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Executive Meeting

11th October 2021

RE: Green Pledges

Sgwrsysir/CountyConversation <countyconversation@conwy.gov.uk>

Fri 05/03/2021 14:47

To: ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

1 attachments (634 KB)

Abergele Town Council - Bronze Certificate (05.03.2021).pdf;

Diolch i chi am wneud yr addewid i wneud gwahaniaeth!

Gweler yn ynghlwm eich Tystysgrif Addewidion Gwyrdd Cymunedol.

Gyda diolch,

Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Conwy a Sir Ddinbych

Thank you for making the pledge to make a difference!

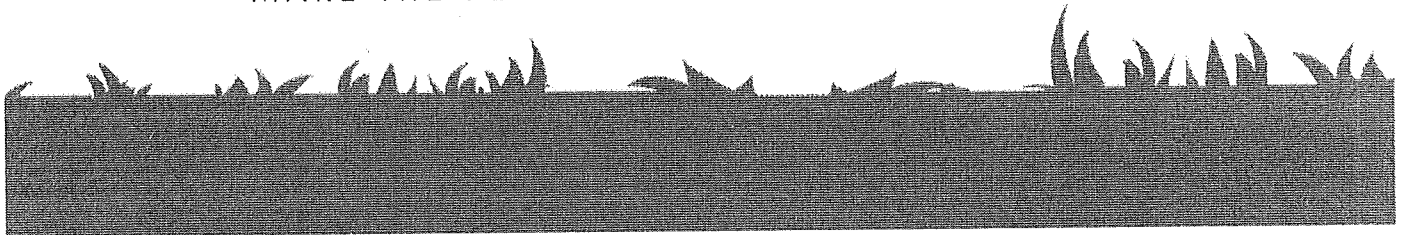
Please find attached your Green Community Pledge Certificate.

With thanks,

Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board



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From: ATC Deputy Clerk <deputyclerk@abergele-towncouncil.co.uk>

Sent: 02 March 2021 15:28

To: Sgwrsysir/CountyConversation <countyconversation@conwy.gov.uk>

Subject: Green Pledges

Good afternoon

Please find attached the Green Pledge Assessment form for Abergele Town Council.

I hope I have interpreted it correctly; the Council is keen to achieve its Bronze Certificate.

Please let me know if you require further detail.

Kind regards

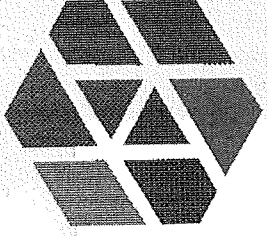
Lorraine

Lorraine Whalley
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Abergele LL22 7BT
01745 833242

Mae'r neges e-bost hon ac unrhyw ymgysylltiadau yn gyfrinachol, ac wedi eu bwriadu ar gyfer yr un sy'n cael ei h/enwi yn unig. Gallent gynnwys gwybodaeth freintiedig. Ar gyfer yr amodau llawn ynglŷn â chynnwys a defnyddio'r neges e-bost hon ac unrhyw atodiadau, gweler www.conwy.gov.uk/eboost_ymwadiad

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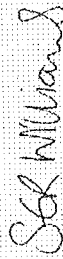


Addewdion Gwyrdd Cymunedol Community Green Pledges: Statws Efydd / Bronze Status

Rydyn ni'n falch o wobrwyo statws efydd i / We proudly award bronze status to

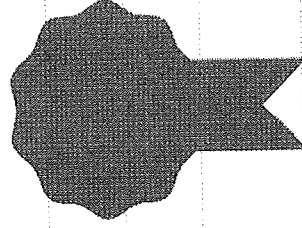
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am wneud hyd at 4 Newid Gwyrdd a helpu i wneud gwahaniaeth cadarnhaol i'n hamgylchedd /
for achieving up to 4 Green Changes and helping to make a positive difference to our environment.



Sian Williams

*Cadeirydd Bwrdd Gwasanaethau
Cyhoeddus Conwy a Sir Ddinbych /
Chair of Conwy and Denbighshire
Public Services Board*



Judith Greenhalgh

*Is-gadeirydd Bwrdd Gwasanaethau
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Community Green Pledges: Self-Assessment Pledge Form

Thank you for signing up to the Conwy and Denbighshire Public Services Board (PSB) Community Green Pledges initiative and taking the time to let us know what you've been up to.

Please keep in contact with us at countyconversation@conwy.gov.uk and let us know how you're doing so we can share your good work!

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| 1. Name of Community Group | ABERGELE TOWN COUNCIL | |
| 2. Contact details of person completing this form | Mrs Lorraine Whalley | |
| 3. Date | 01/03/21 | |
| 4. What Green Change(s) has your community group made? Remember you can add your own green changes! Here's a reminder of the all the green changes | 5. Please tell us what you've been up to? | |
| <i>For example – Green Change 1: improve the energy efficiency of community buildings</i> | <i>For example – We've upgraded our lighting by switching to LED bulbs and invested in motion sensors in some of our spaces (e.g. toilets).</i> | |
| Reduce and recycle plastic | Stopped using single use plastics e.g polystyrene cups, plastic teaspoons. Refreshments are served in china cups, with metal teaspoons. A plastic recycling bin has been installed in the office to dispose of all plastic packaging generated by deliveries and convenience foods. Staff almost always bring their own lunches in re-usable plastic containers. | |
| Reduce and recycle paper | Each Councillor has their own iPad and receives Meetings 'paperwork' digitally. Making the most of technology for meetings and communications saves 29 reams of paper per year on just one monthly meeting of the Full Council. Any other paper waste is shredded and collected for recycling. | |
| Bronze Status = for 1 to 4 Green Changes | | |

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visit www.conwyanddenbighshirepsb.org.uk to find out more about the Community Green Pledges and for ideas on what other communities are doing!

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| | <p>Installed planters at the gateways to the town. Primarily for enhancing the welcome to the town, the planters also add value to bio-diversity. They contain a variety of shrubs and flower attractive to bees, butterflies and birds. The Butterfly Garden was installed by KWT and volunteers from Abergele District Action Group and Incredible Edible. Plants shrubs and flowers attractive to butterflies, bees and other insects have been planted in a small area of the park to increase biodiversity in the area.</p> | |
| <p>Increase biodiversity</p> | <p>The Council have purchased 2 'litterpick' boards from the #2minutebeachclean Foundation for Pensarn Promenade and Pentre Mawr Park. The boards provide information and storage of litterpicking equipment for members of the public who would willingly pick up litter if they had the equipment to hand. They can also take part in the Social Media campaign that comes with board scheme about looking after our environment.</p> | |
| | <p>Engage the Community in litter picking and recycling</p> | |

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| | <p>Click here to enter text.</p> | |
| <p>Silver Status = for 5 to 8 Green Changes</p> | <p>Click here to enter text.</p> | |
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| <p>Gold Status = for 9 to 12</p> | <p>Click here to enter text.</p> | |
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Platinum Status = for 13 or more Green Changes

6. What Green Changes do you plan to tackle next?

Staff and Councillor travel to the Town Hall e.g Councillors walk or cycle to meetings given that active travel routes are soon to be installed in Abergele and providing secure bike storage to accommodate/encourage the staff to cycle to work.

Once we have looked at your evidence, we will send you a signed pledge certificate for you to display and let others know your community group has made changes to reduce your environmental impact.

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5 Green Pledges Scheme

Abergele Town Council has declared a Climate Emergency and will be seeking to lead by example on the many ways it can reduce its impact on Climate Change. By setting an example in everything that it does the Council wishes to encourage businesses, charities, community groups and individuals to examine what changes they too can make to help improve the world we live in.

“By reducing our impact on the environment, we can ensure that future generations have the same opportunities we have today. Lifestyles and behaviours must change in order to achieve this goal. By signing up, you will be joining a community united in making a positive difference for everyone”.

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The system is simple; choose one of the 5 themes for making change, choose your goals and put the plan into action. Keep the PSB informed and they will assess the activities with a view to awarding a bronze, silver or gold status certificate. There is no pressure to achieve as many goals as possible in the shortest time, the objective is to change behaviours and mindsets for future generations. Every new project the Council or any organisation embarks on is encouraged to consider the Green Pledges.

<https://conwyanddenbighshirelsb.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Community-Green-Pledges-English-final.pdf>

I have reviewed ATC's green activities over the last few years and applied them to the Pledges as follows:

1. Community Buildings and Facilities Pledge

Pending
No activities directly connected to this pledge but this category covers heat light water in community buildings. Prior to COVID North Wales Police were incorporating 'green' elements into their upgrade of the Police and Town Hall building

2. The Transport Pledge

Pending
No activities directly connected to this pledge but this category covers carshare, cycle to work scheme, e-bikes scheme, active travel schemes, electric vehicles and electric vehicle charging

Work in Progress:

i. A grant application has been made for funding for two EV chargers in Water St carpark. (Progress currently stalled due to COVID)

Future considerations:

Staff cycle/e-bike to work scheme

Councillors walking/cycling to meetings (when face to face meetings re-commence)

3. Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Pledge

Achieved to date:

- ✓ i. Discontinued use of single use plastic for refreshments at meetings.
- ✓ ii. Installation of a plastic recycling bin for collection of plastic waste for recycling
- ✓ iii. Reduced paper consumption considerably by introducing iPads for use by Councillors at their meetings.
- iv. Any other kind of waste paper is shredded for recycling
- v. No longer distribute paper copies of the Newsletter to 5000 households by making it available on the town's website.
- vi. Installed a number of picnic tables and benches made from recycled materials for the enjoyment of the public in the town.
- vii. Funded a 4 way recycling bin on ~~Pensarn Prom~~ *Pentre mawr Park*

4. Local and Ethical Produce Pledge

Achieved:

- ✓ i. Committed to purchasing Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar for refreshments

5. The Environment and Nature Pledge

Achieved:

- i. Increase in biodiversity by installing 8 planters at various locations in the town
- ii. Increased biodiversity by installing 26 hanging baskets every year for 16 weeks
- iii. Increased biodiversity by installing a butterfly and bee garden in Pentre Mawr Park
- iv. Extended bio-diversity by installing a further 8 flower planters made from recycled materials in the town centre
- ✓ v. Purchased 'A' boards for the Promenade and Pentre Mawr Park which provide equipment to encourage passers-by to do a quick 2 minute litter pick on the beach or in the park (National Scheme #2minutebeachclean)

Mrs L Whalley

Deputy Clerk, Jan 2021

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The Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Pledge



Did you know...

- Enough plastic is thrown away each year to circle the Earth **4 times**
- **1.6 million tonnes** of bulky waste items are thrown out every year in the UK – more than half of these items could be reused

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- Bronze ✓
- **Recycling 1 glass bottle** saves enough energy to power a computer for 25 minutes

The Green Changes you can make

- ✓ Green Change 7 – Become a plastic-less or free community
- ✓ Green Change 8 – Recycle more in your community
- Green Change 9 – Recycle food related waste
- Green Change 10 – Introduce / operate a local community repair or share scheme
- Green Change 11 – Use local reuse charities and sign up to local [freecycle](#) and [reuse networks](#)

Who's already making the change?

- There are a few communities in Wales who are turning the tide on plastic – [find out more about plastic free communities here](#)
- There are more shops across North Wales that are becoming package free – [find your local zero waste shop here](#)
- To help increase recycling, [mobile recycling centres are now available to rural Conwy communities](#)
- There are organisations in Conwy and Denbighshire that provide recycling support services, such as [Crest in Conwy](#) and [Resources Recycling in Denbighshire](#)

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- Look at ways you can reduce single use plastic in your community – work with local shops to [sign up to Refill Wales](#) & become a refill station, investigate installing water fountains too
- Reuse or sharing schemes can be used for a variety of things – such as sharing tools and even using left over paint
- When safe to do so, look at hosting a [Repair Cafe](#) – a great way to give a new lease of life to electricals, upcycling furniture all while meeting people & learning new skills
- When safe to do so, look at hosting a jumble sale or shwopping event – helping to reduce unwanted clothing going to landfill
- Community composting is a great way to transform unwanted garden and food waste into compost that can be used in the community

Advice and Guidance

Here are some useful guides and advice for encouraging recycling and reducing waste –

- [Surfers Against Sewage](#) – provides [information to help communities become plastic free](#)
- [Recycle for Wales](#) – has information & [support about recycling know how](#)
- [Love Food Hate Waste](#) – has lots of information on how to reduce food waste
- [Social Farms & Gardens](#) – has a [resources pack for community composting](#)

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Here are some possible funding sources and details where you can access further specialist support – but remember there are more sources out there too...

- Lottery Community Fund – Provides information on [community grants available in Wales](#)
- [Funding Cymru – Funding portal](#) helping charities, community groups & social organisations find funding opportunities in their local area
- [Community & Voluntary Support Conwy](#) and [Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council](#) provide advice and support on funding opportunities

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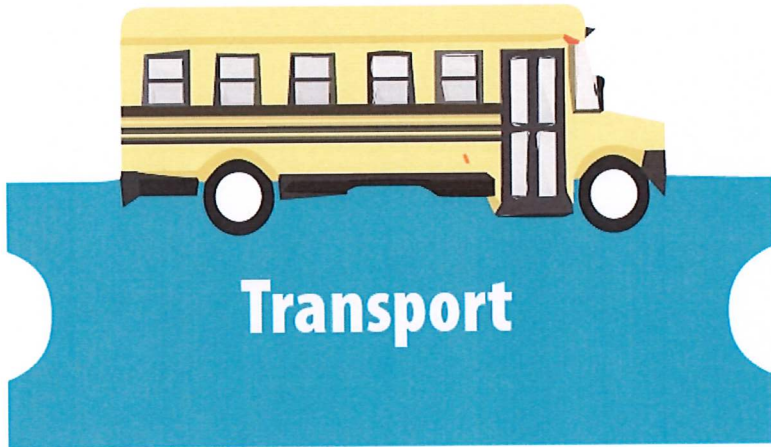
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The Transport Pledge



Did you know...

- There are 38.2 million vehicles licensed for use on UK roads
- Transport is Europe's biggest source of carbon emissions, contributing 27% to the EU's total CO2 emissions
- Two thirds of employees rely on the car to get  to work as a driver or passenger
- 48% of people in the UK use their car for journeys they could have completed in a

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more sustainable way at least once a week

The Green Changes you can make

- Green Change 4 – Operate a community transport scheme
- ✦ • Green Change 5 – Reduce car use
- Green Change 6 – Install electric car / bicycle charging points

Who's already making the change?

- More people are switching to electric cars – [find out how Corwen has set up an electric community car share club](#)
- [Communities in rural Conwy have benefited from an e-bike scheme](#) which reduced car usage & resulted in positive health impacts
- [You can find a map of electric charging points at Zap-Map](#)
- [Plan your journey by public transport using Traveline Cymru](#)
- ✦ • [The National Cycle Network](#) identifies 1,700 miles of safe & scenic walking and cycling routes in Wales

Ideas to help you on your way

- Where possible encourage community members to participate in active travel
- Facilitate a bicycle loaning scheme with community members – why not look into e-bikes too
- Explore the options for installing electric car charging ports in your community

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- When safe to do so, set up designated car parking spaces in your local area for people to car share

Advice and Guidance

Here are some useful guides and advice for encouraging sustainable travel and reducing emissions

Welsh Parliament – [A quick guide to community transport in Wales](#)

Community Transport Association Wales – [A toolkit for setting up a Community Transport service \(457.24 kB\)](#)

Energy Savings Trust – [A guide to electric vehicles](#)

We are Cycling UK – [A guide to public bike share schemes](#)

Funding and support

Here are some possible funding sources & details where you can access further specialist support – but remember there are more sources out there too...

- [Community & Voluntary Support Conwy](#) and [Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council](#) provide advice and support on funding opportunities
- Workplace Charging Scheme – [a voucher-based scheme that provides financial support towards the up-front costs of the purchase and installation of electric vehicle charging points](#)
- Lottery Community Fund – Provides information on [community grants available in](#)

Wales

- Funding Cymru – Funding portal helping charities, community groups & social organisations find funding opportunities in their local area

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The Environment and Nature Pledge



Did you know...

- 1 in 14 species in Wales is at risk of disappearing altogether
- It would cost UK farmers £1.8 billion a year to pollinate crops without bees
- 40% of the world's insect species is expected to become extinct by the end of the century –

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causing a catastrophic collapse of nature's ecosystem

The Green Changes you can make

- Green Change 15 – Manage a community green space to benefit wildlife & encourage biodiversity
- Green Change 16 – Reduce the amount of pesticides & fertilisers used in green spaces
- Green Change 17 – Recycle rain water
- Green Change 18 – Organise community

clean up and litter picking days

Who's already making the change?

- There are lots of good community green spaces projects happening across Conwy and Denbighshire – such as tree planting taking place in Denbighshire which will plant over 18,000 trees in the next 5 years!
- Farmers & landowners in Conwy have been working with Conwy Cynhalio! to responsibly dispose of unwanted chemicals
- The Green Flag Community Awards recognises volunteers managing parks and green spaces in Wales

Ideas to help you get started

- plant bee friendly plants & sign up to be a Bee Friendly Community
- cut the grass less frequently to provide pollen and nectar for insects. Sign up to No Mow

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could build this into all scope of work.
ATC could get a water butt - price start around £60
Provide bags for community use
part of the 2 min clean operation

price start around £60
+ Installation

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Zone and see what comes up in your grassland

- provide spaces for bird and bat boxes, as well as mini ponds to encourage insects
- plant trees
- When safe to do so, volunteer with local wildlife groups
- When safe to do so, invite speakers to inform community members on environmental matters

Advice and Guidance

Here are some useful guides to improve & manage green spaces for the benefit of the community & nature...

- North Wales Wildlife Trust – provides lots of ‘How to’ guides like [making spaces more wildlife friendly](#)
- Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) – have [Information on pesticides and wildlife](#)
- Llais y Goedwig – provides information and support in [setting up community woodlands](#)
- Social Farms and Gardens – supports communities to [improve green spaces in their local area](#)

Funding & Support

Here are some possible funding sources and details where you can access further specialist support – but remember there are more sources out there too...

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- Groundforce – Supports communities to access potential funding for [developing community green spaces](#)
- [Community & Voluntary Support Conwy](#) and [Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council](#) provide advice and support on funding opportunities
- Lottery Community Fund – Provides information on [community grants available in Wales](#)
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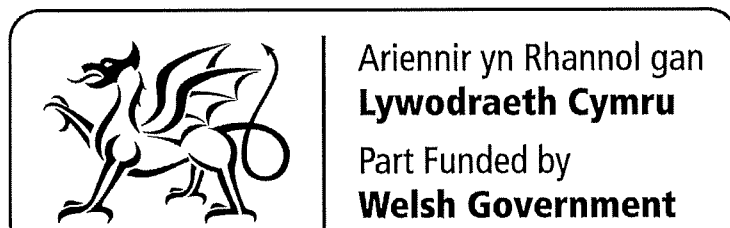


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A REFILL NATION

Now in its second year with full support of Welsh Government and water companies Dŵr Cymru and Hafren Dyfrdwy, Refill will substantially increase the availability of high- quality drinking water. It has never been easier to swap a single use plastic bottle for a taste of the rolling Welsh mountains.



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LESLEY GRIFFITHS, ENVIRONMENT MINISTER (WELSH GOVERNMENT)

SAYS:

"More Refill Stations along our coast and in our communities will help reduce the number of plastic bottles ending up in the sea, which can have a devastating effect on our marine environment. This is another step towards my ambition of Wales becoming the World's first 'Refill Nation'."

USEFUL LINKS

IMPORTANT GUIDANCE ON REFILLING SAFELY DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

The safety of our Refill Station's staff and customers is our number one priority. We want to support our Refill Stations as they start to reopen so, working with experts, we've developed this important guidance for offering water refills safely.

[Get the guidance - English](#)

[Get the guidance - Welsh](#)

Check the websites of the Welsh Water companies for detailed advice and guidance about Coronavirus:

[Hafren Dyfrdwy](#)

[Dwr Cymru](#)

We work closely with Visit Wales and support their current advice to 'Visit Wales Later' Our mountains and coastlines will still be here. Please stay at home and Visit Wales later.

MEET THE REFILL SCHEMES IN WALES

Get to know the community-powered Schemes who are bringing the Refill Revolution to Wales.

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REFILL PRESTATYN

Prestatyn is situated between the Irish Sea coast and Clwydian range of hills. It marks the start of Wales' nationally recognised trail, Offa's Dyke.



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REFILL TYWYN

Tywyn is a bustling seaside town in Gwynedd, they have a very close knit active community who work together to improve the local environment and to make the town a more pleasant place to visit.

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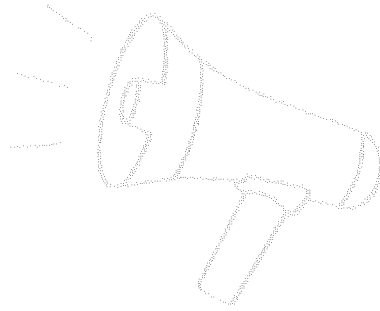
We know things are difficult out there and we are so grateful for the support of local businesses who are signed up to the Refill App. If you want to be a part of the Refill Revolution but are currently closed or finding it difficult at the moment we would still love for you to be involved. You can now make a pledge so when things become more settled and the world starts opening again you can join the Refill Revolution as soon as you are ready.

[Make your pledge](#)

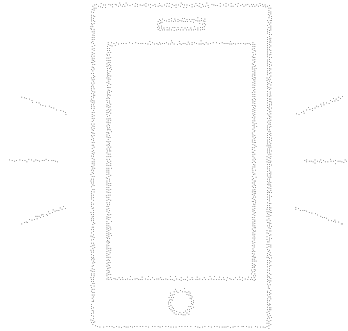
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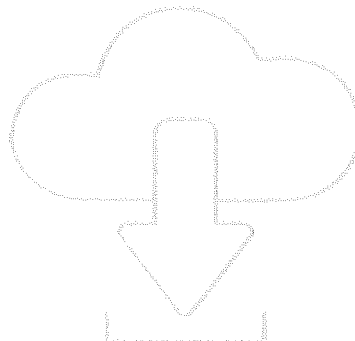
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Find your nearest Refill Scheme [here](#).



Put your tap on the map! Sign your business up to be a Refill Station [here](#).



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HERE IS OUR JOURNEY SO FAR!

2018

SUMMER

- Welsh Government announce their ambition for Wales to become the 'First Refill Nation'.
- Llantwit Major becomes Wales' first Refill Town.

AUTUMN



WINTER



2019

SPRING

- Refill Wales hits over 1000 Refill Stations on the Refill App.
- Hannah Osman and Dwr Cymru present a joint assembly and workshop for school children in Rhondda Cynon Taf.
- Refill Wales is included in the Wales Coast Path Toolkit, a free, on-line resource which has been designed to help coastal businesses market their business.
- Dwr Cymru install water refill stations at Hay Festival.

SUMMER



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- There are now over 60 Refill schemes in Wales.
- Welsh Government announce plans to ban single use plastic from next year.
- Refill Wales hits over 1800 Refill Stations on the Refill App.
- Refill Wales focuses on providing support for Visit Wales, water companies Dwr Cymru and Hafren Dyfrdwy and local businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

WE ARE THRILLED TO HAVE HIT OUR TARGETS TO REFILL THE WELSH COASTAL PATH!

Every large community now has an active Refill Scheme and Refill Stations can be found in every community along the [Welsh Coastal Path](#)! Hurrah!

We've even been included in the [Wales Coast Path Business Toolkit](#), a free marketing asset for businesses located along the Wales Coast Path! Check us out on page 40.

GET IN TOUCH

If you have any questions about Refill Wales and what's going on in that area please get in touch with Hannah, our National Coordinator.

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The Community Buildings & Facilities Pledge



Did you know...

- Lighting an average office overnight wastes enough energy to heat water for **1000** cups of tea
- Only **5%** of the power drawn by a phone

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- A 2°C increase in office temperature creates enough CO2 in a year to fill a hot air balloon

The Green Changes you can sign up to

- **Green Change 1** – cut out energy wastage (e.g. turn off lights, appliances, chargers and close windows)
- **Green Change 2** – use green energy
- **Green Change 3** – improve the energy efficiency of community buildings (such as lighting, heating and water)

Who’s already making the change?

- [Bro Cernyw Community Council](#) installed [solar panels](#) on to their public toilets in Llangernyw to heat the water & power the light and dryers
- Several communities in North Wales are investing in hydroelectricity schemes – [find out how Ynni Anafon Energy in Abergwyngregyn](#), [Corwen Electricity Co-operative](#) and [Partneriaeth Ogwen in Bethesda](#) made the change
- [National Trust](#) have been using [wool insulation](#) in some of their buildings for several years

Ideas to help you on your way

- Switch to LED light bulbs, this could reduce

- The Community Buildings & Facilities Pledge
- The Transport Pledge
- The Reduce, Reuse and Recycle Pledge
- The Local and Ethical Produce Pledge
- The Environment and Nature Pledge

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- Invest in insulation – this can save up to 80% in heating and cooling losses
- Replace old appliances to [energy efficient appliances](#) – this can help reduce your energy bills in the long term

Advice and Guidance

Here are some useful hints and tips to improve energy efficiency and explore energy generation ideas...

- **Nest** – [energy saving top tips](#)
- **Energy Saving Trust** – [information on generating renewable energy](#)
- **National Energy Action** – [checklist to assist communities in making decisions to reduce fuel costs & improve the environmental performance of community buildings and facilities \(880.96 kB\)](#)
- **Centre for Sustainable Energy** – has lots of [resources for improving community buildings and developing community-wide energy saving projects](#)

Funding and Support

Here are some potential funding sources & information where you can access specialist support. But remember there will be more funding sources out there...

- **Welsh Government Community Facility**

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- **Sustainable Communities Wales** – offers [free support and advice to communities across Wales to help improve the energy efficiency of the buildings they run](#)
- **Community & Voluntary Support Conwy** and **Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council** provide advice and support on funding opportunities
- **Lottery Community Fund** – Provides [information on community grants available in Wales](#)
- **Funding Cymru** – [Funding portal helping charities, community groups & social organisations find funding opportunities in their local area](#)
- **North Wales Energy Advice Centre** – a social enterprise that [provides impartial advice on any energy related issues and available grants](#)

Make the pledge to make a difference here

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The Local and Ethical Produce Pledge



Local and Ethical Produce

Did you know...

- 95% of our fruit comes from abroad
- Half of our vegetables are imported
- In 2019 the UK imported about **£6.6 billion** worth of meat products & exported about **£2.1 billion**
- The UK produces **60%** of what it needs to feed itself

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- While only **1%** of food is transported by air, it accounts for **11%** in carbon emissions

The Green Changes you can make

- * Green Change 12 – establish community allotments or orchards
- Green Change 13 – buy & use local seasonal produce *promote*.
- * Green Change 14 – when buying produce & products check your provider is doing their bit to be green

Who's already making the change?

- Conwy and Denbighshire support & promote local producers in the area through [the Clywdian Range Food Trail](#) and [the Conwy Naturiol food brand](#)
- There are lots of community groups running orchards across Conwy & Denbighshire – [visit the Orchard Network to find your local group](#)
- Find local Welsh food and drink providers by searching [the Food Innovation Wales producers directory](#)

Ideas to help you on your way

- Buy products from certified schemes, such as FairTrade, FSC Certified Wood, MSC Certified Seafood and Farm Assured Meat
- When safe to do so, share any spare fruit and vegetables that community members might be growing by having a designated community area for drop offs & pick ups

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- When safe to do so, remember that Community fridges are a great way for householders & organisations to share leftover food locally. It helps to build community trust & engagement and reduces food waste at the same time!

Advice and guidance

Here is some useful guidance to community led food growing, allotments and ways to minimise waste (such as composting and recycling) –

- Welsh Government provides [guidance for growers and growing groups](#)
- [Social Farm and Gardens](#) has lots of [information, including a useful community growing resource pack](#) detailing how to set up, develop & sustain growing spaces
- [Incredible Edible Network](#) has lots of [ideas, advice and resources for community growing projects](#)
- [Orchard Network](#) provides [top tips to setting up community orchards](#)
- Local councils are responsible for allocating allotments, find out more about [allotments in Conwy](#) and [allotments in Denbighshire](#) by visiting their websites

Funding and support

Here are some possible funding sources & details where you can access further specialist support – but remember there are more sources out there too...

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- [National Allotment Society – Provides information on possible funding sources for allotments](#)
- [Social Farms & Gardens – Provides information on possible funding sources for community growing schemes in Wales](#)
- [Lottery Community Fund – Provides information on community grants available in Wales](#)
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