network of support for organisations, in partnership with 19 County Voluntary Councils. This network approach allows for central administration with the added value of further local knowledge and support provided for groups at a county level.

The fund value is £1.4 million per year. The scheme will support local community and environmental projects in areas affected by the disposal of waste to landfill. Grants of between £5,000 and £49,999 will be available, through two funding rounds per year, with the opportunity to apply for a one-off yearly larger grant of national significance of a value over £50,000 and up to £250,000.

THE SCHEME INVITES APPLICATIONS FROM GROUPS CARRYING OUT ACTIVITY UNDER THE THREE THEMES:

- **Biodiversity**
  Create Resilient Ecological Networks for the benefit of a range of habitats and species:
  - Improve conditions to help native species, pollinators and provide opportunities for new planting.
  - Restore, maintain and enhance natural habitats. Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity.

- **Wider Environmental Enhancements**
  Bring wider community benefit through improving quality of place:
  - Create community green spaces and supporting green infrastructure.
  - Bring neglected and run-down areas back into community use.
  - Maintain or improve community facilities, for example community halls.

- **Diversion of waste from landfill**
  Promote awareness and best practice to reduce the amount of waste produced:
  - Encourage prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste. Reduce food waste and support initiatives such as composting.
  - Engage and support understanding to enable waste to be seen as a resource.
Strategic Alignment & Contribution

The Environment Act (Wales) 2016 provides an overarching strategic direction to ensure natural resources are managed and conserved effectively in Wales. This coupled with the findings of The State of Natural Resources Report (SoNaRR) outline the value of natural resources in Wales and how they should be managed effectively and invested in to ensure maximum prosperity.

The 2016-2021 Programme for Government Taking Wales Forward outlines several environmental priorities which are directly contributed to as a result of the action that projects funded through LDTCS:

- Make progress towards our goal of reducing our greenhouse emissions by at least 80% by 2050 and continue our work to protect and enhance biodiversity and local ecosystems.
- Further our lead over other nations in recycling and minimising landfill.
- Support the development of more renewable energy projects, including tidal lagoons and community energy schemes.

PROSPERITY FOR ALL THE NATIONAL STRATEGY

Welsh Government’s current national strategy focuses on prosperity. Prosperity in this strategy is focused around all aspects of life in Wales, not just material wealth. Prosperity is about good quality of life and sustainable, safe communities.

The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme funds activity that delivers sustainable community benefit. This takes many forms, from activity to work with volunteers and train them in the skills required to conserve a local green space or provide financial assistance to enhance a community facility in a way which improves its energy efficiency. Applications are assessed based on their contribution to the benefit of the local community and the longer-term impact the activity will make. All projects awarded funding will in some way contribute towards sustainable communities. Giving the community the chance to identify what action they think needs to be taken in order to address issues specific to that locality; enabling them to take community led action, build community stewardship and sense of place.

The First Minister’s 2018 Manifesto set out clear proposals of how Wales is to take action on the environment.

In 2016 Natural Resources Wales reported the threats to species, biodiversity and the impacts which this produces on water quality, air quality and the wider Welsh economy. Their report highlighted that the basic ecosystem is in decline and in order to enhance and conserve, action is needed to build resilience. Action on this need is addressed through Goal 2 of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 - A Resilient Wales. Proposals to take action on the environment, set out in the First Minister’s Manifesto, includes actions which the LDTCS contributes actively towards certain aspects, such as:

- Develop an Environmental Growth Plan for Wales, halting and reversing the damage already caused to our natural environment.
- Promote green industries which enhance, rather than damage the environment.

Focus on small things which can create local, accessible green spaces: wildflower planting; changes to mowing practices by Local Authorities; creating meadow areas on sloping land and new national forest (working towards the national tree planting target); one planet developments; actions which will be beneficial in enabling community action such as doubling allotments change planning regulations about sheds and development of community orchards.
All projects awarded under the LDTCS will, in some way contribute toward the achievement of one or more goals of the Act. In most cases there is a clear link to a specific goal or goals. For example, through one of the priority themes of the scheme – Biodiversity. In Flintshire, Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust (ARC) are helping work towards the Act's environmental goal of 'A Resilient Wales'. This project takes place across four nature reserves and is creating better quality habitats for amphibians and invertebrates. The project is raising community awareness, creating information boards and capturing vital data on section 7 species & habitats.

It has been a busy initial six months of operation for this ARC project, including eight habitat management days across several locations which involved the clearing of aquatic vegetation, removing litter and the installation of new ponds. Work also includes local community talks, surveys & the design of the interpretation boards. After delivery of an educational amphibian course - the community led a toad patrol, to protect migratory toads. Community awareness, education and appreciation of their local biodiversity gives community members the chance to be a part of its conservation and enhancement.

The involvement also gives the chance to spend time outdoors, contributing to 'A Healthier Wales' and the overall activity of the project can definitely be counted as making a contribution to 'A Wales of Cohesive Communities'.

Community level contributions towards Wales’ seven goals for wellbeing should not be underestimated. Projects funded by LDTCS make valid contributions to the overall effort and demonstrate voluntary action which complements the mandatory work of the public sector towards these goals.

The Action Plan for Pollinators in Wales

The natural environment freely contributes to the wellbeing of humans, both directly and indirectly effecting our quality of life and survival. These contributions are known as ecosystem services. In 2013, Welsh Government published 'The Action Plan for Pollinators in Wales' in recognition that pollinators provide a very valuable ecosystem service and action is needed to ensure that pollinator numbers do not continue to decline. The LDTCS contributes towards achieving the outcomes of this action plan by encouraging and enabling projects to 'plant for pollinators' this includes planting native wildflowers and trees, in both urban and rural areas – engaging and informing volunteers and community members and raising the awareness of the important role of pollinators. Making local contributions across Wales helps build the network and connectivity of sites across Wales.

THE NATURE RECOVERY ACTION PLAN LINKS TO, AND COMPLEMENTS, THE WELL-BEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ACT AND THE ENVIRONMENT ACT. IT CONSISTS OF THREE PARTS:

1. Sets out the position with regards to biodiversity in Wales, the issues to be addressed and the policies which will guide tackling the issues.
2. Sets out specific actions identified to support and enhance biodiversity, over and above contributing to the delivery of the ‘Sustainable Management of Natural Resources in Wales’
3. The ‘Nature Recovery Framework’, (which is under development), will identify the roles of key stakeholders in the delivery of action in support of biodiversity. The framework will fit into the delivery of the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the Environment Act.
THE LDTCS CONTRIBUTES TO SEVERAL OF THE OBJECTIVES IDENTIFIED INCLUDING, BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY:

1. **ENGAGING AND SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION AND UNDERSTANDING TO EMBED BIODIVERSITY THROUGHOUT DECISION MAKING AT ALL LEVELS**

   The LDTCS enables projects which work with volunteers and community members in raising awareness of the importance that biodiversity holds and providing skills in conservation and habitat management.

2. **SAFEGUARDING SPECIES AND HABITATS OF PRINCIPAL IMPORTANCE AND IMPROVING THEIR MANAGEMENT**

   Awards to projects operating under the theme of biodiversity, working with priority species have been made in 2018-19, action is underway.

3. **INCREASE THE RESILIENCE OF OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT BY RESTORING DEGRADED HABITATS AND HABITAT CREATION**

   Again projects working under the theme of biodiversity will contribute to increasing the resilience of our natural environment with things like habitat creation – for example:

   The Vincent Wildlife Trust are working to enhance the habitat of the pine marten, a Section 7 Priority Species at risk of natural extinction, by running a community engagement programme to raise awareness and involve volunteers in monitoring the progress of the newly reinforced pine marten population throughout Powys, Gwynedd, Conwy and Ceredigion.

   Funding from the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme is making a big difference to our pine marten conservation work in Wales. This grant has enabled us to engage with over 400 people during the last six months, teaching them about pine marten ecology and training volunteers in the various techniques used to survey and monitor for this returning rare species. We would not have been able to spread our reach so far without this funding, which is leaving a legacy of highly skilled volunteers with a passion for this native mammal, who will help to ensure its long-term recovery.

   Josie Bridges, Pine Marten Community Engagement Officer, Vincent Wildlife Trust

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**Towards Zero Waste**

The statutory waste strategy for Wales outlines the Welsh Government’s approach to sustainable waste management in Wales. It focuses on preventing waste and on ways with which waste should be dealt with to produce benefits for the environment, economy and social wellbeing. Alongside the statutory obligations of the public sector, the strategy recognises the important role that the community sector plays in implementing this waste strategy, stating that:

The third sector promotes areas of sustainable development that sometimes get overlooked. Environmental and economic gains achieved through higher recycling and resource efficiency are achieved in tandem with social gains. These include the creation of training and employment opportunities for the socially excluded, including those with learning difficulties and other disadvantages.

The LDTCS again acts as enabler for community action, allowing community groups to develop solutions to their own local problems and tackle waste minimisation with community led action with a high degree of input from volunteers.
Case study: Repair Cafe Wales

Opens, supports and runs Repair Cafés across Wales. Repair Cafés (in its simplest form) are pop up events located across Wales on regular dates where you can get your broken household items repaired for free. This project funded under the scheme’s priority theme of Waste Minimisation & the Reduction of Waste to Landfill engages community members and volunteers in fixing items destined for landfill, teaching repair skills, encouraging reuse and upcycling. This helps to reduce waste to landfill, saves people money and teaches new repair skills for the long term.

THE LDTCS HAS ENABLED REPAIR CAFÉ WALES TO OPEN NEW REPAIR CAFES IN AREAS THE SCHEME PRIORITISES. HEADLINE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE PROJECT SO FAR INCLUDE:

- Eight new Repair Café locations sourced
- 92 volunteers working with the project
- 398 items with life extended by repair
- 820kg CO2 saved
- 479 visitors to new Repair Cafes
- Approximately £4,420 savings to ‘customers’
- Approximately £720 saved in Local Authority disposal costs
How are eligible sites identified?

Landfill site and waste transfer/treatment facilities operators report the number of tonnes of waste they send to landfill each year. A proportion of the tax collected from these landfill operators provides the funding that forms the LDTCS. If an operator reports that over 2,000 tonnes of waste are sent to landfill in a year, the site will be deemed as an eligible area for applications to the LDTCS. The scheme is aimed at improving the quality of the communities living in close proximity to landfill sites and waste transfer stations.

Each year Natural Resources Wales provide WCVA with the data from the waste returns submitted from all operators of landfill sites and waste transfer stations across Wales. This data shows those sites which have reported over 2,000 tonnage for the past year. The map of eligible sites is then updated by WCVA in time for the second round of the year. Enquirers are advised to check the map at the time of applying as it is subject to change from round to round. The sites shown on the map during an open funding round indicate the sites deemed eligible under that particular funding round.

2018 – 19 saw the first two rounds of the LDTCS in Wales.
Applications to Round 2 2018-19 October 2018

**Main grants and Nationally Significant Grant**

**Applications Received**
- 19 - Biodiversity
- 20 - Waste Minimisation and Diversion of Waste to Landfill
- 55 - Wider Environmental Enhancements

**Priority Theme Applied Under (Some Applicants Selected Multiple Themes)**

**In Round 2 the Panel Approved Grants to the Value of £729,430.66**
- 6 - Biodiversity
- 2 - Waste Minimisation and Diversion of Waste to Landfill
- 9 - Wider Environmental Enhancements

**Total Grants Requested in Round 2 (Including Those Applying to the Nationally Significant Grant) £4,638,528.38**

**The amount of quality applications is testament to the ability of Welsh communities to identify need and take a lead on activity to help better their locality.**

**How the LDTCS offers multiple benefits to project with funding from other sources**

**In 2018-19 the LDTCS Allocated £1,736,147.09 in Grants (Not All to be Expended in 2018-19). The Projects Awarded Contribute Match Funding Both Actual and In-Kind, From Various Sources Such As:**

1. **Cash funding** - Public funds, the organisation’s own unrestricted funds, Charities and Trusts
2. **In-kind funding from volunteer time contributed to projects and donations of materials for the project**

**In 2018-19, LDTCS awarded projects with a profiled £475,574.70 worth of volunteer time contributed throughout their grant period. Volunteer rates are calculated based on the average rates for similar roles in the Annual Survey of Household Earnings (ASHE). Along with general volunteer roles there are many skilled workers who contribute to LDTCS projects as volunteers. The average amount of volunteer time contributed is worth £10,000 a project. Other in-kind costs are valued at £139,255 for projects awarded in 2018-19 – with an average of £3,164.89 in-kind costs per project. Popular in-kind project donations include, room/building hire and native tree seeds and saplings. In total over £4.5 million of match funding will contribute LDTCS funding awarded in 2018-19, enabling the projects to deliver their activity.**

**Conservation of Denbighshire Little Tern Colony**
Grant Allocation by Theme

2018 - 19 Grant Making Statistics Applications

- 32% - Biodiversity
- 3% - Biodiversity & Wider Environmental Enhancements
- 3% - Biodiversity / Waste Minimization and the Diversion of Waste from Landfill / Wider Environmental Enhancements
- 23% - Waste Minimization and the Diversion of Waste from Landfill
- 39% - Wider Environmental Enhancements

Geographical Distribution of Grants

2018 - 19 Grant Making Statistics Applications

The geographic distribution of grants is reflective of the spread of eligible sites across Wales. Landfill sites or waste transfer stations in the counties of Torfaen and Monmouthshire were only eligible in round one, meaning there are very few projects in these countries whereas there are multiple eligible sites in several counties, such as Cardiff, Carmarthenshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd and Swansea. The distribution of the landfill and waste transfer sites is largely representative of population density.

In 2018-19, 44 projects were awarded funding; the projects are working across Wales within the heart of communities. The information provided as Appendix one to this report; provides an overview of the projects currently being undertaken across Wales with thanks to the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme in Wales. Impact at the end of 2018-19 cannot yet be fully demonstrated as projects are still in their active periods.
G2G Communities is a Community Interest Company (CIC) focused on individuals and families furthest away from employment, education or training. G2G supports a wide range of individuals; unemployed people; those not in education, employment or training (NEETs); short and long-term unemployed; women returners; single parents; carers; people with disabilities and other disadvantaged or minority groups. G2G also delivers LEGO Education to Schools, Libraries etc throughout North Wales.

The Landfill Disposal Tax Communities Scheme has supported G2G Communities in developing the Recycling Helps You Live (RHYL) - a better life project. The project is looking to create five pilot community recycling centres, along with partnerships with local groups to deliver training and development days in order to raise the awareness of the community to the benefits of recycling plastic waste. An added benefit of the project is volunteers will gain an ‘Agored’ qualification in recycling & 3D printing as part of their participation (Agored Cymru is the Welsh awarding body of choice for education and training providers in Wales).

Within six months the project has secured a number of partnerships with local community groups and provided each with an information pack with multimedia resources. Alongside this G2G has started to produce free resources available from, its online learning platform to further engage the community.

To officially launch the project, over 35 people attended a launch event, with guests including the Rhyl Deputy Mayor Councillor, Mrs Chard, and her Consort, Mr Dudley Chard. Everyone had an opportunity to hear about the project, partake in some of the activities and have a tour of the 3D Printing and Recycling centre. The launch event provided the opportunity for organisations to express an interest in getting involved and many are now actively participating.

In partnership with ‘Surfers Against Sewage’ (SAS Rhyl), a beach clean was organised along Rhyl promenade. Over 35 people attended, including families. The children enjoyed the short introduction to how removing plastic from the beach could help save animals and the environment.

Working with ‘SAS’ and Rhyl Town Council, we were able to ensure, where appropriate, the items collected were either recycled or disposed of correctly. In total 17 bags of litter were taken of the beach and promenade during the two-hour litter pick.

Mr Jones from Surfers Against Sewage said: “Considering the weather forecast, and also how windy it was on Saturday morning, to see so many people from not just Rhyl, but also the surrounding area, just shows how community-minded our town is and how enthusiastic our residents are. It was particularly pleasing to see so many youngsters turning out to help; it gives you optimism that the future is safe in their hands.”

Young people are getting further involved in the project through ‘eco councils’ set up in two schools. The pupils and staff were invited to visit G2G Communities CIC, hear about the project and have some practical hands-on experience in the 3D printing centre. The Mayor of Rhyl Town Council, Cllr Win Mullen-James, was so impressed with the pupils that she has asked them to write a poem about the project and she will award a prize before her term ends in May 2019. G2G Communities CIC has asked the schools to design a logo for the project and each school will have the opportunity to devise their own. The pupils were very excited about the project and will start after half term.

In the first six months of the project 368kg of plastic have been recycled. A hydroponics project has been introduced alongside the volunteer activity, growing salads, herbs and vegetables and this has currently diverted 200 plastic bottles and other containers away from landfill.

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Case study: G2G Communities CIC, Denbighshire – Waste Minimisation and the Diversion of Waste from Landfill
Case study: Radnorshire Wildlife Trust (RWT)

The Radnorshire Wildlife Trust has a vision to see people close to nature in an environment rich in wildlife. The trust aims to bring people closer to living landscapes to engender a society where nature matters. Through the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme RWT has delivered the Heart of Wales Project, which works with local communities to maintain, enhance and restore biodiversity.

A key aspect of the work has been the Black Grouse Recovery Project, which educates young people about the existence and importance of Black Grouse in Radnorshire. The numbers of Black Grouse have shrunk by 95%, 25% of the decline happening in the past 25 years. One way of engaging young people was through the HIDE and SEEK Wildlife event where children were able to learn about camouflage. The children drew some of the wildlife they learned about on the day which was then turned into a short story and a display. The focus on camouflage gave the children the opportunity to learn about wildlife local to them, as well as give a wider understanding of the importance of biodiversity.

The RWT also used the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme grant to fund two work placements for students from Falmouth University and Ysgol Calon Cymru. Ellie Currans, a student from Falmouth University, used her placement to establish various surveys for the Black Grouse Project. These surveys will be used to monitor habitats with the hope of re-establishing the Black Grouse in the future.

Ellie has said, “This was the first time I had used a GPS before and I found it a very valuable skill to apply to my future explorations. I felt that these observational skills are beneficial to my practice as I am more aware of the subjects around me and my confidence has grown.”

The local community has also been involved through the Black Grouse Talk which encouraged members of the public to learn about the Black Grouse. 33 members of the public attended, out of which 21 filled in the feedback forms provided. Of the 21 people, 16 had no knowledge of Black Grouse being a lost species of Radnorshire.

The RWT HAVE ALSO UTILISED THE GRANT TO UNDERTAKE HABITAT MANAGEMENT AND SPECIES SURVEYS. ACTIVITY INCLUDED:

1. In spring, botanical quadrants to monitor heather regeneration on the adjacent area and the diversity of plants on Myndd Flosideos were established.

2. Monthly moth trapping sessions were carried out at Myndd Flosideos and the records were sent to the county recorders.

3. Bird surveys were carried out bi-weekly, including one night-time survey.

4. During the Summer Solstice BioBlitz some of Radnorshire’s (VC 43) county recorders helped record over 205 species, and still counting.

5. Trail cameras were set up at Myndd Flosideos and Sideland and Abercamlo Bog.

6. The Tuesday Volunteer Group (Nature Reserve Management Voluntary Group) visited four of the seven reserves involved in the project. The volunteers were able to remove Himalayan Balsam from the floodplain at Bailey Einon to prevent further spread into the reserve. At Gorse Farm volunteers coppiced part of the wet woodland to maintain a varied structure and cutting and raking the grassland to prevent encroachment by scrub and bramble. At Pentrosfa Mire, habitat management involved clearing aquatic vegetation from the lake to maintain open water, clearing scrub to prevent encroachment on the mire, and clearing overhanging branches from the boardwalks and footpaths. At Abercamlo Bog saplings were removed from the basin mires and the path was mowed. At Myndd Flosideos members of the public who joined the Habitat Help event which included removing self-seeding conifers from the adjacent area.

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Cwmtwrch RFC is a not for profit organisation whose prime objective is to provide equal opportunities for all to participate in and support local sport regardless of sex, age or ability. Funding from the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme has been used to extend, upgrade and enhance the community facilities at Cwmtwrch RFC. This has created a welcoming and accessible Community Hub, which provides opportunities for the community to meet and socialise at an informal setting.

Cwmtwrch RFC envisaged that the outcome of obtaining larger premises would be to increase its potential to sustain itself economically, socially and environmentally. The improvements on the facilities would not have been possible without the cooperation and engagement of the local community. The community has led on this project and has ensured its successful delivery. Establishing a subgroup from within the community ensured that the project had the right skills and knowledge.

One of the key aims of the project was to ensure that the Community Hub is fitted with green, renewable energy sources to become an environmentally responsible facility. Part of the funding from the grant has been used to install 34 solar PV panels and a Ground Source Heat Pump (GSHP), solar thermal panels and underfloor heating. The GSHP and solar PV will generate 26,990 kWh and 8,847 kWh respectively, and a combined carbon dioxide saving of approximately 12,600 kg per annum. This will ensure that the Community Hub is running sustainably and has a positive impact on the environment.

A member of the community has said:

“It is great to see that the project team have not only improved the local community infrastructure but have also considered and reduced the environmental impact of the building.”

As the project looks forward the community project team and Cwmtwrch RFC will continue to engage with the community to deliver positive changes and increased opportunities within the community, with the Hub at the heart of the community. There will be a focus on social integration, health & wellbeing and access to services. The project team are confident that this new modern facility will help to overcome social isolation and fragmentation in the community which will connect people and integrate the community.

Gary Davidson is a committee member and has worked closely alongside the project and said:

“Our project has had an extremely positive impact on the local community and has already started to bring members from diverse backgrounds together. The future looks bright, with many opportunities to improve our community’s health & well-being, our resilience, happiness and cohesion.”
Summary

After a successful inception year, Welsh Government and WCVA look forward to the continuing operation of the scheme.

In 2018-19 the scheme awarded £1,735,346 to projects. Over £4.5 million of match funding from other funding sources and volunteer time was committed, supporting activity to deliver impact which will benefit Wales’ communities.

We welcome applications from all sectors looking to take action to positively improve communities within a five mile proximity of an eligible landfill site or waste transfer station and look forward to working with groups across Wales to improve the environment for generations to come.
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<td>Amphibian and Reptile Conservation Trust</td>
<td>Biodiversity</td>
<td>Flintshire</td>
<td>Connecting wildlife for people This project takes place within four nature reserves that are located in the urban town of Buckley, Flintshire. The project brings people and wildlife together through habitat enhancement, creation, management and monitoring. Opportunities are provided for people of all ages and abilities to volunteer their time to improve the nature reserves while learning bespoke skills and knowledge of the rare species that inhabit these reserves. Engagement events, talks and training are provided as part of this project.</td>
<td>£46,831</td>
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<td>Betws Family Centre</td>
<td>Wider environmental enhancements</td>
<td>Carmarthenshire</td>
<td>Open Access Improvements at Pendinas Hillfort, Scheduled Ancient Monument and Local Nature Reserve Providing improved access to a site of historical and cultural importance. Improvements have been made to the infrastructure, including path widening and resurfacing in order to increase access to a greater proportion of society, targeted barriers to use and renewing the needs of those with protected characteristics under the Equality Act.</td>
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<td>Ceredigion County Council</td>
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<td>Cwmtwrch RFC</td>
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<td>Cwmtwrch, Swansea</td>
<td>Improving community facilities at Cwmtwrch RFC, to create a warm, accessible, comfortable facility, which will provide opportunities for the community to meet and socialise. The project seeks to create a Hub for the community, to engage with its residents, create social inclusion, improve health and wellbeing and provide access to services.</td>
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<td>FRAME (Furniture Recycled and Managed Effectively)</td>
<td>Waste minimisation and diversion of waste from landfill</td>
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<td>Community Fridge &amp; Food Waste Project</td>
<td>£14,519.10</td>
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<td>G2G Communities CIC</td>
<td>Waste minimisation and diversion of waste from landfill</td>
<td>Denbighshire</td>
<td>BHF (Recycling Helps You Live) - A better life</td>
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<td>Greenfield Valley Trust</td>
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<td>Pathways to the Past</td>
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<td>Groundwork North Wales</td>
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This project encourages the natural regeneration of rare beech woodland, the project is installing fencing with a local contractor and ensuring accessibility to the site through training sessions and updated interpretation.

A project transforming the school grounds from overgrown and unused scrubby woodland into a space used for education and outdoor activities to improve the well-being of the pupils and the biodiversity of the area. The delivery of the project involves the school, parents, and local community volunteers.

The aim of this project is to involve the local community and general public to create a more welcoming and green space at Bryn Bach Park. The project is using the grant to install recycling bins within the park grounds and visitor centre of Bryn Bach Park.

This project is working in response to the threat that the American Mink poses to biodiversity on Anglesey. Without intervention, this non-native predator could lead to the extinction of water voles on the island, impacting on colonies of breeding wetland and wading birds. This project works with communities either side of the Menai Straits in establishing a network of River Custodians to implement a programme of monitoring, engagement and control to ensure Anglesey remains a refuge for protected species.
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<td>Parkfields Community Centre</td>
<td>Wider environmental enhancements</td>
<td>Mold</td>
<td>Parkfields Community Centre has recently entered a new phase of its existence and needs a newly safe, secure and attractive place for its future. This project will upgrade the electricity installation to meet the needs of the day, install security lighting to the car park for the night-time safety of our visitors, repair the damaged pram/cycle shelter, reprint the raised beds to provide colour and a wildlife home all year round, pay attention to the trees that mark our boundary, making them safer for all and finally mark this new phase with a new mosaic on the exterior as a sign of hope and new growth.</td>
<td>£11,720</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pembrokeshire County Council 2</td>
<td>Wider environmental enhancements</td>
<td>Pembroke</td>
<td>Withybush Woods Historical Enhancements for Future Generations. Withybush Woods, was the Victorian garden of Withybush House, which is now demolished. Owned by Pembrokeshire County Council and located outside Haverfordwest, it receives 36,000 visitors per annum. The project need was identified by the community, re-creating the historical garden including water gardens the project will deliver an exemplar recreational area for visitors/community and biodiversity gain. It is hoped the site will gain achievement of Green Flag in the near future.</td>
<td>£42,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Powys County Council</td>
<td>Wider environmental enhancements</td>
<td>Powys</td>
<td>Llandrindod Lake Park Environmental Enhancement Scheme. The project is improving quality of place on the Llandrindod Wells lake park, the project will create a fully accessible boardwalk and bird hide allowing community access to observe wildlife including interpretation boards. Two new fishing platforms constructed from a recyclable material have been installed to support green infrastructure.</td>
<td>£49,999</td>
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<td>Promo Cymru</td>
<td>Wider environmental enhancements</td>
<td>Llanrwst</td>
<td>Glan y Groes Court (r) Building a safer environment. This project is working to: 1. Enhance the sustainability of the building; implementing a number of energy saving and renewable energy measures 2. Engage the community, raising awareness of the themes of environmental enhancement through the delivery of a communications campaign and celebratory event 3. Involve and uphold community members through providing volunteering opportunities.</td>
<td>£252,534.60</td>
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<td>Radnorshire WLT</td>
<td>Biodiversity</td>
<td>Powys</td>
<td>Radnorshire Reserves for the Heart of Wales. This project is working to boost ecological resilience within nature reserves of the Wye catchment through restoration, enhancement and management of a range of natural habitats of local and national importance. The project will also encourage local communities to learn more about this precious biodiversity and participate in engaging and connecting key sites.</td>
<td>£101,222.53</td>
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<td>Repair Cafe Wales</td>
<td>Waste minimisation and diversion of waste from landfill</td>
<td>South Wales</td>
<td>Repair &amp; Reuse: 8 New Repair Cafes for South Wales. The Repair Café volunteers, by items destined for landfill, teach repair skills, and encourage upcycling, free of charge. The project will create eight new Repair Cafes in priority areas: reducing waste and promoting recycling, teaching repairing, and showcasing upcycling and reuse projects.</td>
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<td>Rumney Forum</td>
<td>Waste minimisation and diversion of waste from landfill</td>
<td>Cardiff</td>
<td>Benthyg: Borrow don’t Buy Benthyg is a library of things and skills. Benthyg is a place you can borrow things you need but don’t own, donate things you own but don’t need and learn skills with your community. The project seeks to reduce the need to buy new things and assists community members in reusing the skills to fix the things they already have. Diverting waste from landfill and enabling sustainable community development.</td>
<td>£48,558</td>
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<tr>
<td>Ruperra Conservation Trust</td>
<td>Biodiversity</td>
<td>Caerphilly</td>
<td>The project is removing a young conifer plantation on the hillside and restoring heathland on top, with native broadleaves below. It will restore several hundred metres of hedgerow to create wildlife corridors, benefiting pollinators and other native wildlife. The project is working with local volunteers and contractors and providing training in various skills.</td>
<td>£49,700</td>
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<td>The Remakery</td>
<td>Waste minimisation and diversion of waste from landfill</td>
<td>Pembrokeshire</td>
<td>A community project aiming to re-educate the community in repair and mend and contributing to reducing the amount of waste that goes to landfill. Offering workshops, training and opportunities to repair and mend clothes, books, furniture, repairing furniture, textiles, computers, mechanical items and home electrical goods.</td>
<td>£49,995.36</td>
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<tr>
<td>The Vincent Wildlife Trust</td>
<td>Biodiversity</td>
<td>Powys, Gwynedd, Conwy, Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire</td>
<td>Engaging local communities, and training new volunteers, to ensure that the remaining population of native pine martens survives in the long term. To help it avoid national extinction, we have recently reinforced the native pine marten population in Wales. To ensure the long-term survival of released animals, and their offspring, this programme will retain local communities, and new volunteers, to support the species and monitor its movements across the landscape.</td>
<td>£49,999</td>
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<tr>
<td>Midfield Trust of South and West Wales</td>
<td>Biodiversity</td>
<td>Swansea</td>
<td>Saving Priory Meadow - A Haven for People and for Wildlife Saving one of Gower’s last remaining historic hay meadows; restoring and enhancing the meadows and surrounding habitats and species. Inspiring communities to appreciate the biodiversity on their doorstep and work towards enhancing it. Ensuring long-term management by providing access, information and infrastructure to allow hay cutting and grazing.</td>
<td>£8,122.92</td>
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<td>Midfield Trust of South and West Wales</td>
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<td>Carmarthenshire</td>
<td>Conserving Carmel’s Communities To enhance and make more resilient Carmel National Nature Reserve. To improve habitat condition, enabling wildlife communities to thrive, whilst allowing local communities opportunities for enjoyment and participation.</td>
<td>£46,813.39</td>
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<td>The Venture (Wrexham) Ltd</td>
<td>Biodiversity / Waste minimization and diversion from landfill / Wider environmental enhancements</td>
<td>Wrexham</td>
<td>Y Hwb Ailgylchu</td>
<td>The Recycling Hub instils best practice whilst encouraging reusability and acting as a barrier to landfill. Exemplify custodianship through positive community activity, such as litter picks.</td>
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## Appendix

### Grant Awardees

**Round 2 2018 / 19**

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<td>Anglesey Woods CIC</td>
<td>Biodiversity</td>
<td>Isle of Anglesey</td>
<td>This project is implementing a restoration programme to enhance the habitat value of a neglected woodland. Involving the local community in the process, through a range of educational and volunteer activities, open days, training programmes and apprenticeships, delivering further cultural, social and economic benefits as a result.</td>
<td>£49,944.80</td>
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<td>Bwyd Bwydodwig/Incredible Edible Porthmadog</td>
<td>Waste Minimisation &amp; the diversion of waste from landfill</td>
<td>Gwynedd</td>
<td>The project is creating an earth-beamed greenhouse (Walipini), a shed/shelter (from materials that typically end up in landfill), plus a composting facility and raised beds. This will provide the local community with increased food growing capacity, an all-year growing space, a shelter and free ‘food security’ learning opportunities.</td>
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<td>Canolfan Maerdy</td>
<td>Waste Minimisation &amp; the diversion of waste from landfill</td>
<td>Carmarthenshire</td>
<td>Canolfan Maerdy will re-using and distributing surplus food from the FareShare Scheme and providing people on low incomes with free or affordable fresh and cooked food and cooking classes to enhance dietary options and reduce waste to landfill. The project is running events to encourage waste prevention and develop community composting.</td>
<td>£49,952.00</td>
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<td>Cardiff University Community Gateway</td>
<td>Wider Environmental Enhancements</td>
<td>Cardiff</td>
<td>As part of a larger regeneration project in the area - this project is coproducing a community facility which nurtures a resilient, welcoming and united community in the most ethnically diverse ward in Wales. The Grange Pavilion project redevelops a neglected Bowls Pavilion and Green as a multifunctional facility for Grangetown’s diverse communities, providing civic amenities including multiple spaces for community use and a community-focused café and garden for wellbeing, play, education, growing and biodiversity, meeting priorities identified by Grangetown communities. The funding received from LDTCS will enable the landscaping, growing and biodiversity aspect of this project.</td>
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**Conwy County Borough Council**
- **Theme**: Wider Environmental Enhancements
- **Location**: Conwy
- **Project Description**: Conwy CultureScape
- **Grant Awarded**: £44,524.00

**Friends of Waunarlwydd Park**
- **Theme**: Wider Environmental Enhancements
- **Location**: Swansea
- **Project Description**: Swansea Outdoor play for all in Waunarlwydd
- **Grant Awarded**: £42,600.00

**Higher Kinnerton Community Council**
- **Theme**: Wider Environmental Enhancements
- **Location**: Flintshire
- **Project Description**: Nature Wardens
- **Grant Awarded**: £8,255.00

**Llanedi Community Council**
- **Theme**: Wider Environmental Enhancements
- **Location**: Carmarthenshire
- **Project Description**: Hendy Community Nature Trail
- **Grant Awarded**: £43,813.60

**St. Catwg’s Church Hall – Cadoxton, Juxta and Tonna Parish**
- **Theme**: Wider Environmental Enhancements
- **Location**: North Port Talbot
- **Project Description**: St Catwgs Church Hall Improvements
- **Grant Awarded**: £30,432.00

**Swansea Canal Society**
- **Theme**: Wider Environmental Enhancements
- **Location**: Swansea
- **Project Description**: Swansea Canal Regeneration - Valley Heritage Inspiring Our Future
- **Grant Awarded**: £30,746.00

**Swansea County Council**
- **Theme**: Wider Environmental Enhancements
- **Location**: Swansea
- **Project Description**: Swansea Vale Wetland Nature Reserve Access project
- **Grant Awarded**: £48,944.35

**The Calon Lan Centre**
- **Theme**: Wider Environmental Enhancements
- **Location**: Swansea
- **Project Description**: Calon Lan Centre Grounds Development Project
- **Grant Awarded**: £40,660.00

**The Hwb Torfaen/Blaenavon PACT Youth Panel**
- **Theme**: Wider Environmental Enhancements
- **Location**: Torfaen
- **Project Description**: Blaenavon Community Hub Environmental Improvements
- **Grant Awarded**: £42,825.55
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<td>The Shared Earth Trust</td>
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<td>Ceredigion</td>
<td>Cade Nodor Mewn Col – Nature in Mind. This project is engaging with the local community providing a range of opportunities to connect with nature. Through learning new skills and improving their health and well-being, local people will help to restore and enhance the biodiversity of various habitats at Denmark Farm Conservation Centre.</td>
<td>£49,981.37</td>
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<td>The Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales</td>
<td>Biodiversity</td>
<td>Ceredigion</td>
<td>Healthy Reds. WTSWW are working to save red squirrels in Wales by engaging with local communities to improve habitats and support surveys in Clwydian Range. Survey results will inform habitat enhancements leading to an improvement in the health of the red squirrel population, whilst inspiring communities to appreciate wildlife on their doorstep.</td>
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<td>Tywi Gateway Trust</td>
<td>Biodiversity</td>
<td>Carmarthenshire</td>
<td>The Tywi Gateway - Conservation at the Bishop’s Park. Working with the local community to restore and reinvigorate the Bishop’s Park; enhancing the condition of habitats across the site, improving public access, re-instating the walled kitchen garden and re-instating the outbuildings of the Old Bishop’s Palace for use as an education and interpretation centre with café.</td>
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<td>Denbighshire County Council (Nationally Significant Project)</td>
<td>Biodiversity</td>
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<td>North Wales Little Tern Community Conservation Project. Nurturing North Wales colony of Little Terns in Gronant, Denbighshire County Council seeks funding to employ wardens to protect this site, contribute to the scientific study of Little Terns, work together with volunteers from North Wales Little Tern Group to increase public awareness, and conserve this internationally important nesting site. This project will train up volunteers with the skills needed to maintain a sustainable conservation initiative following on from an EU LIFE programme intervention.</td>
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## Appendix Two

### Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme

**Overview of the application and award process**

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<td>Assessors undertake assessments with set criteria with points awarded in accordance to how well the applicant addresses the guidance.</td>
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<td>Applications that fail to reach a minimum score are assigned a percentage score and ranked.</td>
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<td>Applications are assigned one of the following recommendations for panel: 1. Fail on minimum score 2. Recommend for award 3. Award not recommended.</td>
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<td>The ranked projects are then presented to the panel in a report, for their review one week ahead of the panel meeting.</td>
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<td>The panel confirm if they agree with the assessor decision and highlight if there are any conditions of award to be applied.</td>
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<td>If the round is oversubscribed, not all those recommended for award will receive funding, but they will receive feedback and be encouraged to reapply.</td>
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All applicants receive notification of their application outcome. Unsuccessful applicants will receive clear justification for a non-award outcome. Those applicants which the panel have approved will receive a grant offer letter to be signed and returned within 10 working days.