

# Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme

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# Ministerial foreword

## by Lesley Griffiths AS/MS

As the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme completes its fourth year I am very pleased to see how the Scheme continues to successfully support communities located near to landfill disposals sites throughout Wales.

This year, we began to move out of the difficult lockdown periods as Covid-19 restrictions began to ease. The isolation of lockdown serves to further highlight the importance of these projects, as many of them bring communities together, socialise and develop new friendships.

It is pleasing to have been able to support such a wide range of projects and activities ranging from recreating wildlife habitats to creating community fridges, providing education on how to reduce food waste to planting tiny forests. The breadth of the projects is truly impressive as is their contribution to the Programme for Government.

One of the biggest successes is Repair Café Wales which initially received funding in round one of the Landfill

Disposals Tax Communities Scheme. Establishing eight new repair cafes providing training to volunteers on how to fix items which otherwise were destined for landfill and encourage upcycling, free of charge. Repair Café Wales has now established 26 repair cafes through Wales providing over 900 training or work experience opportunities.

Building on their success Repair Café Wales were successful in applying for the LDTCS Nationally Significant grant. Their Re:Make project develops and pilots technology to facilitate and monitor the value of repair and re-use - economically, socially, and environmentally. The pilot is based in Newport and aims to create a gold standard example of an accessible repair and re-use facility at the heart of the community. This is a clear demonstration of Welsh Government actively delivering funding for these projects plays a vital role in our ambition to both reduce waste and Wales' carbon footprint.

In total 33 projects were successful in securing funding through the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme to the value of £1,387m.

This Report clearly illustrates the Scheme continues to successfully provide eligible communities across Wales with an opportunity to deliver wide ranging sustainable benefits. These benefits are essential as we strive to tackle the biodiversity and climate change emergencies.

I look forward to seeing the Scheme go from strength to and continue to deliver in communities throughout Wales.



**LESLEY GRIFFITHS AS/MS**  
Minister for Rural Affairs and  
North Wales, and Trefnydd

# Chair's foreword



Volunteers help deliver one the 17 'greening riverside' events held by South Riverside Community Development Centre

This year has seen some inspiring community led action on the environment by LDTCS funded projects. After the disruption caused by national lockdowns and the COVID-19 pandemic, I have been impressed by the tenacity and ingenuity shown by groups to deliver projects which rise to the challenges being faced in communities.

The value of volunteer led action is a running theme in this report, demonstrating the importance of engaging all members of communities in work alongside our natural environment. I am proud to see so much activity enabled throughout Wales and the ongoing fantastic benefits to Wales achieved by the scheme.



**LINDSAY  
CORDERY-BRUCE**

Chairperson of the Landfill  
Disposals Tax Communities  
Scheme (LDTCS)

## Executive summary

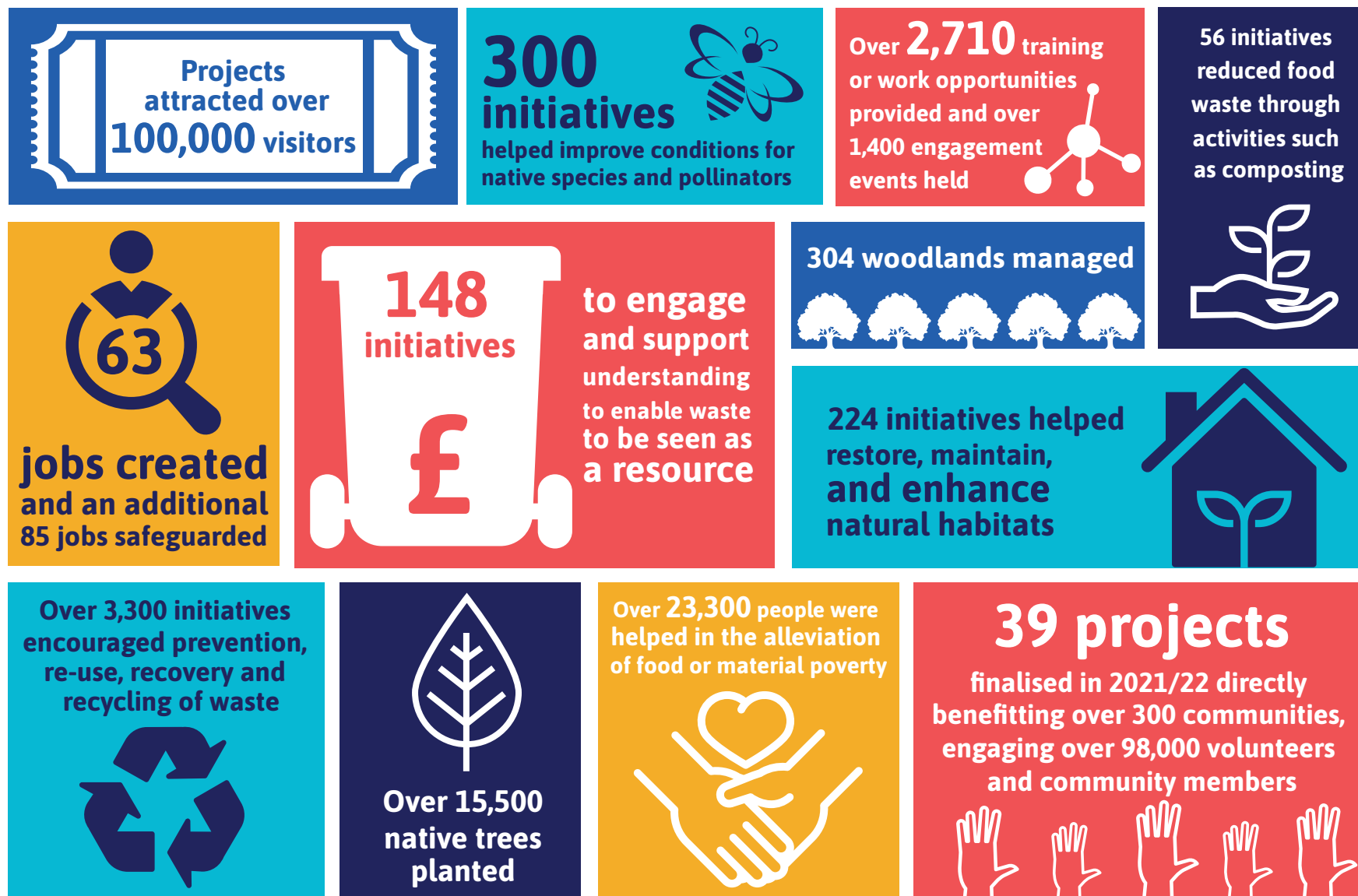
**This report contains a summary of the activities delivered with funding from the Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme (LDTCS) grant programme.**

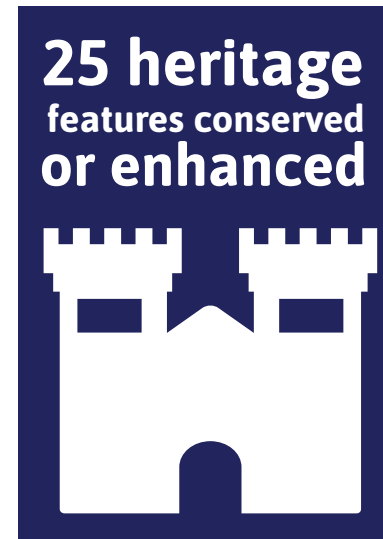
This is the fourth operational year for the Wales-wide scheme and this year saw 33 projects awarded through two grant rounds. The local projects awarded aim to take action on the environment in areas within five miles of a landfill site or significant waste transfer station. The report also highlights case studies that demonstrate how the scheme is

delivering against key Welsh Government priorities and policies. The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme works in partnership with communities to help deliver Welsh Government's Programme for Government published following the 2021 Senedd Elections.

# The scheme in numbers

## Headline achievements of all LDTCS projects active 2021/22





A full breakdown of all reported achievements in line with scheme targets can be seen at the end of this document.



# Background to the scheme

**THE LANDFILL DISPOSALS TAX (LDT) (WALES) ACT 2017 ESTABLISHED THE LANDFILL DISPOSALS TAX (LDT) IN WALES SETTING OUT THE OPERATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE TAX, ALONGSIDE THE TAX COLLECTION AND MANAGEMENT (WALES) ACT 2016 (TCMA).**

The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme (LDTCS) recognises there can be a negative impact for communities through the disposal of waste to landfill and provides funding for projects which offset these impacts. The projects focus on the five-mile radius surrounding a landfill site or waste transfer station which has sent more than 2,000 tonnes to landfill in the previous year. Sites may be added or removed from the list of eligible areas dependant on the tonnage reported to Natural Resources Wales in the previous reporting year.

The LDTCS is a Welsh Government grant programme distributed under contract for the period 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2024 by Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA).

This fourth annual report focuses on case studies to demonstrate the breadth of activity taking place in communities affected by landfill and waste transfer stations across Wales.

The sixth LDTCS grant round launched in June of 2021, with the first projects beginning in October 2021, whilst the seventh round launched in November 2021, with the projects beginning March 2022.

**Right:** North Wales Wildlife Trust bug hunt in Llangywer Church near Bala ►





# General principles of the scheme

The scheme is underpinned by three general principles, which focus on community well-being and provide a framework to shape the operational delivery of the scheme.

THE LDTCS 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 that 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

**Right:** Tywi Gateway Trust volunteer helping develop Bishop's Park in Abergwilli ►





# How the fund works

**WCVA ADMINISTERS THE FUND ON BEHALF OF THE WELSH GOVERNMENT. WCVA IS PART OF A WALES WIDE NETWORK OF SUPPORT FOR VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH NINETEEN 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 grant programme supports local community and environmental projects in areas affected by the disposal of waste to landfill. Grants of between £5,000 and £49,999 are available, with the opportunity to apply for a one-off annual larger grant of national significance of between £50,000 and £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:

- a) Improve conditions to help native species, pollinators and provide opportunities for new planting

- b) Restore, maintain and enhance natural habitats
- c) Engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity

## **WIDER ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT**

Bring wider community benefit through improving quality of place:

- a) Create community green spaces and supporting green infrastructure
- b) Bring neglected and run-down areas back into community use
- c) Maintain or improve community facilities, for example community halls

## **WASTE MINIMISATION AND DIVERSION OF WASTE FROM LANDFILL**

Promote awareness and best practice to reduce the amount of waste produced:

- a) Encourage prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste
- b) Reduce food waste and support initiatives such as composting
- c) Engage and support understanding to enable waste to be seen as a resource

The Landfill Disposals Tax Communities Scheme funds activity which delivers sustainable community benefits. This takes many forms, from activity working with volunteers and training them in the skills required to conserve a local green space, to providing 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. This gives the community the chance to identify what action they think needs to be taken to address issues specific to the locality; enabling them to take community led action, build community stewardship and a sense of place.

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◀ **Left:** People of all abilities can access and enjoy Rosie Pool thanks to a project by Connah's Quay and District Angling club



# Eligible area coverage of Wales

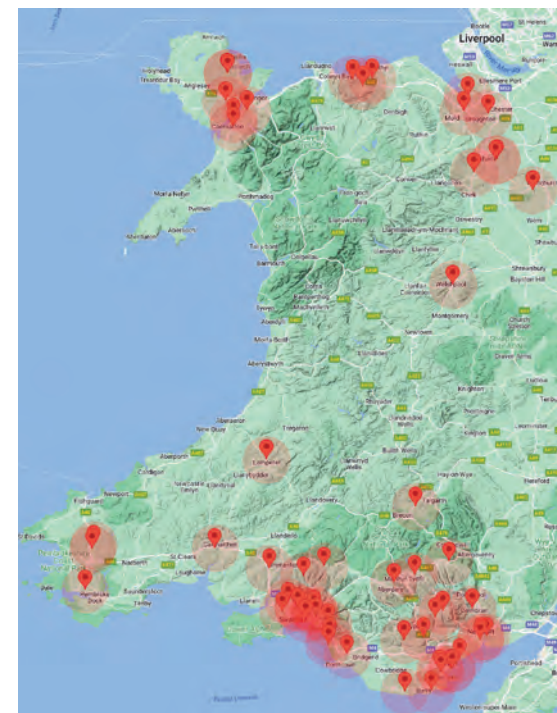
Landfill site and waste transfer/treatment facilities operators report the number of tonnes of waste they send to landfill each year. A proportion of the tax collected from these landfill operators provides the funding that forms the LDTCS. If an operator reports over 2,000 tonnes of waste sent to landfill 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 provides 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.

For the period September 2020 – March 2022 there were 56 eligible sites. 2020 is the most recent data set available with 2021 data due to be reported in September 2022.

The map shows the locations of the 56 landfill and waste transfer sites in Wales in 2021/22 grant period.



# 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), outlines the value of natural resources in Wales and how they should be managed effectively and invested in to ensure maximum prosperity.

In June 2021 Welsh Government launched the 2021-2026 Programme for Government, which sets out ten well-being objectives. The well-being objectives outline several environmental priorities, to which projects funded through LDTCS are directly contributing:

- Build a stronger, greener economy as we make maximum progress towards decarbonisation;

- Embed our response to the climate and nature emergency in everything we do;
- Make our cities, towns and villages even better places in which to live and work.

Included within each well-being goal, Welsh Government has committed to specific steps which will be reported against annually. They focus on the key enablers which allow people and communities to prosper and thrive, both now and in the future, as well as ensuring we preserve and restore Wales' natural environment and resources for future generations. Projects funded through LDTCS work towards achieving:

- Expanding arrangements to create or significantly enhance green spaces;
- Supporting 80 re-use and repair hubs in town centres;

- Continuing strong partnership with voluntary organisations across the range of Welsh Government responsibilities;
- Development of a Wales Community Food Strategy to encourage the production and supply of locally sourced food in Wales;
- Supporting communities to create 30 new woodlands and connect habitat areas;
- Supporting innovative new social enterprise schemes such as bike maintenance repair cafes and bike recycling schemes;
- Addressing the climate change, biodiversity, and nature emergencies.



## Case study

# Repair Café Wales

**THE SUCCESS AND RAPID EXPANSION OF REPAIR CAFÉ WALES HAS GROWN THE MOVEMENT FROM A SMALL GRANT WITH THE LANDFILL TAX COMMUNITIES SCHEME (LDTCS) TO RE-USE AND REPAIR HUBS BEING INCLUDED IN THE NEW PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT.**

Phoebe Brown, a Director at Repair Café Wales, spoke to WCVA about what Welsh Government's commitment to Repair Cafes means to them and plans for every community in Wales to have access to a Repair Café.

## THE STORY SO FAR

Frustrated with the unsustainable growth of landfill and waste, Repair Café Wales was founded by Joe O'Mahoney and Cerys Jones in April 2017 to start and support repair cafés in Wales. They were inspired by the international repair café movement led by Martine Postma since 2007 through the Repair Café Foundation, which supports local groups in the Netherlands and globally to start their own repair cafés.

In 2018 Repair Café Wales was awarded funding under round one of the Landfill

Tax Communities Scheme (LDTCS), administered by WCVA, to establish eight new repair cafes and provide training to volunteers to fix items destined for landfill, teach repair skills, and encourage upcycling, free of charge.

'After we got the initial grant from the WCVA then things kind of really took off! We're only coming up to five years old and we've grown so rapidly. The grant helped us massively because it allowed us to recruit our first paid staff member, it meant she could have the time to trial and test what worked.'

Throughout the funding period Repair Café Wales established 26 repair cafes and reported over 900 training or work experience opportunities.

The model established with funding from LDTCS proved such a success



Volunteers at Repair Café Wales

that in 2021 Repair Café Wales were successful in their grant application to the LDTCS Nationally Significant grant. The Re:Make project was awarded £249,987 to develop and pilot technology that facilitates and monitors the value of repair and re-use economically, socially, and environmentally in Wales. The pilot is based in Newport and aims to create a gold standard example of an accessible repair and re-use facility at the heart of a community, reducing waste and Wales' carbon footprint.

The Nationally Significant grant scheme is an opportunity for organisations to look at national issues affecting Wales and develop a project to provide strategic impact in tackling the problem. Repair Café has worked in partnership with Benthylg Cymru, in association with Newport City Homes and TPAS Cymru, to create a project that reduces the amount of waste being sent to landfill while showcasing the potential of the circular economy in Newport. This will be achieved by establishing an integrated repair and re-use facility for communities in and around Newport alongside a permanent Benthylg (library of things) and a repair café space to become established over the two-year period.

The Benthylg will provide a place where people can donate items they own but don't need and borrow things they need but don't own.

Weekly repair cafes and regular skill-sharing workshops will result in approximately 100 fixes per month, diverting items from landfill and saving the community an estimated £920 per month.

Both elements will support shared

learning, which can be applied to other repair and re-use initiatives across Wales. The combined approach of fixing broken items and donating unwanted goods to the Benthylg will demonstrate the value of circular economy initiatives, while supporting repair and re-use networks to scale up at pace around the country.

From April 2022 Repair Café Wales will use funding from the Nationally Significant LDTCS grant to take what has been learnt from the Newport project to four more communities in Wales.

### WELSH GOVERNMENT SUPPORT

The inclusion of Repair Cafés within the Programme for Government shows how the success of Repair Café Wales has helped to influence the visibility of the repair and re-use movement within government policy.

'It's really great to see that Welsh Government is planning to keep supporting repair cafes and want to see more of them because our aim as an organisation is to see one in every community in Wales. We want everyone to be able to access a repair cafe locally. It's another boost which is lovely and it's nice to see them kind of

prioritizing repair and reuse, but also all community and wellbeing benefits that come with it.

'It's brilliant to see and it's just great to have that kind of support from Welsh government. I think it's a real step in the right direction.'

With the support of Welsh Government policy and the success of their projects funded under LDTCS so far, Repair Café is continuing to look to the future and meet the developing needs of Welsh communities.

'We know that lots of people at the moment that are using Repair Cafés come from an economic need perspective, so we know repair cafés are going to become more and more important as the cost-of-living crisis escalates. I'm hoping we can help communities alleviate some of that pressure and being there as a method of support and joining up with other organisations who are doing just that as well.

'We want to look at some of the bigger issues facing Wales including the number of empty shops on high streets and getting people more familiar with repair and reuse in day-to-day life.'

# The First Minister's Manifesto

## **THE FIRST MINISTER'S 2021 MANIFESTO, 'MOVING WALES FORWARD', SETS OUT CLEAR PROPOSALS OF HOW WALES WILL WORK TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT.**

LDTCS works in alignment with and contributes directly towards pledge four of the manifesto 'A Greener Country' by funding projects which 'promote our landscape, boost sustainable tourism and support our green economy'.

Proposals to take action on the environment, set out in the First Minister's Manifesto, include actions which the LDTCS contributes actively towards, such as:

‘Developing a more sustainable relationship with the natural world must begin in our local communities – access to local green spaces for the wellbeing benefits it can bring, a local economy that avoids waste, locally generated renewable energy, locally grown food, and keeping all communities safe from the impact of pollution and the changing climate.’

The promises made in the manifesto align with the well-being objectives set out in the 2021-2026 Programme for Government and the ongoing commitment of LDTCS to fund environmental projects which empower communities to take a proactive role.



Volunteers creating a  
wildflower meadow

## The Wellbeing of Future Generations Act

The Well-being of Future Generations Act is a ground-breaking piece of legislation requiring public bodies in Wales to work better with others (including each other and communities) and take a more joined up, long-term approach so their decisions have a positive impact on people living in the future as well as those living today.

The Act puts in place seven well-being goals which all public bodies must work towards to ensure a cohesive approach across all policy areas.

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.

### Case Study

## Overton Growers

**OVERTON GROWERS HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING TOWARDS THE GOALS OF A WALES OF COHESIVE COMMUNITIES (BY CONNECTING REFUGEE FAMILIES WITH THE COMMUNITY), AND A HEALTHIER WALES (BY PROVIDING OUTDOOR VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES CONNECTING WITH NATURE) THROUGH THE OVERTON WILDLIFE PROJECT.**

Overton Growers were awarded £21,941 through round 5 of the LDTCS to deliver the Overton Wildlife Project. The Overton Wildlife Project works with people from the community surrounding Overton-on-Dee to engage in wildlife volunteering creating a

wildflower meadow, clearing invasive species, and providing habitat boxes for wildlife. The project is designed to not only help wildlife and biodiversity, but also to provide opportunities for local refugees and their families to get involved in their new community.





Since May 2021, monthly volunteer days have been held, with members of the refugee community from Wrexham joining. The volunteer days create a space for people from all backgrounds to come together and experience the wellbeing benefits of volunteering and working in nature. During these volunteer days, a total of 26 members of the refugee community have taken part in the project.

‘Both the local community members and the refugees have greatly enjoyed the project, seeing benefits both in the social aspect and in feeling they are benefiting the environment.’

Alongside the volunteer days the project held four guided walk events to further engage with different members of the community. Local school children attended a guided walk where they took part in the installation of a tawny owl box, learning about the owls and the need for boxes to help them thrive. Another walk was held in conjunction with a village apple pressing event, with members of the public and the refugees able to learn about the

local wildlife and the benefits of the wildflower plantings being undertaken. Local children were engaged in two further events where small meadow areas were planted within the school playground and at the village nursery school; children were able to plant the meadow themselves and learn about the benefits to wildlife.

Over the grant period, the Overton Wildlife Project has:

- Created four ‘mini meadows’ and one area of larger grassland which will become a new meadow through planting 6,000 native wildflower plug plants and over 1,000 native wildflower bulbs across 1,800m<sup>2</sup> (including 10kg of wildflower seed and 500g of yellow rattle through cutting the grass and disturbing the soil);
- Installed two barn owl boxes and five tawny owl boxes, with an additional ten bird boxes in the local school’s woodland;
- Made a green roof on the Hedge Veg stall in the village with a bilingual sign, to continue educating and engaging the community about the importance of biodiversity;

- Created a new pond on the outskirts of the village including an edge planted with marginal wildflowers;
- Cleared Himalayan balsam from a large area of the within the targeted woodland.

In recognition of the contributions towards her community through the Overton Wildlife Project, founder of Overton Growers, Katie Piercy, has been awarded a Point of Light award by the Prime Minister.



Young family planting wildflowers

# Circular Economy Strategy, beyond recycling

The Welsh Government published its Circular Economy Strategy in March 2021 which outlines the Welsh Government's approach to sustainable waste management in Wales. The strategy aims to make the circular economy

in Wales a reality, keeping resources in use for as long as possible to avoid waste. The strategy focuses on preventing waste and how Wales's resources can be better valued, setting out a ten-year pathway so Wales can achieve:

## BY 2025

**26%**

reduction  
in waste

**Zero waste  
to landfill**

**50%**

reduction in  
avoidable food  
waste

**70%**

recycling

## BY 2030

**33%**

reduction  
in waste

**60%**

reduction in  
avoidable food  
waste

**BY 2050**

**One planet  
resource use**

**62%**  
reduction  
in waste

**Zero waste**

**Net zero  
carbon**

The strategy sets out eight headline actions which will accelerate Wales' journey towards a circular economy. Through the theme of Waste Minimisation and Diversion of Waste from Landfill, the LDTCS contributes towards:

- Providing the tools to enable community action. Supporting the local actions which collectively make a big difference. Engaging with our schools and communities, working with citizens to support local initiatives and resource efficient actions.
- Supporting businesses in Wales to reduce their carbon footprint by becoming more resource efficient.
- Striving to achieve the highest rates of recycling in the world, including working with local government, businesses, social enterprises and communities to take the next steps in becoming a truly advanced recycling nation.

Lesley Griffiths, then MS Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs, March 2021, said within the report,

‘We recognise that we must take action on unsustainable consumption which is impacting on our climate and biodiversity. A circular economy where we value resources by keeping them in use is a critical element of a green and just recovery because it will work to reduce our consumption and prevent waste<sup>1</sup>.’

<sup>1</sup> <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2021-03/beyond-recycling-strategy-document.pdf>

## Case Study

# Pembrokeshire FRAME

**PEMBROKESHIRE FRAME WORKS TO PROMOTE SOCIAL INCLUSION, SELF-WORTH AND PERSONAL WELLBEING THROUGH SUPPORTED, MEANINGFUL OCCUPATION AND EDUCATION, PARTICULARLY FOR THOSE FROM ANY DISABILITY GROUP.**

LDTCS provided funding for a Re-use Project Manager to coordinate and develop an annual calendar of reuse events and a PT Reupholster to develop the Furniture Surgery Reuse project, encouraging prevention, re-use, recovery, and recycling of waste.

Funding for round 4 of LDTCS was awarded in March 2020, so projects in this round were understandably affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Pembrokeshire FRAME was able to adapt and utilise the funding from LDTCS so that the Re-use Project Manager was able to support the Haverfordwest Community Fridge. The community fridge supported vulnerable individuals with surplus food collected from local supermarkets through the Bags of Care+ project providing bags of community fridge food to vulnerable individuals in Pembrokeshire.

During this time almost 19 tonnes of surplus food was saved from landfill sites, supporting at least 11,411 individuals.

Despite challenges presented by national lockdowns, the staff funded through the grant successfully opened the FRAME Furniture Surgery. Using an industrial sewing machine restored from the FRAME warehouse with donated materials from the local community, the surgery is making reupholstery accessible whilst helping to reduce waste. 12 participants were supported to develop skills via reupholstery workshops. To ensure no parts of the furniture go to waste, in-house expertise has been utilised at each stage of the repair process, with woodwork, reupholstery and upcycling experts working together to create unique pieces that can be resold through the FRAME retail shops.

From November 2020 to December 2021, 193 pieces of furniture have been reupholstered. 100 items of which have been sold in the Pembrokeshire FRAME shops, equating to 844kg being diverted from landfill and bringing in £3,250 of income for the organisation.

Unfortunately, due to lockdown restrictions, planned training workshops were unable to take place during the project timeframe. Since restrictions have eased, participants have been welcomed back and the training sessions reorganised with plans being developed to introduce re-upholstery workshop spaces at Merlin's Bridge and at Pembroke Dock and a Youth Volunteering Project to train young volunteers in reupholstery.



# Nature Recovery Action Plan

**The Nature Recovery Action Plan (NRAP) for Wales links to, and complements, the Well-Being of Future Generations Act and The Environment Act, consisting of two elements:**

**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'

**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** Increase the resilience of our natural environment by restoring degraded habitats and habitat creation.

Projects working under the theme of biodiversity will contribute to increasing the resilience of our natural environment with things like habitat creation

**3** Safeguarding species and habitats of principal importance and improving their management.

Awards have been made to projects operating under the theme of biodiversity with a specific focus on S7 priority species.



Climate Action Caerffili's  
'Tiny Forest' project

## Case Study

# Flintshire County Council

**FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL DELIVERED THE BAGILLT HABITAT PROJECT, WHICH WORKED TO IMPROVE AND SAFEGUARD THE HABITAT OF WALES' RAREST AMPHIBIAN, THE NATTERJACK TOAD.**

Bettisfield is a site that has drastically transformed over the years from a coal mine to a landfill site and is now a valued green space for the community. Following community consultation, the Bagillt Habitat Project was designed to improve both water and land habitats for the Natterjack Toad and the wider biodiversity of the site.

The pond habitat of the Natterjack Toads, locally known as 'Condies Pond', suffered from dropping water levels and the invasion of *Crassula Helmsii*. The project worked with local contractors to make the best use of the site geography, capturing rainwater and diverting it to where it is needed most.

Around 500m of ditches and pipes have been installed to manage the water levels of the pond along with a water tank, which will allow for water to be added if required. The *Crassula*

*Helmsii* has been removed through several intervention days, including mechanically removing larger sections from the lower sections of the pond.

In early 2021 volunteers reported a record number of four Natterjack toads in the renovated pond, and by March 2022 a new site record of 26 Natterjack toads was logged with four spawn strings being found for the first time.

The site has been further improved by installing fencing for grazing paddocks for cows, protecting the various biodiverse species in the grassland from animal interference. Habitat management works have been completed including removal of gorse, scrub and overgrown vegetation. Some of these areas are remaining grassy, supporting a rabbit population which is essential for Natterjack toad habitat. This has had the indirect benefit of

improving site safety, as previously fires were being regularly started in the area, but since works have completed there have not been any reported onsite.

Volunteers have planted 400 trees to form a hedgerow with an additional nine larger trees around the site. Further to this activity, a local community group has received additional funding for 3,000 more hedgerow plants, creating an extra 500 metres of hedgerow.

Two online training sessions were held to engage and inform the local community about the Natterjack toad. Site clean-up, habitat management, and minibeast hunting events were held, where a team of staff from the local McDonalds volunteered their time towards the project. The same group returned the following year to help plant trees, establishing an ongoing



**Right:** Condies Pond  
after restoration works ►

relationship with McDonalds and their staff. The community has been kept informed of the project achievements via the Friends of Bagillt Foreshore group, which has welcomed the improvements to the site.

There was significant community drive for this project, which involved consultation and support of community groups and schools throughout the village. Since the end of COVID-19 lockdown restrictions, the site has reported increased use, with resoundingly positive feedback from the community. With the site being so close to the heart of the community, a community liaison day was held, this shared the achievements, species and value of the site with the next generation of the community as well as incorporating an opening event revealing a new interpretation board and sundial sculpture.





# Applications made to LDTCS 2021/22

ROUND 6 JUNE 2021

Number of  
applications  
received –

**51**

Total value  
of grants  
requested –  
**£1,864,073**

Number  
approved –

**13**

Value of  
approved –  
**£567,574**



## Round 7 November 2021

Number of  
applications  
received –

**56**

Total value  
of grants  
requested -  
**£1,856,014**

Number  
approved –  
**20**

Value of  
approved -  
**£819,501**

# Total applications made to LDTCS 2021/22

Number of  
applications  
received –

**107**

Total value  
of grants  
requested –

**£3,720,086.85**

Number  
approved –

**33**

Value of  
approved –

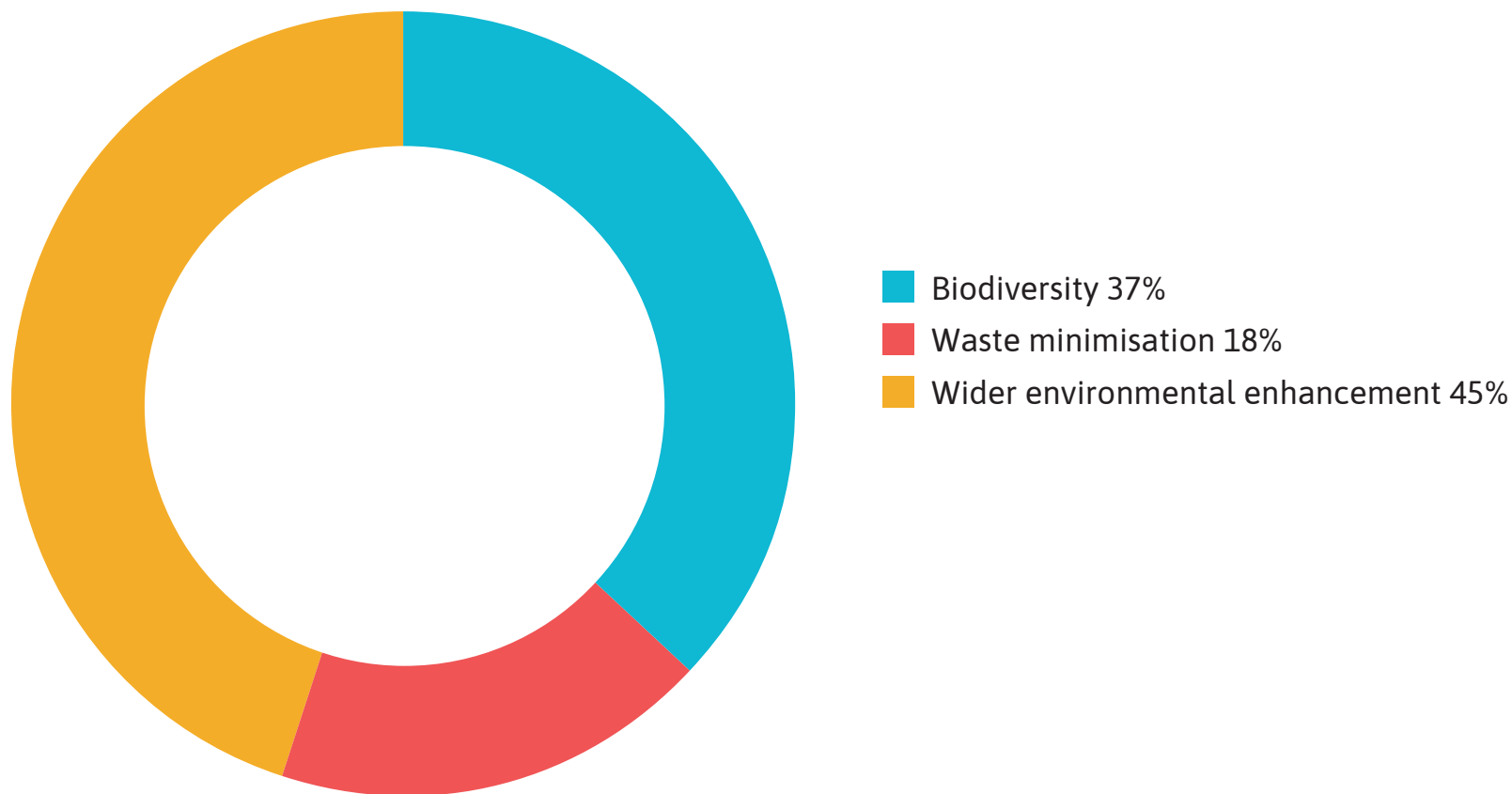
**£1,387,074.91**

## Priority theme contributions

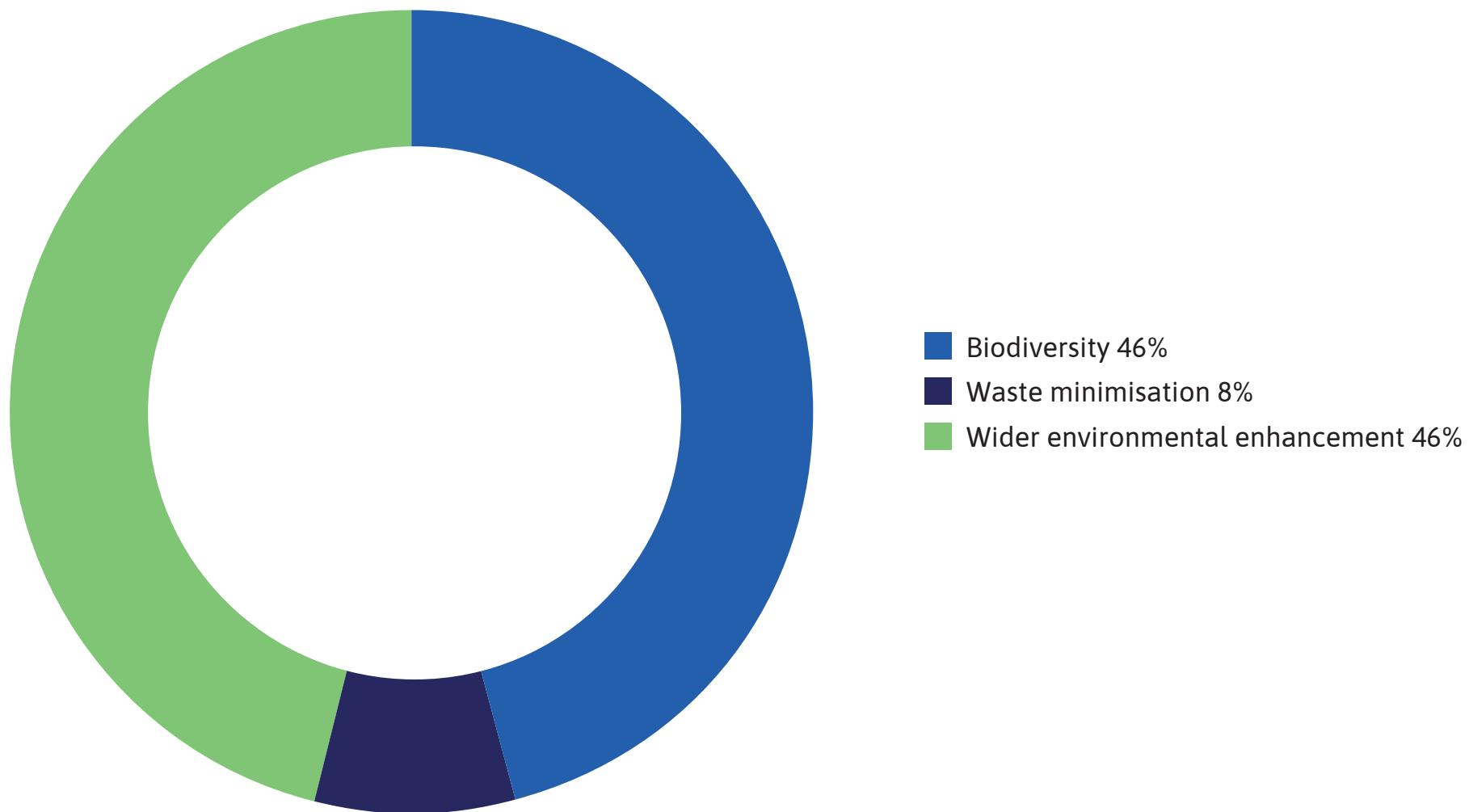
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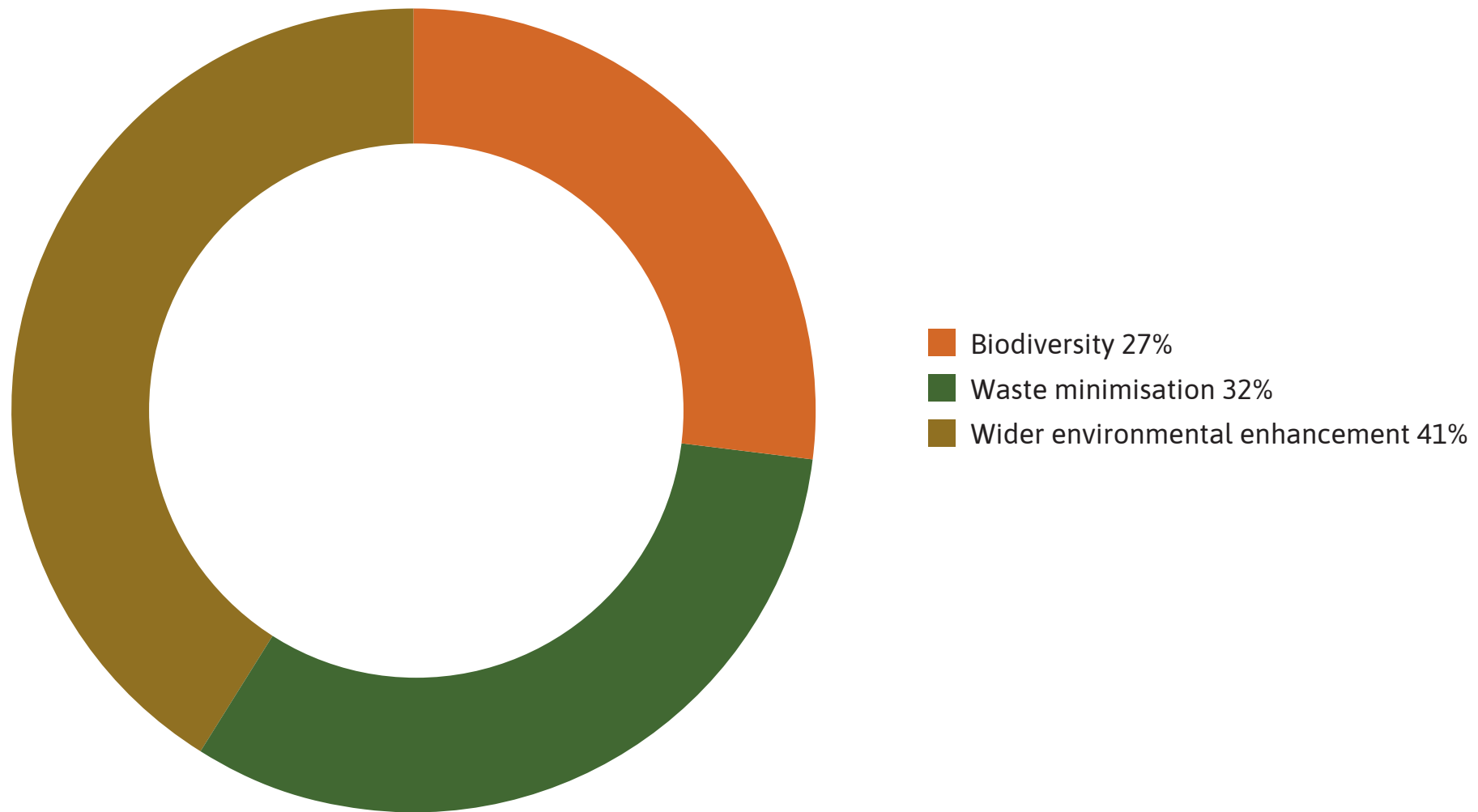


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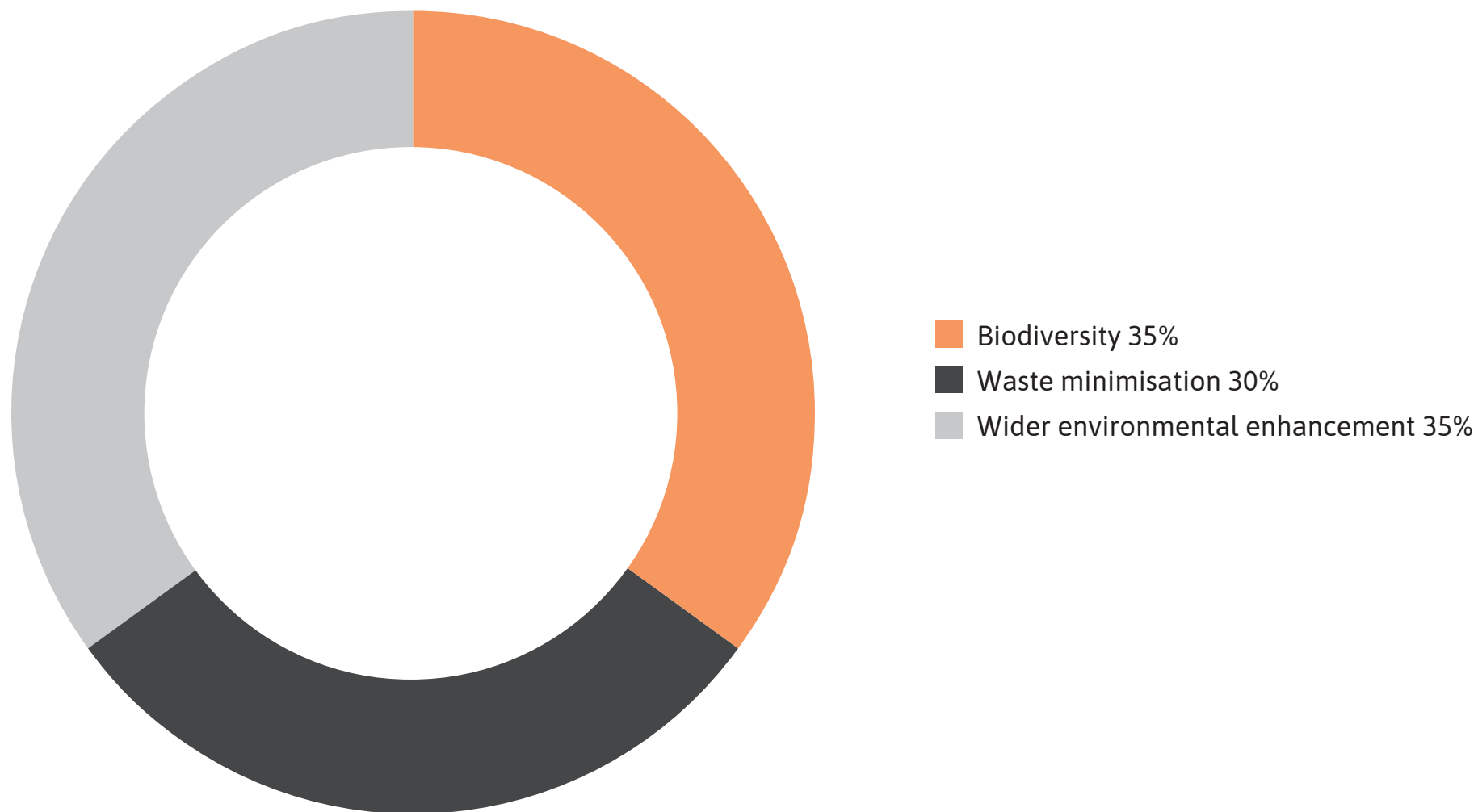




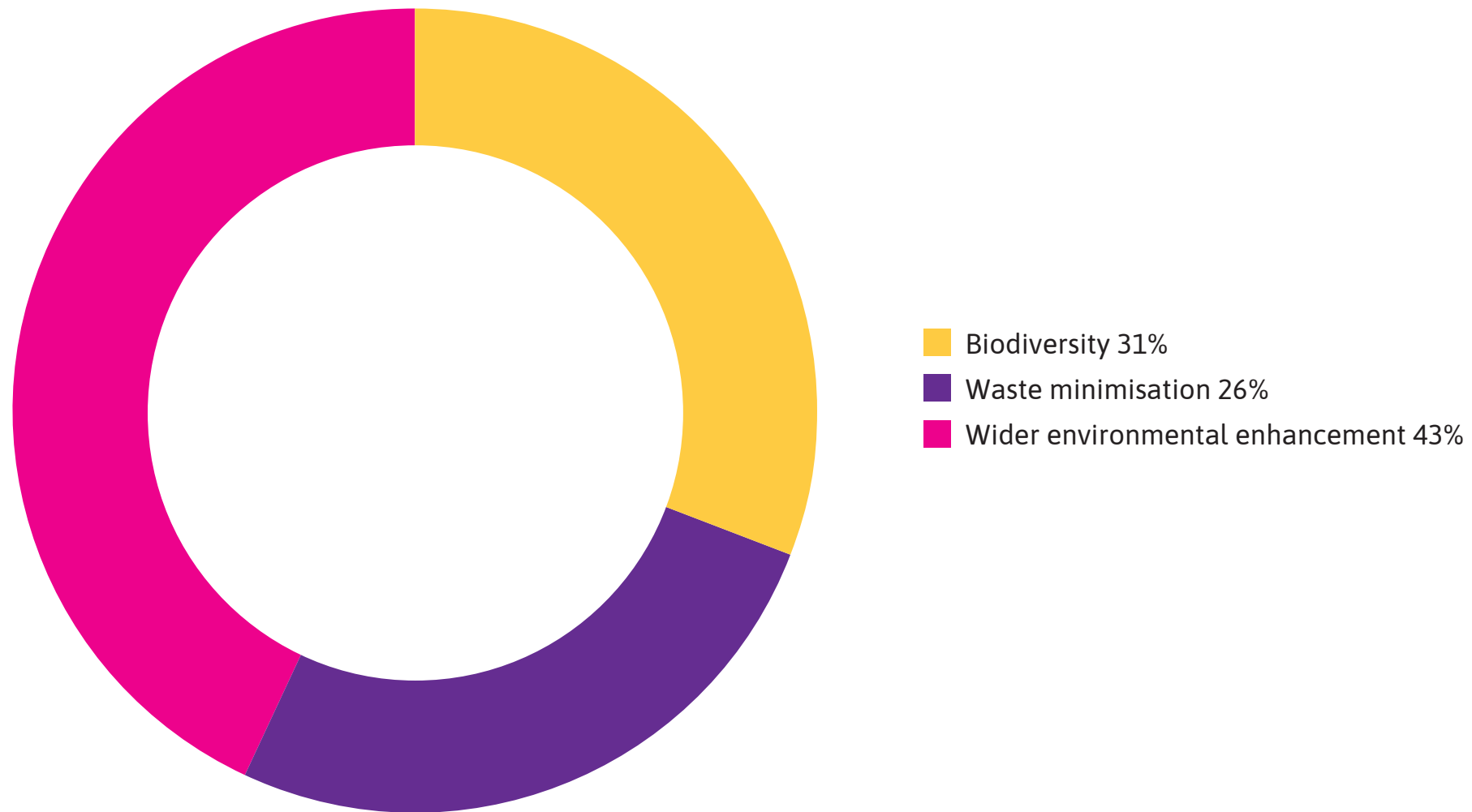
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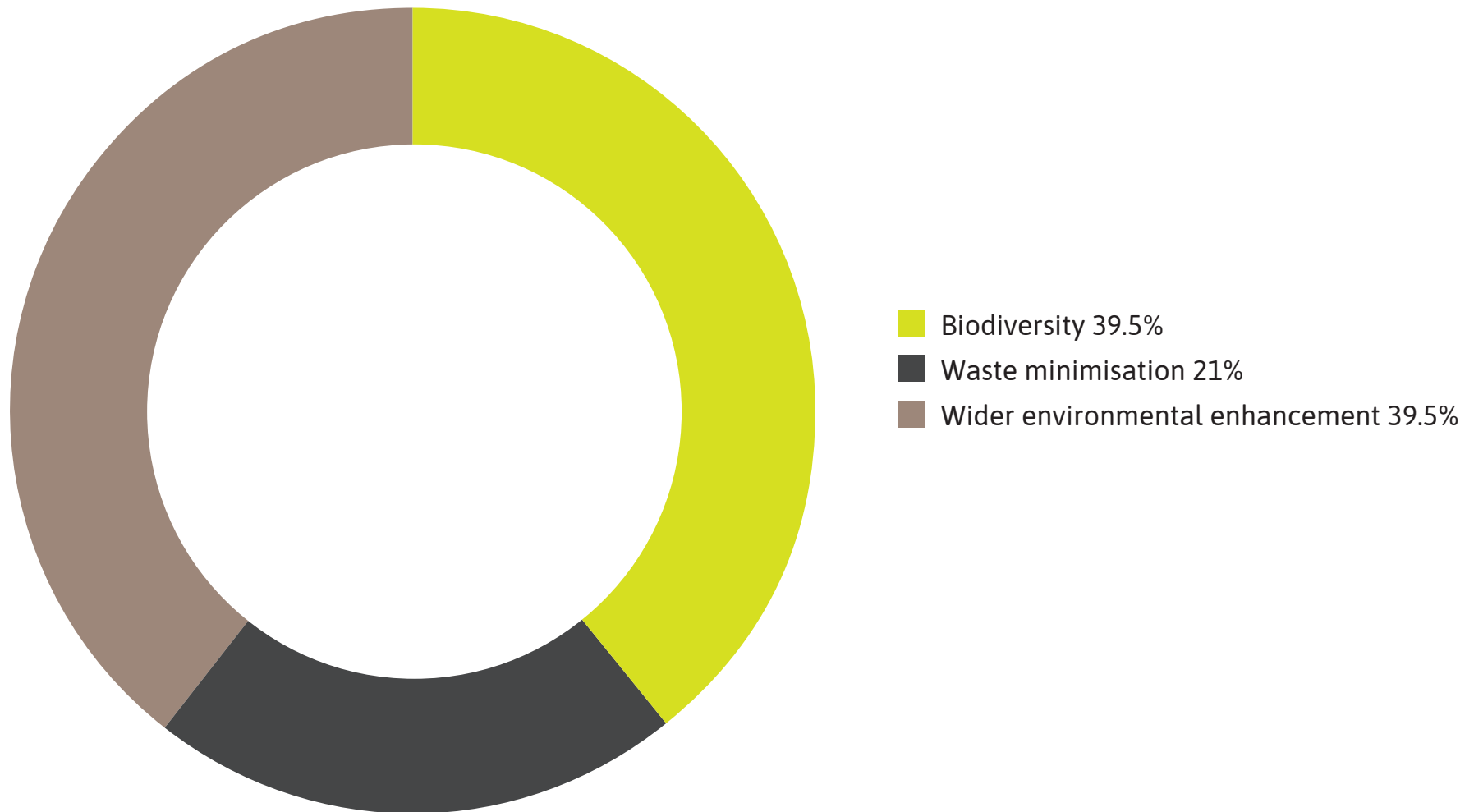
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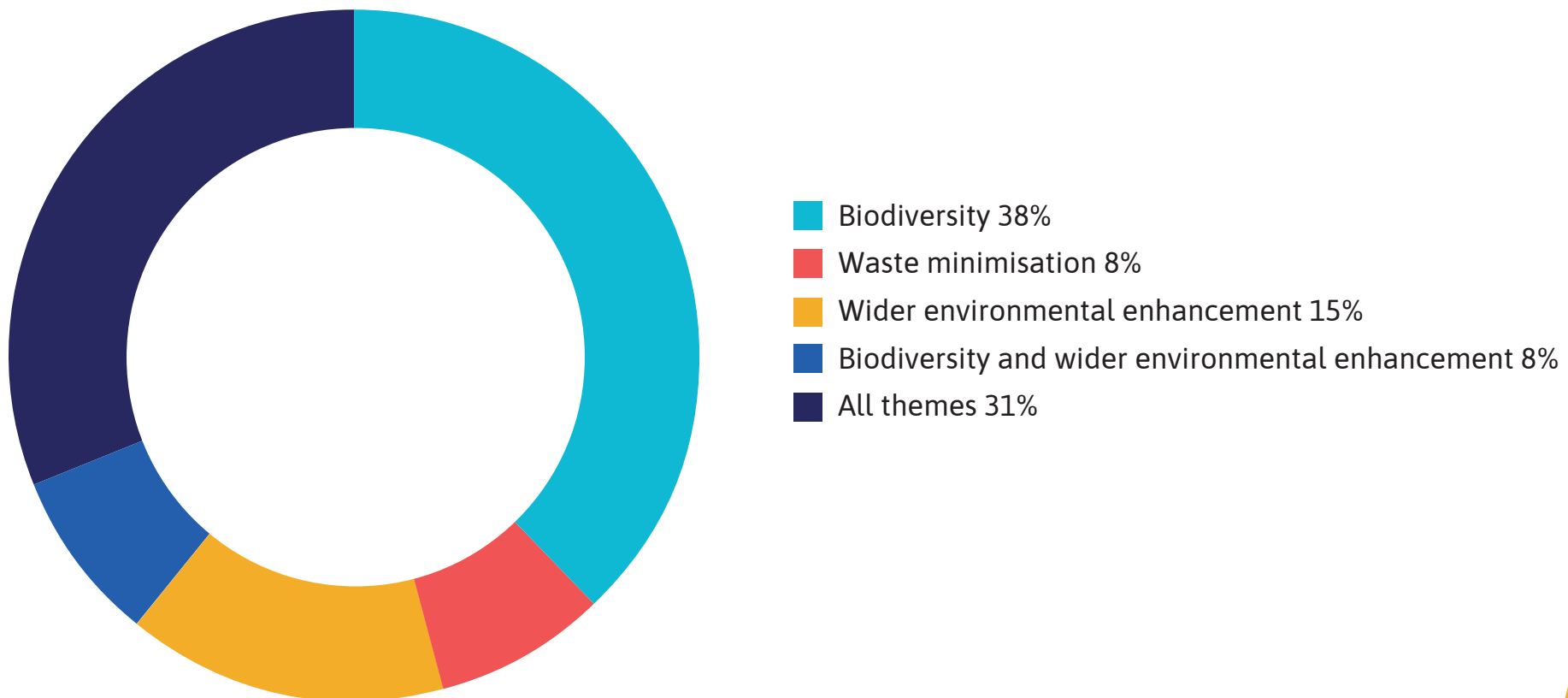




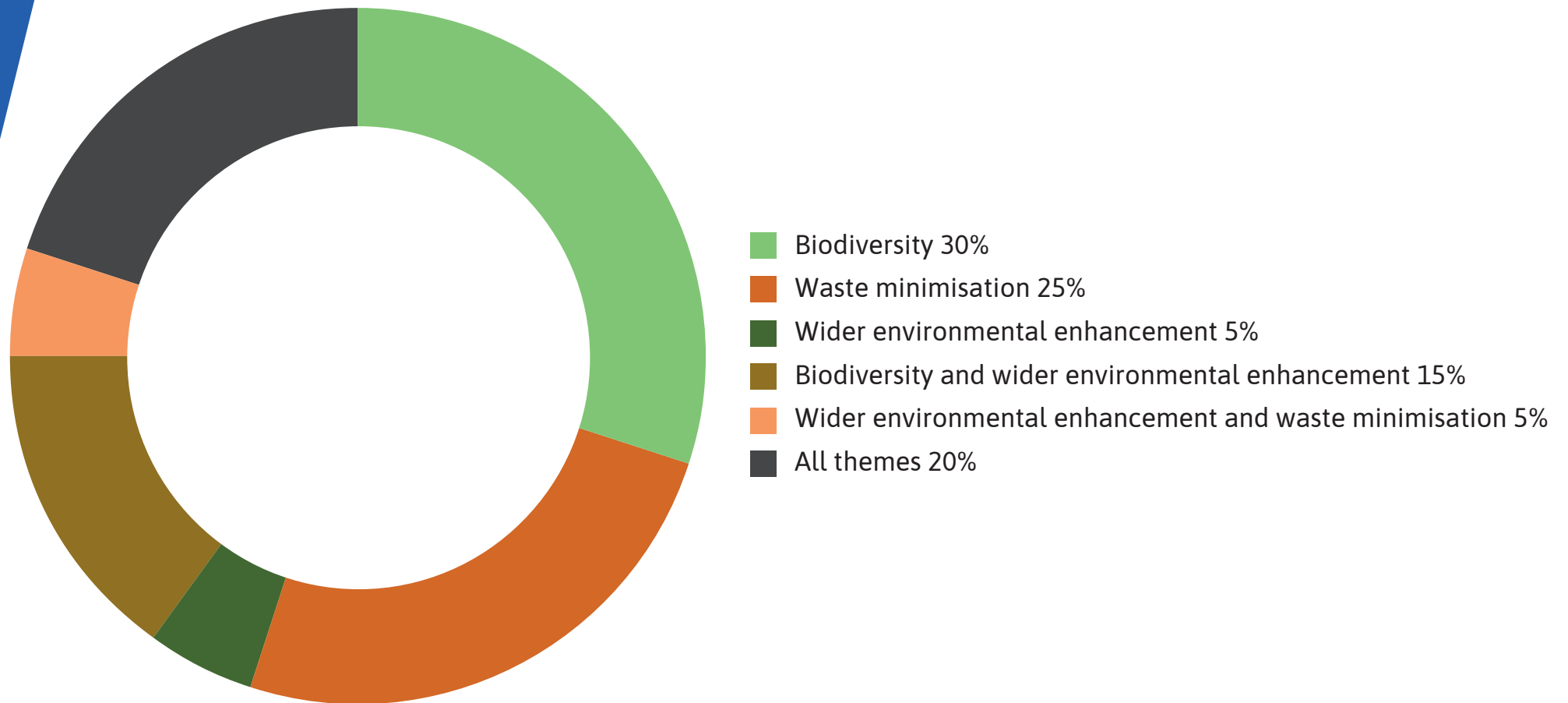
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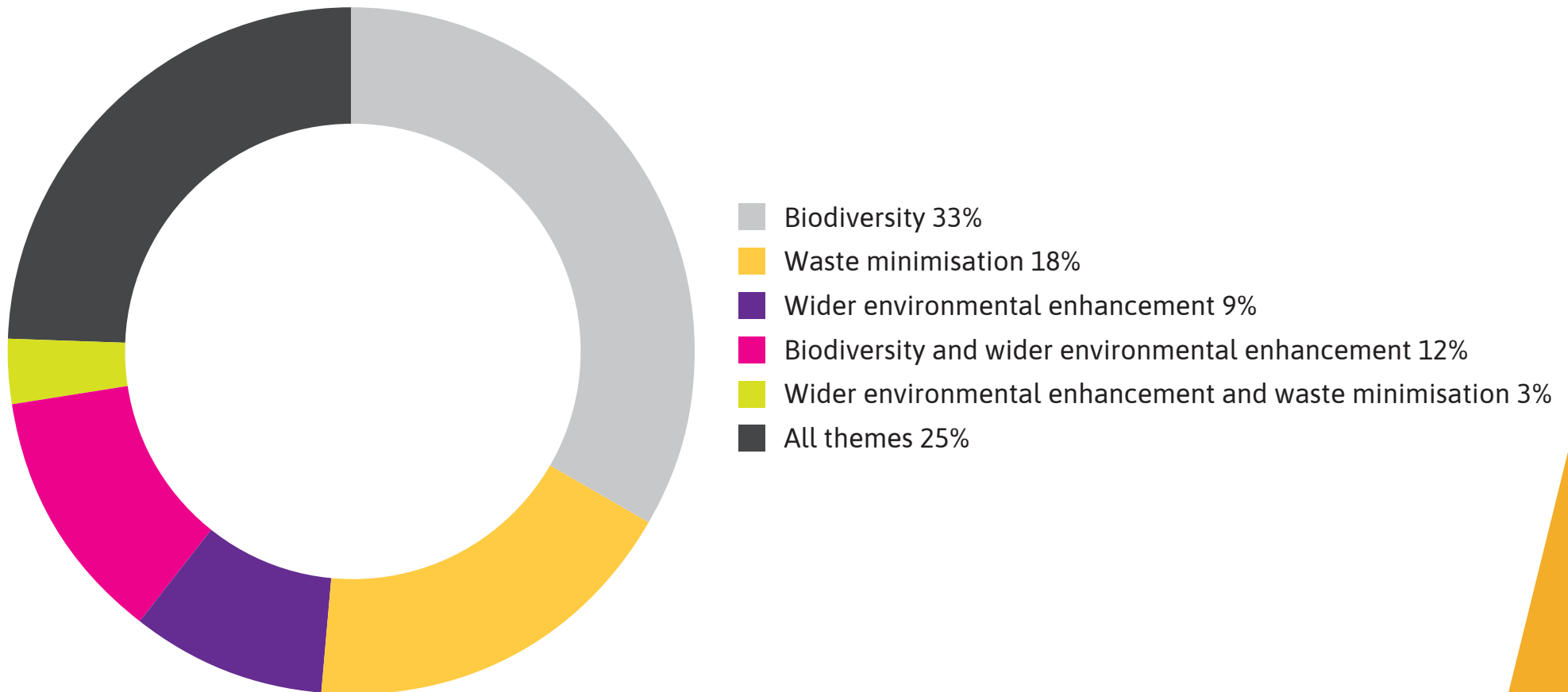
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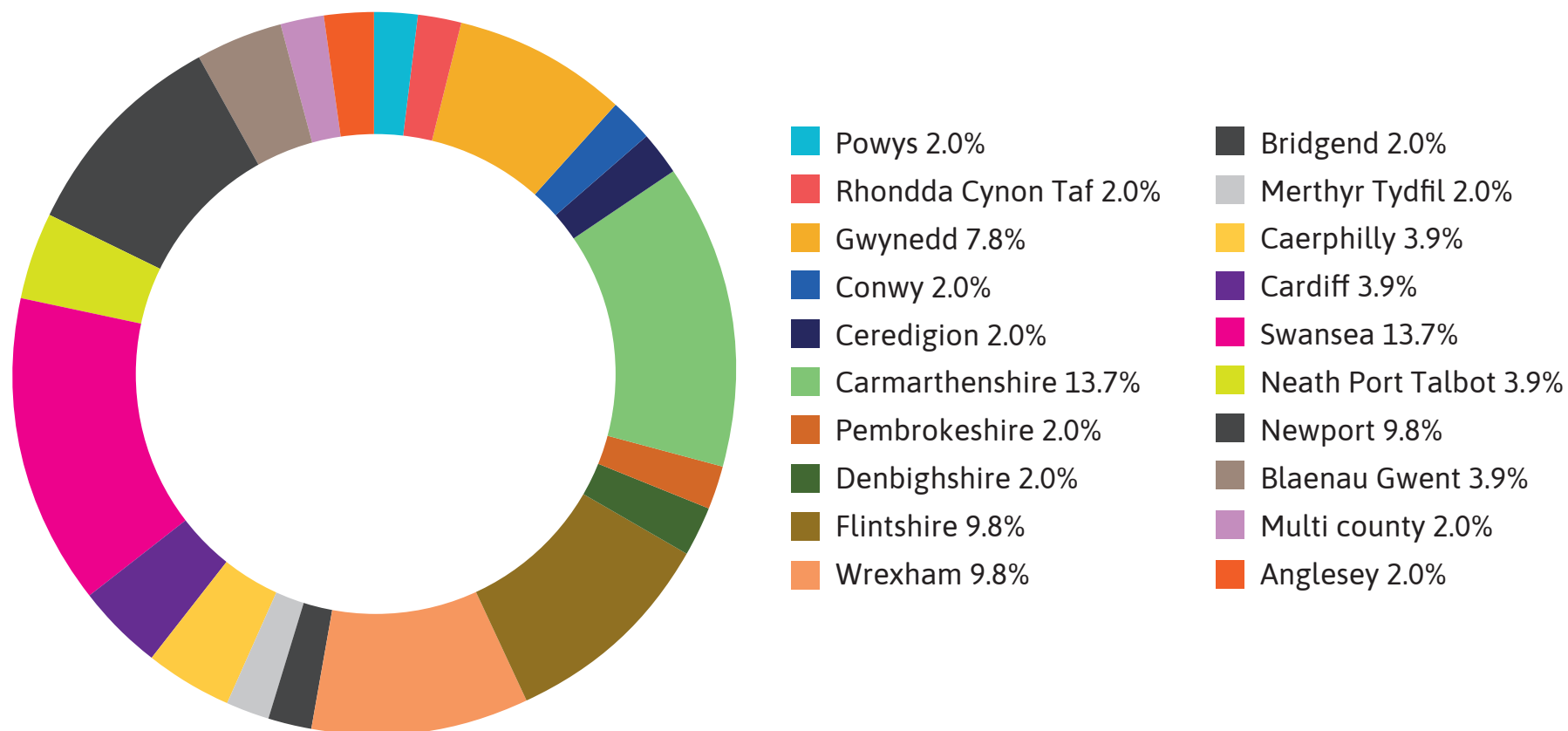
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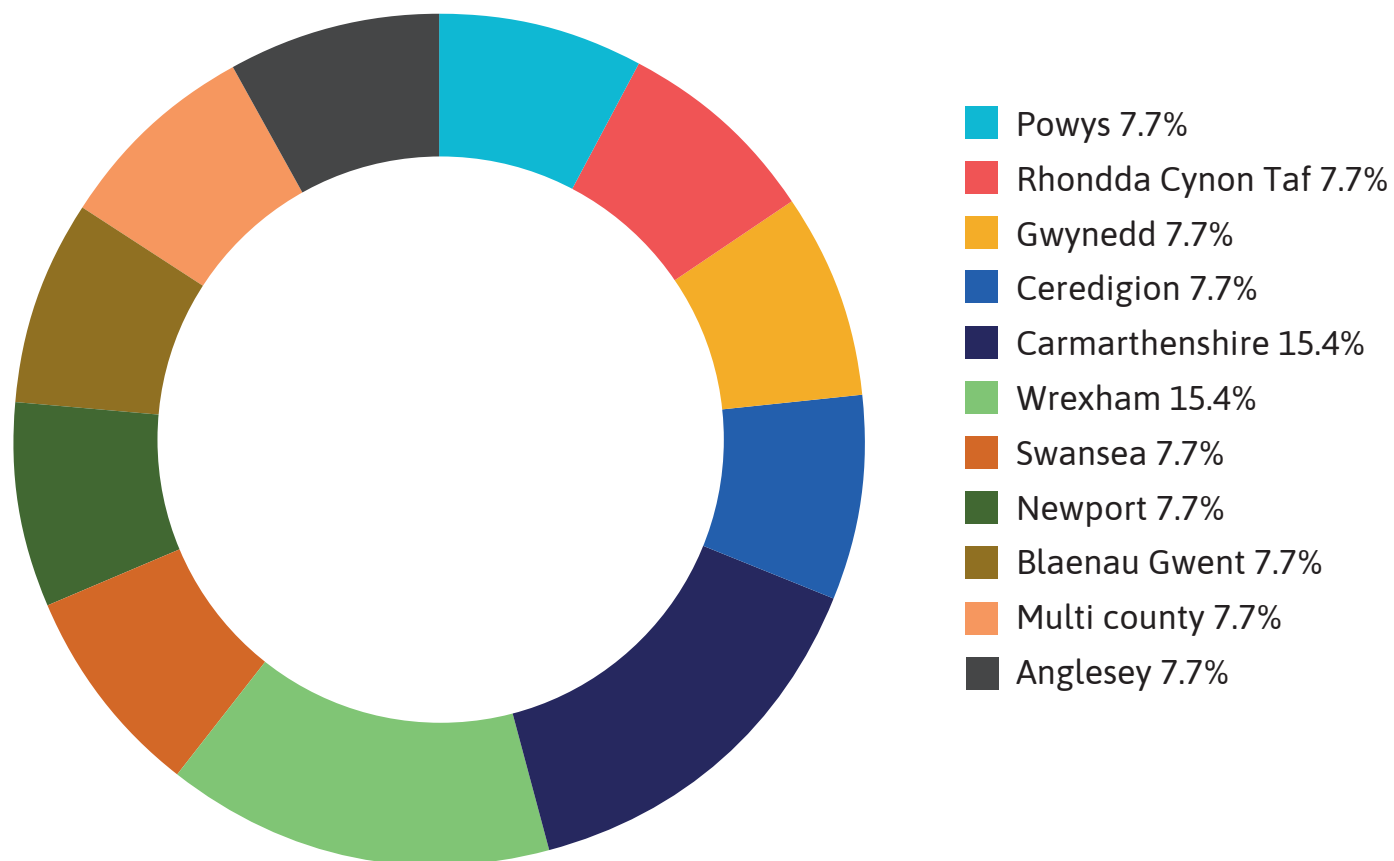


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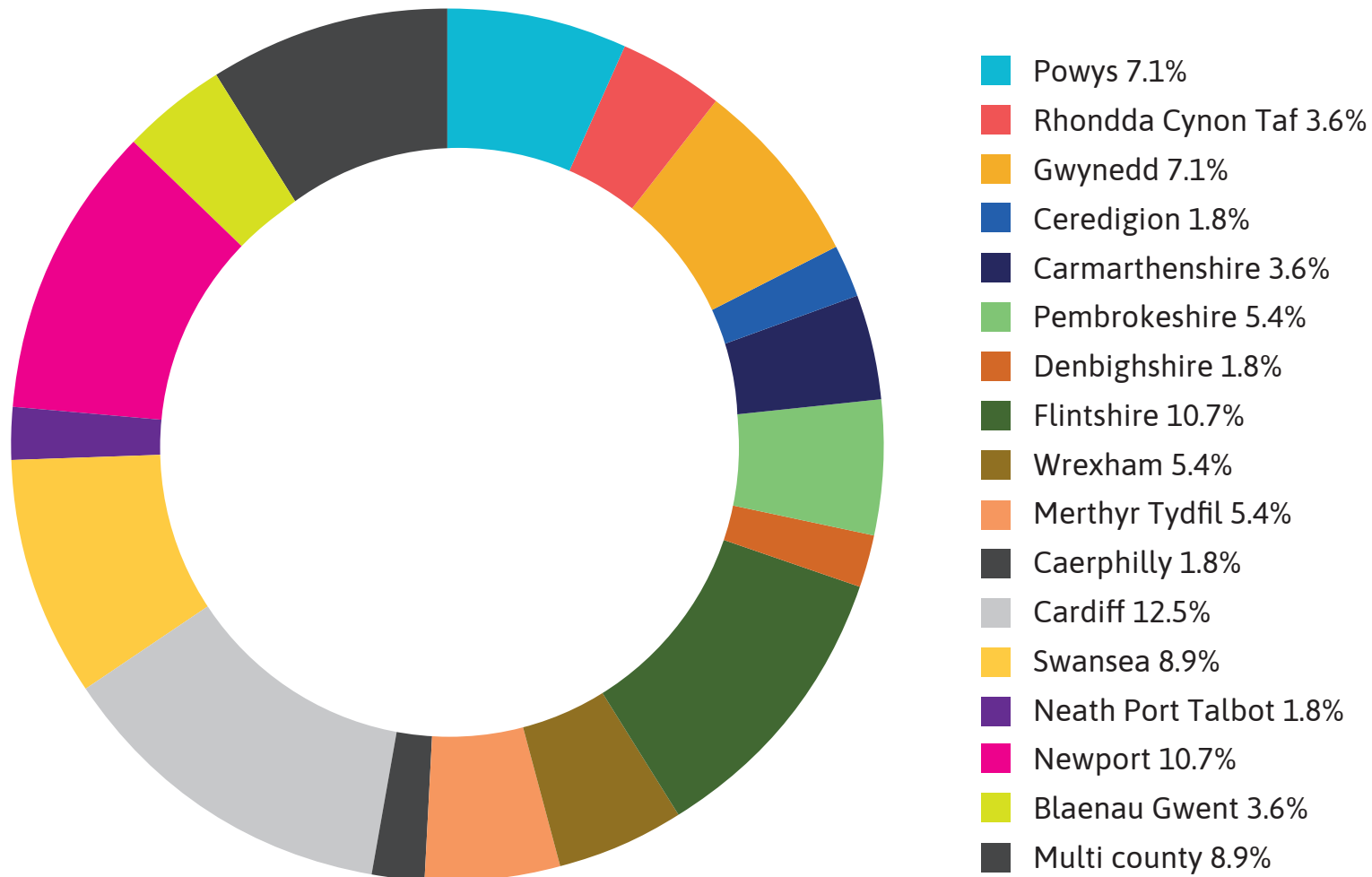
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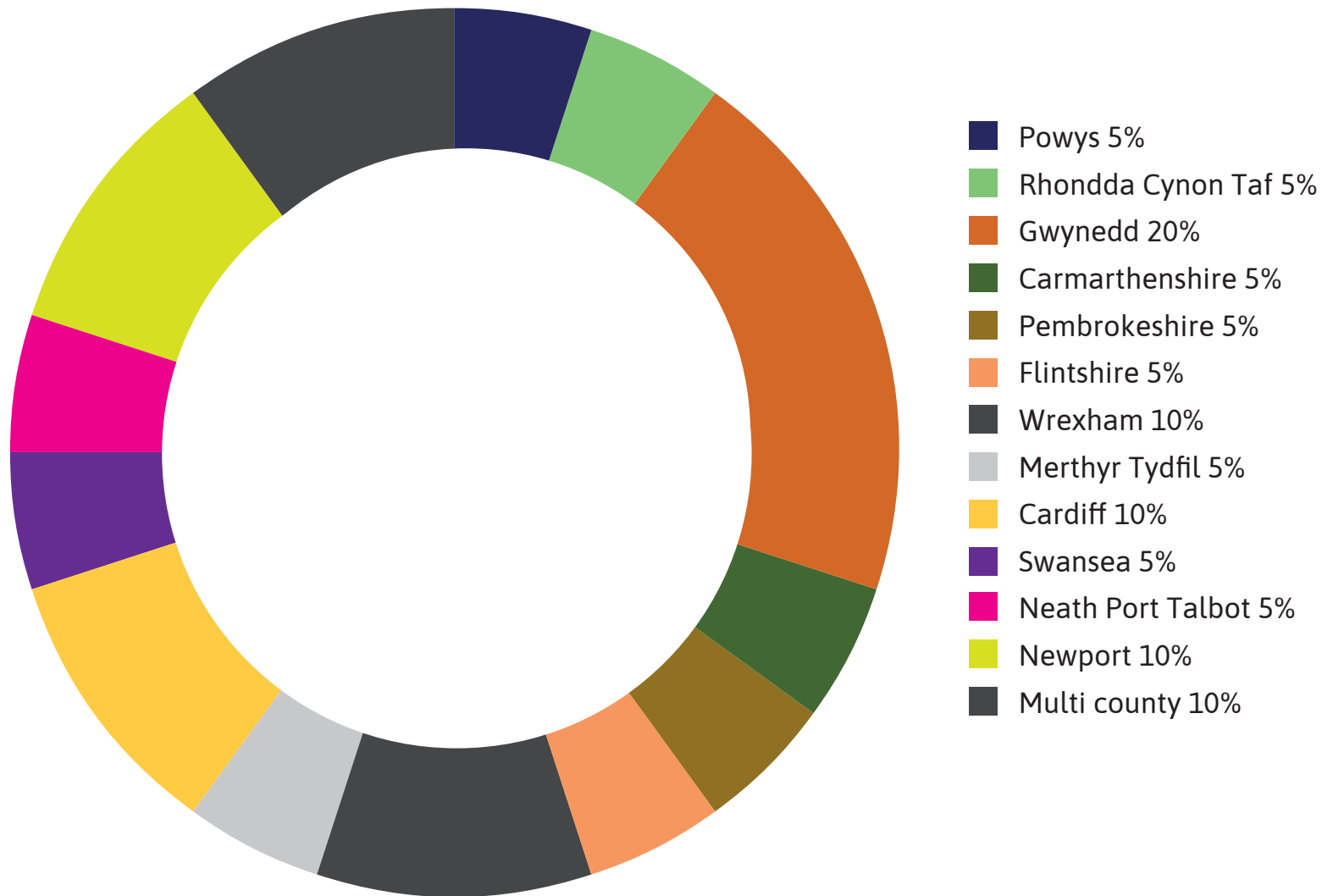
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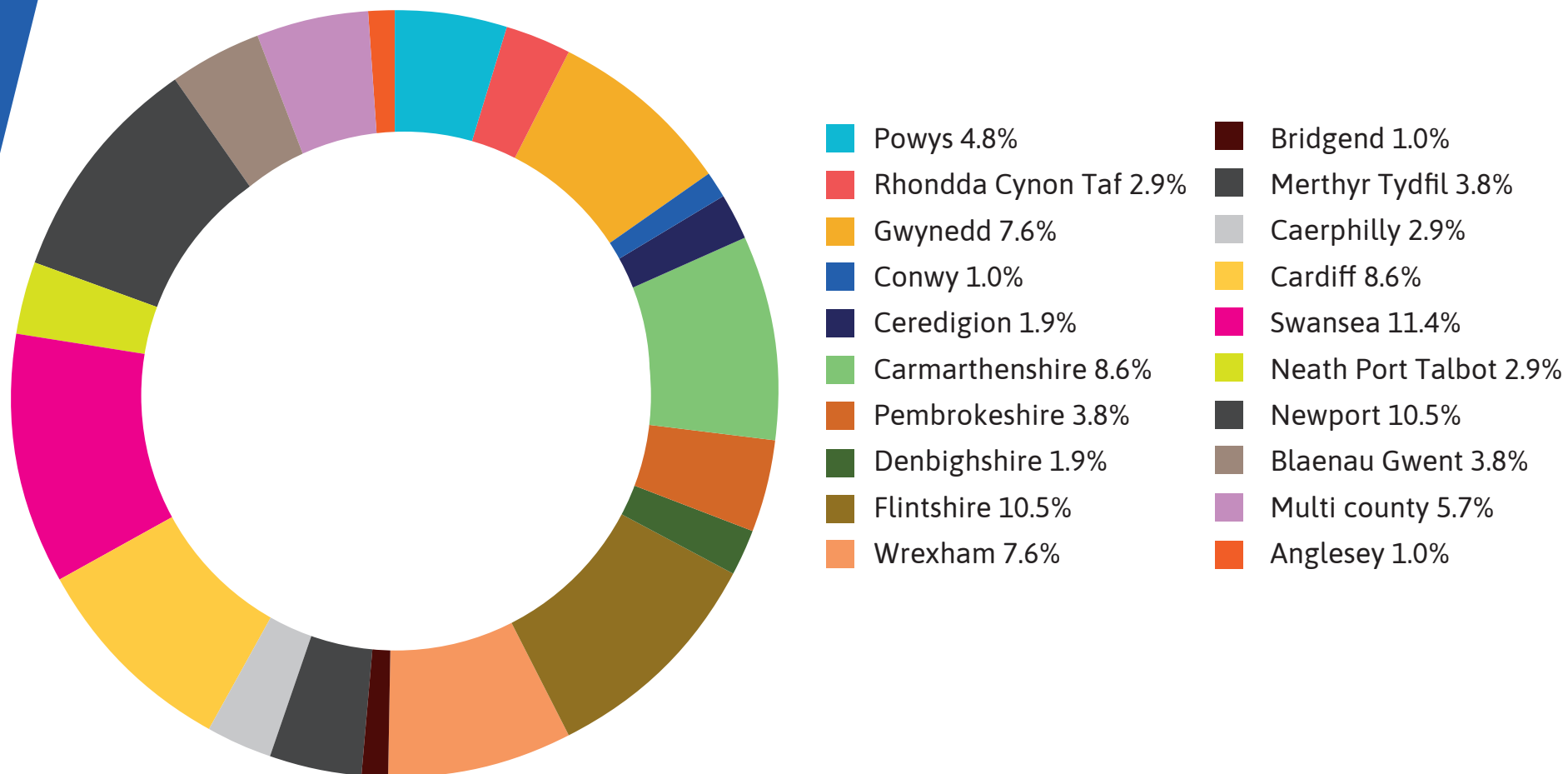


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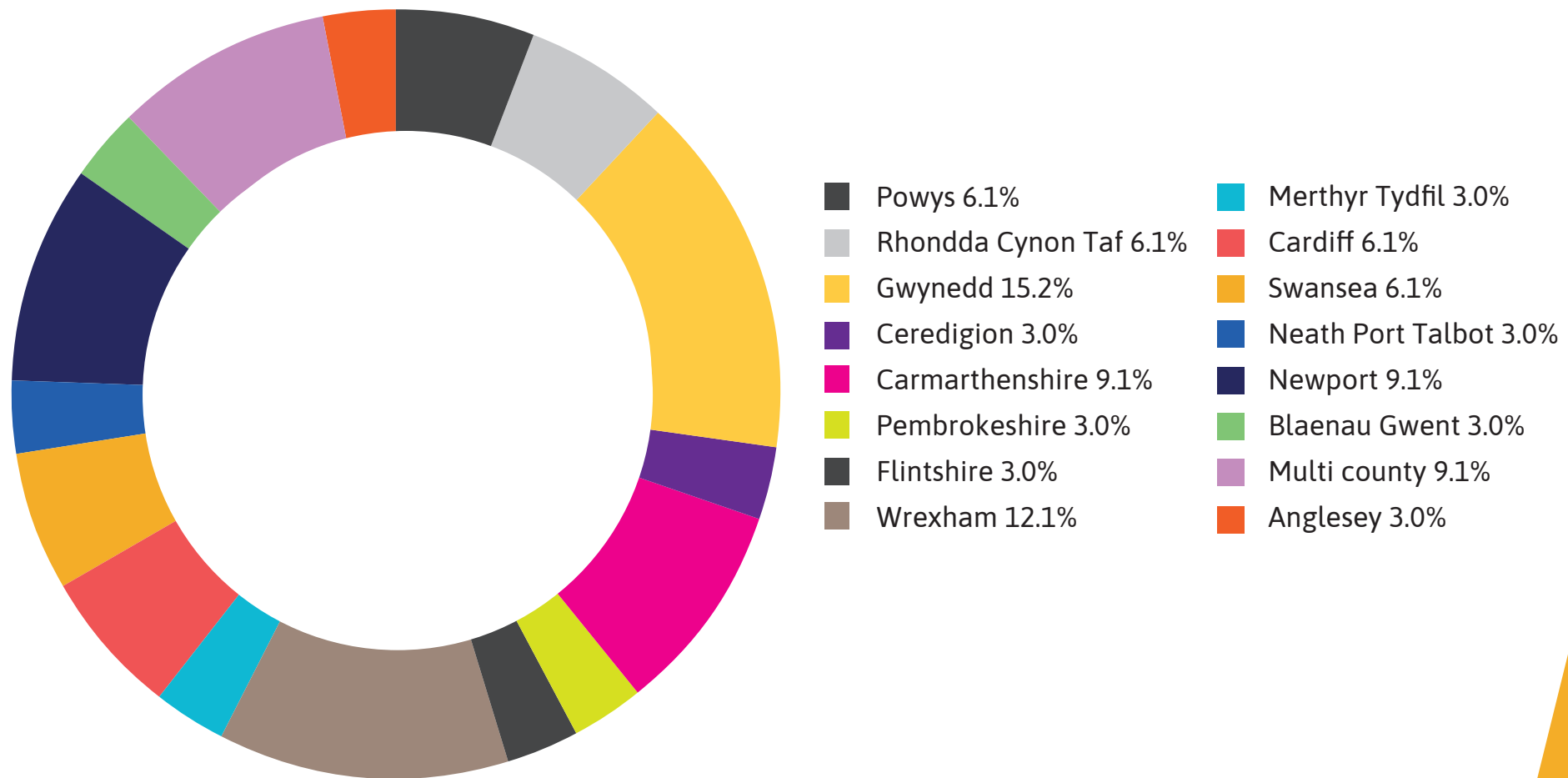




## Geographical area for all applicants 2021/22



## Geographical area for all successful applicants 2021/22



# Highlights of the achievements of projects completed in 2021/22

<b>Amphibian &amp; Reptile Conservation Trust</b>
Improved habitat & connectivity between four nature reserves in Buckley, Flintshire. Volunteers from the local community have delivered a variety of habitat management tasks including litter removal, invasive species control and surveying.
<b>Amman Valley Trotting Club</b>
Improved accessibility by repairing 300m of woodland pathway and improving drainage. Littering of recyclable waste has been addressed through the installation of recycling bins.
<b>Awel Aman Tawe</b>
Contributed to renovation of Hwb y Gors arts and enterprise centre at Cwmgors, 20 miles north of Swansea including installation of 90kW of roof top solar panels.
<b>British Institute for Geological Conservation</b>
Creation of a greenhouse grown evolution garden, which will serve as a learning hub and all-weather classroom, allowing local communities and schools to learn about local heritage and global environmental issues.
<b>Canolfan Maerdy</b>
The Feed People Not Landfill project has provided a vital lifeline for vulnerable people in Neath Port Talbot and Carmarthenshire during the COVID-19 pandemic by reusing and distributing surplus food from the FareShare scheme. The organisation has worked closely with local partners to support vulnerable people including older people, those experiencing food poverty and those with experience of domestic violence.
<b>Connah's Quay and District Angling club</b>
Creation of a new pathway ensures that people of all abilities can access and enjoy Rosie Pool and participate in club activities. Installation of an aeration system will secure the safety of all lake life as oxygen levels will be maintained independent of weather conditions supporting the biodiversity of the local ecosystem.



**CRAI Scout District Council**

Development of the Scout Activity Park through clearing scrubland and improving drainage creating a new practical skills area and improved camping facilities. Biodiversity on site has been enhanced through planting wildflower and over 200 trees.

**Flintshire County Council**

Flintshire County Council in conjunction with Friends of Bailey Park has made significant physical and environmental enhancements to Bailey Hill, in Mold, Flintshire. Landscaping, scrub clearance and removal of invasive species have improved conditions for native species and pollinators. Owl and bat boxes have been installed, paths have been cleared and widened, and new areas of planting have been developed. During the physical works an archaeological site was uncovered with ancient burials found onsite. FCC are working with relevant academic and historical organisations to carbon date and better understand these remains.

**Foothold Cymru**

The Wise up to Waste project has worked with the local community to raise awareness of how to change behaviours to reduce food waste. A demonstration garden has been created and maintained by volunteers with raised beds and composting. During the COVID-19 pandemic, surplus food was distributed to vulnerable members of the community along with tips and recipes to get the most value from deliveries.

**G2G Communities CIC**

Community initiative engaging a wide variety of groups on the issue of plastic waste, coordinating beach and local area litter picks and implementing innovative solutions to reuse. The group have an excellent understanding of the issues in the community regarding waste pollution; their educational and proactive methods have seen them nominated for STEM awards.

### **Green City Events**

The Railway Gardens is a space for community action on the issues that matter to local people providing facilities, training, activities, and support for Splott and Adamsdown residents. The project has increased opportunities for the community to be involved in the development of local solutions to inequality, food poverty, climate breakdown, biodiversity loss, and other challenges affecting the community. It has enabled access to free vegetables, herbs and plants and offers a digital growing resource sharing local knowledge through the Stay Home Grow your Own project hosted at Railway Gardens and online.

### **Groundwork North Wales**

Cam ar y Ffordd: Peblig has developed 17 biodiverse sites with the support of staff & volunteers. The project has adapted to the challenges of the pandemic and continued to engage the community through the creation and distribution of their education packs which included planting kits and seeds.

### **Groundwork North Wales**

Various maintenance, repair and woodland management works, which will improve accessibility and the use of open space at Llwyni Quiet Nature Reserve, Gathering Grounds Woodland, Quay Wetlands, Broadoak and Llwyni Valley. Using social media has provided an effective means of informing the community of their activities and creating discussion around biodiversity.

### **Higher Kinnerton Community Council**

The Nature Wardens project worked to actively engage members of the community in pro environmental behaviour. A Nature Warden's booklet has been produced with more than 800 copies distributed to residents in the village. Although COVID-19 impacted the project's ability to engage with local people face to face, online methods were utilised with a strong level of engagement. Two wildflower gardens have been planted, with hedgehog homes and bat boxes installed around the village.

<b>Innovate Trust</b>
Innovate Trust has delivered a highly impactful project engaging individuals with additional learning needs on biodiversity topics. The range of activities delivered also utilised individuals' home gardens and kits which helped to maintain that engagement during the pandemic.
<b>Keep Wales Tidy</b>
Improvements to the Pen Garnbugail area of Merthyr and Gelligaer Common. 200 bags of rubbish have been removed from historic tipping. To prevent vehicles illegally entering the site in future, posts, stone boulders and fencing have been installed. 600 trees have been planted to further enhance the green space and provide habitat for nature.
<b>Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council Countryside Department</b>
The Parks Alive project has carried out various improvements across several parks in Merthyr Tydfil to engage the community on their heritage, providing skill sharing activities and improved green infrastructure.
<b>Neuadd Golfa Harlech Memorial Hall</b>
Redevelopment of the almost 100-year-old hall to better fit the needs of the community, including building repairs, improved biodiversity through the planting of native plants, and creation of a bug hotel.
<b>Overton Community Growers</b>
The Overton Wildlife Project works with people from the community surrounding Overton-on-Dee to engage in wildlife volunteering, creating a wildflower meadow, clearing invasive species, and providing habitat boxes for wildlife. The project is designed to not only help wildlife and biodiversity, but also to provide opportunities for local refugees and their families to get involved in their new community.
<b>Pembrokeshire County Council</b>
The Explorer Village project at Scolton Manor has delivered a new, exciting play and learn village set in an area of woodland previously inaccessible to visitors, encouraging much greater access to the site, fostering greater understanding of nature and green themes for younger visitors in an informal learning environment.

<b>Pembrokeshire FRAME</b>
Creation of The Furniture Surgery re-use project encouraging re-use, recovery, and recycling of waste through restoring furniture. Supporting the delivery of the Haverfordwest Community Fridge and preparation for the launch of the Pembroke Dock Community Fridge and The Refillery zero-waste store.
<b>Porthkerry County Park, Vale of Glamorgan Council</b>
Blend of community engagement activities and biodiversity improvements at Porthkerry County Park, creating new wildflower areas on the old golf course, hibernacula linking ponds, learning area, and continued habitat management.
<b>Powys Council</b>
Improved quality of place at the Llandrindod Wells Lake Park by creating a fully accessible boardwalk, bird hide, and fishing platforms. The boardwalk was primarily constructed of plastic bottles, which is now being replicated in other works to minimise long term maintenance and use more sustainable materials. These improvements have provided the community with a quality greenspace which offers educational resources through interpretation boards and access to wildlife.
<b>Radiate Arts</b>
Radiate Arts created The Creative Hub to offer a safe and inclusive place for personal and group wellbeing. The project has connected with a wide range of partners to facilitate regular structured creative outdoor workshops that benefit service users and the environment. Activities have included planting of pollinator flowers, clearing of invasive species and installing bird and insect boxes.
<b>Radnorshire Wildlife Trust</b>
Species monitoring and surveying throughout Cefn Cenarth nature reserve, engaging and upskilling the local community and volunteer group. Old nest boxes have been restored or replaced and six refugia habitats for reptiles have been created and GPS mapped.



**Rhondda Ward Old Age Welfare Association**

Repair and refurbishment of Hopkinstown Community Hall, bringing a neglected building back into community use. The space will now be used for a programme of creative classes and host Citrus Arts, which works to expand practical skills of young people in the community.

**Ruperra Conservation Trust**

Significant improvements at Coed Craig Ruperra, a 175-acre ancient woodland near Caerphilly. Old hedgerows have been restored and new hedges planted to create wildlife corridors. Invasive conifer trees have been removed and replanted with native broadleaves and hazel coppice creating habitat for native dormice.

**St. Margaret's Church & Community Hall**

Installation of a new insulated roof to improve the energy efficiency of the building and safeguard the future of the well-used community hub.

**Swansea Community Farm**

Local volunteers have managed and developed the Farm site and Cadle Heath to improve the area for access, biodiversity, and community engagement. Activities have included traditional land based skills training, habitat creation and surveying, with events designed to promote to the local community the wellbeing benefits of being outdoors.

**The Environment Centre**

Various initiatives in the Swansea area championing the circular economy and encouraging the reduction of waste, re-use, repair and recycling. Initiatives included bike repair stations, seed swaps, recycling collection schemes and reopening an old repair café. Various community engagement events have taken place in person and online, working with numerous local partners.

<b>The Shared Earth Trust</b>
'Cadw Natur Mewn Cof – Nature In Mind' project has engaged with the local community, providing a range of opportunities for volunteers to restore and enhance biodiversity at Denmark Farm Conservation Centre. Volunteers have carried out trail maintenance, meadow and wetland management, willow coppicing, biodiversity projects for barn owls and reptiles, and conducted wildlife surveys across the site.
<b>The Wilderness Trust</b>
The Hanging Garden Project has transformed part of an important, run down, heritage building in Llanidloes into a beautiful open space with an indoor garden. The space offers a welcoming, unusual setting that connects with nature and allows groups to come together and meet the needs of the community.
<b>Tywi Gateway Trust</b>
Development of Bishop's Park, Abergwilli through the management and maintenance of the walled garden, park, woodland, and pond. Volunteers have worked to restore the vegetable garden, sow native wildflowers, and create bird boxes for wildlife.
<b>Wastesavers Charitable Trust Ltd</b>
Awareness raising project promoting the value of re-use in the Newport area as an alternative to landfill disposal. The project focused on targeted social media campaigns and producing publicity shared through key locations around Newport. Donated items which would otherwise have been sent to landfill are sold in the Wastesavers reuse centre.
<b>Wild Elements CIC</b>
The Pollinators, People and Places project has improved the habitat for wildlife and pollinators at Treborth Botanic Garden while creating opportunities for people to access work experience and accredited training. The Gardening for Well-being Club carried out significant works to create a new teaching garden and ponds, enhance heritage features, and improve biodiversity through removing invasive species and planting native trees and flowers.

**Wild Ground**

Restoration, enhancement, and management across three nature reserves in Johnstown, improving habitat for a range of species and providing volunteering opportunities.

**Wild Ground**

Improvements to amphibian habitat at Glascoed nature reserve, through woodland management, grassland management, hedge laying, scrub clearance and pond creation. Access has been improved by restoring footpaths with volunteers taking part in wildlife surveys and hedge laying training.

**Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales**

Implementation of management techniques to support the range of habitats of special interest at Carmel National Nature Reserve. Management techniques such as conservation grazing, invasive species control, and ditch blocking have improved habitat conditions for specialist wetland bog species.

**Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales**

The Saving Priors Meadow project worked to save one of the Gower's last remaining historic hay meadows through upgrading the management access track and the stock-proof fencing. Engagement events with the community provided training and educational opportunities, including grassland surveying, scrub clearance and hedge laying.

# Foothold Cymru

## (formally The Centre for Building Social Action Ltd)

**FOOTHOLD IS A SOCIAL JUSTICE CHARITY THAT WORKS COLLABORATIVELY WITH INDIVIDUALS, COMMUNITIES, AND PARTNERS TO TACKLE THE CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF POVERTY AND INEQUALITY.**

LDTCS funded the Wise up to Waste project to:

- Raise awareness of how to reduce food waste
- Support changes in behaviour to support people to reduce food waste
- Contribute to a reduction in household costs and food waste through reusing surplus food

In light of COVID-19 restriction, an assessment was carried out by Foothold to understand the emerging needs of the community and how the Wise up to Waste project could be delivered in uncertain circumstances.

A key element of the project was to set up a food club to divert and redistribute food, much of which is received from FareShare and local supermarkets. The recipients of the surplus food are members of the Wise up to Waste Food Club and live within a five-mile radius of the Trostre Civic Amenity Centre. The members benefit from a bit of extra help to access affordable and nutritious food whilst on a limited budget. The weekly food boxes are valued at around £15, and the recipients pay just £3.50 for them. Throughout the pandemic and national lockdowns, food boxes were delivered directly to people's homes along with tips and recipes for

members to get the most value out of their deliveries. Surplus food with very short use-by dates were made available free of charge to food club members.

'It's a relief to know that I can look forward to three satisfying meals a week. It's nice not to have that worry of being able to afford to eat', said one member of the food club.

Wise up to Waste also created a community composting site, built by volunteers and clients of the WUTW project to reduce their kitchen and household waste even further. Foothold has produced a detailed fact sheet and information videos on how to compost



Volunteer creating a bug house

at home, which have been wildly distributed and well received.

The site also includes raised beds, a pond, hibernaculum, and bug hotel with the food grown from the garden distributed to food club members. The garden provides opportunities for the local community to learn how a small garden space can produce a good yield and volunteer in nature.

Due to lockdown and shielding restrictions Wise up to Waste workshops were disrupted, however Foothold created a bilingual Food Waste Minimisation toolkit available online or in hardcopy. The toolkit includes hints and tips on food storage and several recipes to help the community think about using ingredients they might otherwise throw away or can be foraged to make healthy and nutritious foods.



Completed pond constructed by volunteers

‘There has been a long history of large quantities of food waste from supermarkets going to landfill, yet so many people are living in food poverty and so diverting this ‘waste’ food to redistribute to those in need is an obvious solution! I’m a great believer in reducing food waste, and the Wise up to Waste project is doing just that.’

WISE UP TO WASTE FOOD CLUB MEMBER



# Climate Action Caerffili Gweithredu Hinsawdd

**TINY FOREST CAERFFILI IS WALES' FIRST COMMUNITY-LED TINY FOREST PROJECT RUN BY CLIMATE ACTION CAERFFILI GWEITHREDU HINSAWDD IN COLLABORATION WITH CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL.**

A Tiny Forest is a tightly planted native forest that is designed to grow up to ten times faster than a traditionally planted forest and has many benefits for helping to mitigate the effects of climate change. Tiny Forests take up 30 times more carbon, reduce risk of flooding, reduce both noise and air pollution and greatly increase local biodiversity.

In the first six months, the project has planted 600 trees and established a sustainable watering system through rainwater harvesting. A pathway and area for outdoor learning has been created to provide a space to educate the local community about climate change and the benefits of Tiny Forests.

To prepare for planting, several activities took place including soil quality assessments, plotting, mapping, and digging the site. A formal utility search, ordnance survey plan, and a local forest survey were also carried out

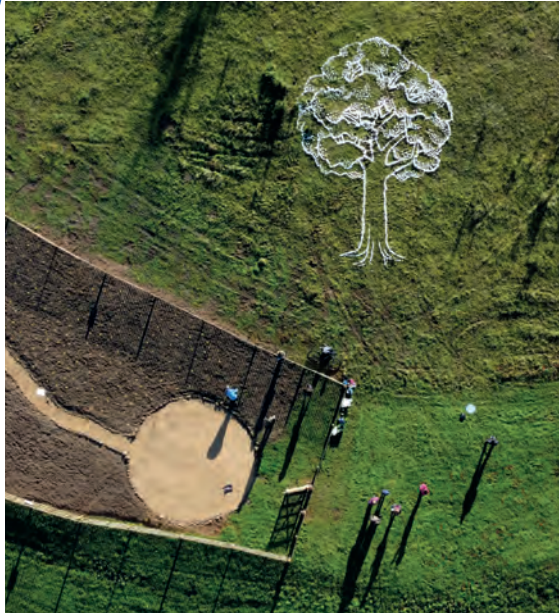
to help inform species selection. This was followed by the design and printing of an information sign and the purchase of appropriate tools.

Members of Climate Action Caerphilly worked with schools and other local groups to measure the biodiversity at the site before planting the tiny forest, holding two engagement days where residents were able to record the plant and bug life at the site.

Activities with the community in the first six months of the projects have included seven biodiversity baseline surveys and bug hunting days (two free open days with the community, four with local primary schools and one with the local charity, Llamau) engaging over 200 people. Smaller community mornings also allowed CACGH volunteers to meet in







closed sessions providing additional labour prior to planting. The project has allowed volunteers and school children to develop skills and knowledge in biodiversity and ecosystem management, gaining skills in recognising and understanding plants and insects.

School sessions have seen learners gain science research skills within a real-life context and children have been engaged in the planning of the Tiny Forest design and discussions on the benefit of protecting and improving the natural environment.

Community group members report increased feelings of wellbeing as a result of connecting with the

wider community and benefiting for green exercise. School children have developed science research skills whilst conducting the baseline survey. The Community open days have allowed people from a diverse community to engage in nature and gain an understanding of biodiversity and measuring environmental health.

Going forward, the tree saplings will be cared for, watered, and maintained by volunteers and the site will be studied through the Citizen Science Project to understand the impact of the project on local biodiversity. In the next phase of the project, volunteers will erect a suitable fence and work on improvements to the rainwater harvesting system.

‘Caerphilly now has a thriving Tiny Forest, and that wouldn’t have been possible without the Landfill Communities Tax Grant. For instance, we were able to fund a public planting day to finish planting the 600 trees that make up the Tiny Forest. We were overwhelmed by the response to our public and school planting events. It showed us just how keen people in our local community were to do something positive to help mitigate the climate crisis. Local people have been very positive about the Tiny Forest and expressed a sense of ownership and pride in what they helped achieve. Thank you for helping us turn our ideas into reality.’

MARIANNE LONGSTAFF, TINY FOREST PROJECT OFFICER

# South Riverside Community Development Centre

**SOUTH RIVERSIDE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE (SRCDC) SUCCEEDED IN DELIVERING AN INNOVATIVE, COMMUNITY FOCUSED PROJECT IN THE RIVERSIDE AREA OF CARDIFF TO HELP LOCAL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENHANCE BIODIVERSITY IN THE AREA.**

The centre was awarded funding for the 'Growing Together' project by the Landfill Disposal Tax Community Scheme in January 2020, which was designed to help 'green' South Riverside.

The project aimed to increase the number of front gardens in South Riverside which contained green areas, providing hanging baskets on each street, and mapping out and creating an eco superhighway. Native wildflowers were planted, improving the biodiversity and creating a sense of pride in the local area. The project was a great opportunity for local people who are ESOL to improve their English Language skills and connect with their community.

At the beginning of the project, 'Growing Together' benefited from and contributed to the Cardiff-wide partnership 'Food Cardiff'. This took off in 2020, delivering 20,000 plants

across Cardiff during the COVID-19 pandemic. Growing Together was able to deliver approximately 5,000 plants in South Riverside and has delivered the greatest number of plants to the ethnically diverse growers, both new and experienced.

The project carried out a range of initiatives and achieved several outcomes:

- **Worked in partnership with key organisations**

The Food Cardiff Partnership and Edible Cardiff networks have been developed, culminating in the highly successful Cardiff-wide 'Autumn Festival'. In Riverside on International World Food Day, events were held including a Winter Veg GiveAway and a consultation regarding establishing the Riverside Health Centre Community Garden. This was run in partnership with Grow Cardiff and attracted over



**Greening Riverside plant swap**

100 families and individuals. Many bulbs, winter seeds, second-hand pots and compost were collected by volunteers and redistributed in the community.

- **Utilised marketing and promotion**

The organisation utilised highly localised methods of marketing to ensure that the activity and attendees at events were from the Riverside community. Of the 100 individuals



attending the Winter Veg GiveAway, only six were not from South Riverside. Photographs taken at events and have been used on the organisation's website and social media, featured in promotional videos, and shared by the network's partners.

- Encouraged growing at home, developing skills and helping the community cope with lockdowns.

The community members connected with the project through a WhatsApp group where many reported the positive wellbeing outcomes from being involved. The participants varied in age and background connecting neighbours through a common interest during lockdowns.

The one metre squared front gardens, planters and planting pockets developed in the area helped with community cohesion, enabled volunteers to develop skills and confidence and share knowledge on plant growing in urban environments.



Greening Riverside event participants

‘Last summer there was a feeling that the GiveAways were a safe way to venture out of the home towards the end of the first lockdown. In Autumn and Winter the connections made on the WhatsApp group have sustained and helped people cope with the lockdowns.’

GREENING AND GROWING RIVERSIDE PROJECT OFFICER

## **RADIATE ARTS HAS CREATED THE CLYWEDOG CREATIVE HUB TO OFFER A SAFE AND INCLUSIVE PLACE FOR PERSONAL AND GROUP WELLBEING, GENERATING WAYS TO HELP OTHERS TO ACHIEVE A POSITIVE MENTAL OUTLOOK.**

The project connected with a wide range of organisations, community groups, businesses, and individuals to facilitate regular structured creative outdoor workshops that benefit service users by promoting self-esteem and enabling them to develop their skills.

Volunteers contributed to clearing overgrown areas with invasive species and helped with litter picking and tidying areas along the dam lookout and picnic areas. Volunteers also helped to plant pollinating flowers and bulbs around the Creative Hub, Visitor Centre and Café. Bird boxes were installed to provide homes for local species incorporating traditional boxes (house martin/swallow style boxes) and insect boxes. A water butt has been installed to collect rainwater for future plant-growing workshops.

These activities resulted in increased tourism to the local area and supported

the new visitor centre and café to increase positive mental health. The Hub has enhanced facilities for visitors, providing a talking point to those walking Glyndwr's Way or The Wales Way, generating interest in activities and highlighting improvements to the visitor centre, picnic areas and the green spaces surrounding the Hub.

As part of the development of The Hub, a full internal fit out was completed which will ensure the needs of the community continue to be met long past the funding period. The Hub now includes:

- An office space for two - three people which can be adapted into a quiet consultation room for service users when needed.
- A workshop space for eight people, which includes shelving and basic art materials, including specific materials required for planned

workshops such as stone-carving and printmaking. An etching press was installed along with a print drying rack and display rack.

- Bankers (specialist stone carving tables) were made for the weekly outdoor stone carving workshops and a storage area for these was excavated underneath the DDA ramp to the visitor centre. A further banker was made to measure for workshop participants who use a wheelchair, enabling inclusive access.

The project has delivered a range of creative workshops, including printmaking, stone carving, wood carving, painting, drawing, creative writing, photography, and has connected with freelance artists and creatives that have guided workshop participants, allowing them to share their expertise and knowledge.





Creative Freedom course participants – the course supports Armed Forces Veterans, providing positive creative residential experiences in the Cambrian mountains



Creative woodwork workshop participants at the Clywedog Creative Hub



Creative Freedom course participants

Radiate Arts has carefully chosen artists for their skills, lived experience relevant to each particular community group and the challenges they face. Some of these artists are from organisations such as Sculpture Cymru and Disability Arts Cymru.

Radiate Arts has developed a particularly strong relationship with Change Step Wales, facilitating regular structured creative outdoor workshops which benefit their service users (Armed Forces Veterans who are suffering from PTSD) by promoting self-

esteem through personal achievements and enabling them to develop their skills alongside their peer mentors. Connections have been made with Hafal, which has requested input on future services and has supported the latest funding request to develop stone carving workshops with more of their own service users (also with Armed Forces Veterans who want to improve their Mental Health).

Local CIC, The Gamechanger Project, has also connected with The Hub and will be involving their service users,

who are mainly children and young people facing learning and employment difficulties, in accessing the activities.

By including these and other community and charities in the steering group and project committee, The Hub continues to have a direct link to the people who will benefit from these activities and events at Clywedog, ensuring services are meeting the needs of the whole community from the outset.

# Round 6 grant awards 2021/22

Organisation	Theme	Location	Project description	Grant awarded
Amphibian and Reptile Conservation	Biodiversity	Cardiff, Carmarthenshire, Conwy, Denbighshire, Flintshire, Gwynedd, Rhondda Cynon Taf, Swansea, Vale of Glamorgan, Wrexham	Amphibians and reptiles in Wales are under threat. Volunteers across Wales will survey and monitor species, and their habitats, near landfill sites. Our 'citizen scientists' will be equipped to gather vital information about the survival of key amphibian and reptile populations year on year, identifying where conservation is most needed.	£24,980.80
Buglife	Biodiversity	Newport	<p>Newport Pollinators Project will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Bring communities together to explore nature and celebrate local pollinators through an engaging, inclusive activity programme</li> <li>■ Restore pollinator habitats-improving the resilience of ecological network</li> <li>■ Raise awareness and inspire people to take action for pollinators in their community including some of Wales' most rare and threatened species</li> </ul>	£49,648.00
Cefn Community Council	Wider environmental enhancement	Wrexham	To reduce our carbon footprint and energy use, we will repair the major storm damage to our flat roof and replace our ageing rotting windows with energy efficient units. This will ensure that we can keep providing vital community services and activities today and for future generations.	£34,854.00

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Cwmni'r Fran Wen	Wider environmental enhancement	Gwynedd	Nyth is a new creative hub for young people and the community in the heart of Bangor. This project will give the grounds a new lease of life as a truly urban oasis, which will include an accessible community garden and kitchen run by community volunteers.	£48,100.00
Friends of Coed Gwilym Park	Wider environmental enhancement	Swansea	To construct a New Community Club House in Coed Gwilym Park, Clydach, Swansea that will provide a series of facilities and activities for the benefit of the whole community.	£45,000.00
Lee Gardens Pool Committee	Wider environmental enhancement	Rhondda Cynon Taf	Lee Gardens Pool runs year-round activities and services to support the local community and beyond. These include running a children's outdoor swimming pool and drop-in sessions, training sessions, after-school art, Fit & Fed, Knit & Natter and Friendly Fridays and Table Sales. We welcome new volunteers and visitors.	£33,733.88
Life Leisure Trust t/a Aneurin Leisure	Wider environmental enhancement	Blaenau Gwent	Through support from Parc Bryn Bach 'Friends of' group to make environmental enhancements throughout the park grounds. This project will engage with the local community to create and deliver outdoor learning, new skills through training and gain an appreciation of the Ecological Management and Arboricultural woodland plans.	£34,400.00

Organisation	Theme	Location	Project description	Grant awarded
Menter Mon Cyf	Biodiversity	Isle of Anglesey	<p>The Menai Rivers Biodiversity Project aims to protect and raise awareness and understanding of two S7 priority species; water voles and otters.</p> <p>The work will also include the creation of bilingual river wildlife education material, public talks and guided walks to facilitate a greater understanding of river biodiversity.</p>	£49,999.00
National Botanic Garden of Wales	Biodiversity	Carmarthenshire	<p>This project will enable the Garden to improve the condition of its hay meadow habitat on the Waun Las National Nature Reserve. We will also make improvements on our demonstrator organic farm, which will showcase how nature and farming can work in harmony.</p>	£49,900.00
North Wales Wildlife Trust	Biodiversity	Wrexham	<p>The project will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Support staff, contractors and volunteers to maintain and enhance the mosaic of habitats at Marford Quarry Nature Reserve, focussing on improving conditions for invertebrates</li> <li>2. Embed biodiversity amongst the local community through volunteer tasks, educational sessions for varied user groups, access improvements and improved interpretation</li> </ol>	£49,960.33



Organisation	Theme	Location	Project description	Grant awarded
Radiate Arts	Wider environmental enhancement	Powys	Pedal Pals provides physical activities to those within our local communities by up-cycling and adaptation of bicycles to create E-Bikes for use around the beautiful green and blue spaces around Llyn Clywedog. Together we will deliver physical and mental wellbeing support to members of the community referred to the project by community organisations.	£47,956.86
Foothold Cymru	Waste minimisation	Carmarthenshire	The project's aim is to create a Zero Waste Community Hub, further developing our 'circular economy' model. Sharing, repairing, reusing and transforming goods while exchanging skills and advice will lead to a reduction in unnecessary waste and consumption, help people's budgets go further, and strengthen community relationships.	£49,819.28
West Wales Rivers Trust	Biodiversity	Ceredigion	Our project aims to address declines in biodiversity & water quality in River Teifi and its tributaries, particularly in the Lampeter area, where much of the decline has been recorded.  The project aims to reconnect people to their local environment providing education, engagement and volunteer opportunities for all, while providing public spaces.	£49,221.60

# Round 7 grant awards 2021/22

Organisation	Theme	Location	Project description	Grant awarded
Art Shell	Wider environmental enhancements  Biodiversity  Waste minimisation	Cardiff	The project will develop art studio spaces that are affordable, green and inclusive; that encourage cycling, efficient energy use and engage and support the local community. The aim is to offer stable work spaces and support for local artists, including those that would not usually be able to afford them.	£24,377.99
Artis Community Centre	Waste minimisation  Wider environmental enhancements  Biodiversity	Rhondda Cynon Taf	A repair café and library of things, hosting opportunities for volunteering, training, workshops focusing on environmental sustainability and reducing our impact on the planet. Pobl Ponty Planed will: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ reduce consumption of resources</li> <li>■ prevent waste</li> <li>■ encourage the development of a circular economy</li> <li>■ benefit local residents' quality of life</li> <li>■ promote community resilience</li> </ul>	£49,995.66
Awel Aman Tawe	Wider environmental enhancements  Waste minimisation	Neath Port Talbot	This application is to fit out a community café as part of the renovation of the former Cwmgors primary school into an accessible low carbon hub for artists, entrepreneurs and educators. 'Hwb y Gors' will house a fully-equipped, co-working studio, office- and class-room spaces, and a range of community facilities.	£49,600.00

Organisation	Theme	Location	Project description	Grant awarded
Cae Rhug Holistic Farm	Biodiversity	Flintshire	The Pollinator's Path will be a community-created wildlife and people-friendly path that allows easy access for all the community, including those with mobility challenges, to not only enjoy wildlife rich habitat, but to also engage with pollinator-guild plantings, learn about beekeeping and the provision of nesting sites for pollinators.	£35,745.29
City To Sea	Waste minimisation	Gwynedd & Isle of Anglesey	The Refill Cymru expansion will encourage people in the Bangor region to live with less plastic, and support companies transitioning away from disposable single-use packaging to refillable and reusable systems. The free Refill app will connect consumers with places to refill food, drink and groceries.	£49,415.92
E.L.I.T.E. Supported Employment Agency Ltd	Waste minimisation	Merthyr Tydfil	The project will engage 100 disabled and disadvantaged people from our communities, currently unemployed and/or experiencing social exclusion, to develop their environmental awareness and vocational skills, via training and volunteering, supporting 21+ communities to divert cardboard products from landfill, via the manufacture of an alternative product, 'Eco Animal Bedding'.	£49,999.00

Organisation	Theme	Location	Project description	Grant awarded
Garnant Family Centre	Wider environmental enhancement  Biodiversity	Carmarthenshire	Garnant Family Centre's Community Garden is where families from the community connect and develop resilience to change, through engaging with nature in the garden as an educational and well-being resource. This lovely outdoor space allows children to develop social, emotional and learning skills through outdoor play.	£11,852.00
GISDA Cyfyngedig	Waste minimisation	Gwynedd	Caffi Creu will aim to raise awareness of waste minimisation and the circular economy by workshops, initiatives and campaigns on re-using, recycling and re-creating. The project will aim to educate the young people of the future and arm them with the skills they need to adopt positive environmental behaviours.	£37,367.19
Groundwork Wales	Waste Minimisation	Caerphilly	Volunteers from local community groups and schools will clean up sections of the Nant-yr-Aber River in Caerphilly Borough, removing and recycling waste from the river and river banks, improving the health of the river and its catchment, and raising awareness of the impact of waste on river ecology.	£14,461.00

Organisation	Theme	Location	Project description	Grant awarded
Innovate Trust	Biodiversity Wider environmental enhancement Waste minimisation	Cardiff	The Boosting Nature project provides environmental volunteering opportunities for people with learning disabilities to improve biodiversity in Cardiff and the Vale, whilst also making accessible the environmental volunteering opportunities outside of Innovate through our Volunteering Buddies scheme.	£49,575.82
Llangattock Community Council	Wider environmental enhancements Biodiversity	Powys	To begin building an accessible pathway around Llangattock Recreation Ground, opening a route for other projects like a fitness trail, sensory, wildlife and biodiversity areas. The path could form part of a safer pedestrian and cycle route through Llangattock, away from a main route for waste disposal lorries.	£49,999.00
Neuadd Bentref Rhiwlas (Rhiwlas Village Hall)	Wider environmental enhancements Biodiversity	Gwynedd	Rhiwlas Village Hall and Incredible Edible Rhiwlas are working together to improve the community facilities and greenspaces in Rhiwlas. We want to make important improvements to the hall to increase the range of activities possible and create more community gardening spaces nearby to provide benefits for people and for wildlife.	£22,075.44



Organisation	Theme	Location	Project description	Grant awarded
North Wales Wildlife Trust (Project 1)	Biodiversity	Wrexham	<p>The project will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. support staff, contractors and local volunteers (employees and residents) to maintain and enhance the mosaic of habitats within the Wrexham Industrial Estate; and</li> <li>2. embed biodiversity amongst the local community through volunteer tasks, educational sessions for varied user groups, access improvements and improved interpretation</li> </ol>	£49,971.89
North Wales Wildlife Trust (Project 2)	Biodiversity	Gwynedd	<p>The project will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. support staff, contractors and volunteers to enhance Spinnies Aberogwen Nature Reserve's mosaic of habitats, focussing on improving conditions for birds and birdwatching</li> <li>2. embed biodiversity and improve understanding of local implications of climate change amongst local communities through volunteer tasks, educational sessions and improved access/interpretation</li> </ol>	£49,807.59
Pillgwenlly Millennium Trust Ltd	Wider environmental enhancement Waste minimisation Biodiversity	Newport	We are currently seeking funding to complete a much-needed building refurbishment project to bring our wonderful community facility up to date and to make sure we can be sustainable, reduce our carbon footprint and offer much needed services to our local community for many years to come.	£49,999.00

Organisation	Theme	Location	Project description	Grant awarded
Repair & Share (trading as Repair Café Wales)	Waste minimisation	Multi county	Repair Café volunteers fix items destined for landfill, teach repair skills, and encourage up-cycling. We have over 60 successful Repair Cafés serving communities across Wales. Our project will create ten new Repair Cafés in new priority locations: reducing waste, saving money, teaching repairing, and showcasing up-cycling and reuse projects.	£49,699.10
Sea Trust Wales	Biodiversity	Pembrokeshire	Sea Trust is expanding its marine wildlife monitoring work into new areas and on multiple species. Trained local volunteers will survey each area on a regular basis and raise awareness in the local communities and further afield about the marine life in the area and its positive influence on well-being.	£26,447.06
Snowdonia Donkeys	Biodiversity	Gwynedd	The woodlands are a valuable resource for wildlife and people. Their importance as a resource for people was highlighted during the COVID pandemic. This results in us needing a coordinated management plan and improvement work to protect their value for wildlife and enhance their value for people.	£49,999.00

Organisation	Theme	Location	Project description	Grant awarded
Swansea Community Farm	Biodiversity	Swansea	Cynefin is a wet heathland habitat-focused project designed to improve the connection between vulnerable young people, the environment in which they live and each other. Cynefin will give them new skills, improved wellbeing, an improved sense of belonging and an active sense of guardianship of the natural world.	£49,978.92
Wastesavers Charitable Trust	Waste minimisation	Newport	WCTL will provide space and facilities at its new Reuse Centre in Newport for the community to receive support, knowledge and education for reuse and its benefits. Activities will include a Repair Café, Nappy Library and digital inclusion sessions.	£49,134.29

# Achievements of LDTCS projects finalised in 2021/22

## General KPIs

Target title	TOTAL
Number of followers gained on social media	35,014
Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions saved (tonnes)	17,255
Income generated (£)	73,011
Number of jobs created	32
Number of jobs safeguarded	60
Number of communities benefiting from LDTCS funding	310
Number of people engaged and informed (including volunteers and community members)	98,374
Projected cost savings (£)	173,050
Number of talks/presentations/engagement events held	625
Number of training or work experience opportunities offered	2,784
Number of visitors attracted	90,084

## Biodiversity KPIs

Target title	TOTAL
Number of initiatives to engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity	215
Number of engagement events	267
Number of hedgerows planted or managed	75
Number of initiatives to improve conditions to help native species, pollinators and provide opportunities for new planting	201
Number of invasive non-native species managed	41
Number of landscape or catchment managed	34
Number of native trees planted	11,565
Number of pollinator-friendly planting created as part of a broader habitat management programme	63
Number of records/monitoring data shared	2,825
Number of initiatives to restore, maintain and enhance natural habitats	178
Number of initiatives to target S7 species	290
Number of initiatives to create, manage or enhance S7 specialist habitat	135
Number of woodland managed	53



## Waste minimisation KPIs

Target title	TOTAL
Number of initiatives to encourage prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste	3,067
Number of initiatives to engage and support understanding to enable waste to be seen as a resource	44
Income generated (£)	23,953
Number of people helped (including contribution to alleviation of food or material poverty if appropriate to measure)	23,057
Number of initiatives to reduce food waste and support initiatives such as composting	29
Tonnage diverted from landfill (tonnes)	425
Tonnage recycled (tonnes)	7
Tonnage reduced (tonnes)	364
Tonnage re-used (tonnes)	412

## Wider environmental KPIs

Target title	TOTAL
Area or km of path/verges/coastline cleaned	1,288
Number of bags of waste collected	881
Number of initiatives to bring neglected and run-down areas back into community use	44
Number of community growing areas created	12
Number of initiatives to create and enhance community water and green spaces and supporting green infrastructure	62
Number of cycle or walk ways created	14
Number of facilities updated with nature-friendly alternatives	6
Number of Green Flag awards received	12
Number of green roof or green walls created	4
Number of green spaces created or enhanced	61
Number of groups or people using new facilities	21,968
Number of heritage features conserved or enhanced	23

Target title	TOTAL
Number of invasive non-native species managed	16
Number of initiatives to maintain or improve community facilities, for example community halls	63
Number of native trees planted	3,544
Number of play/meeting/outdoor classrooms created	22
Number of pollinator friendly areas created	36
Number of ponds and water courses managed and enhanced	77
Number of renewable energy measures installed	5
Number of efficiency measures installed	15

**Achievements of  
projects operational  
in 2021/22, but not  
yet completed**

## General KPIs

Target title	TOTAL
Number of followers on gained on social media	72,039
Greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions saved (tonnes)	37
Income generated (£)	7,460
Number of jobs created	31
Number of jobs safeguarded	25
Number of communities benefiting from LDTCS funding	144
Number of people engaged and informed (including volunteers and community members)	236,567
Projected cost savings (£)	1,000
Number of talks/presentations/engagement events held	853
Number of training or work experience opportunities offered	115
Number of visitors attracted	18,661

## Biodiversity KPIs

Target title	TOTAL
Number of initiatives to engage and support participation and understanding to embed biodiversity	1,314
Number of engagement events	118
Number of hedgerows planted or managed	13
Number of initiatives to improve conditions to help native species, pollinators and provide opportunities for new planting	100
Number of invasive non-native species managed	28
Number of landscape or catchment managed	6
Number of native trees planted	4,170
Number of pollinator-friendly planting created as part of a broader habitat management programme	122
Number of records/monitoring data shared	119
Number of initiatives to restore, maintain and enhance natural habitats	46
Number of initiatives to target S7 species	58
Number of initiatives to create, manage or enhance S7 specialist habitat	17
Number of woodland managed	251



## Waste minimisation KPIs

Target title	TOTAL
Number of initiatives to encourage prevention, re-use, recovery and recycling of waste	394
Number of initiatives to engage and support understanding to enable waste to be seen as a resource	104
Income generated (£)	6,175
Number of people helped (including contribution to alleviation of food or material poverty if appropriate to measure)	370
Number of initiatives to reduce food waste and support initiatives such as composting	27
Tonnage diverted from landfill (tonnes)	310
Tonnage recycled (tonnes)	7
Tonnage reduced (tonnes)	3
Tonnage re-used (tonnes)	2

## Wider environmental KPIs

Target title	TOTAL
Area or Km of path/verges/ coastline cleaned	1
Number of bags of waste collected	214
Number of initiatives to bring neglected and run-down areas back into community use	17
Number of community growing areas created	3
Number of initiatives to create and enhance community water and green spaces and supporting green infrastructure	37
Number of cycle or walk ways created	3
Number of facilities updated with nature-friendly alternatives	12
Number of Green Flag awards received	2
Number of green roof or green walls created	1
Number of green spaces created or enhanced	28
Number of groups or people using new facilities	1
Number of heritage features conserved or enhanced	2
Number of invasive non-native species managed	14

Target title	TOTAL
Number of initiatives to maintain or improve community facilities, for example community halls	19
Number of native trees planted	3,500
Number of play/meeting/outdoor classrooms created	5
Number of pollinator friendly areas created	12
Number of ponds and water courses managed and enhanced	6
Number of renewable energy measures installed	6
Number of efficiency measures installed	11

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