

GERDDI BRO DDYFI GARDENS

England & Wales · Charity number 1199433

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2022-06-23

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: TO PROMOTE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INHABITANTS OF THE BRO DDYFI AREA THE PROVISION OF FACILITIES FOR RECREATION OR OTHER LEISURE TIME OCCUPATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE NEED OF SUCH FACILITIES BY REASON OF THEIR YOUTH, AGE, INFIRMITY OR DISABLEMENT, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES OR FOR THE PUBLIC AT LARGE IN THE INTERESTS OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND WITH THE OBJECT OF IMPROVING THE CONDITION OF LIFE OF THE SAID INHABITANTS.

Activities: We:- Provide and promote therapeutic Community Gardens for the local community.- Improve the physical and mental health of the local community,- Support and sustain wildlife habitats and promote biodiversity & sustainable land management

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, Environment/conservation/heritage
- **Who:** Children/young People, People With Disabilities, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Powys

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£13,797	£13,724	-	-
2024-03-31	£18,190	£28,643	-	-
2023-03-31	£17,777	£6,491	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANDREW JOHN MELVILLE		2025-09-02
SALLY RAE WOOF		2025-09-02
Sandra Bendelow		2025-09-02

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Gerddi Bro Ddyfi Gardens Annual Report

April 2024 – March 2025

Reports for small non-company charities

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Date when we adopted current legal status: 23/06/2022

Registration number: 199433

Address: Gerddi Bro Ddyfi Gardens, Plas Grounds, Machynlleth, SY20 8ER

Trustees: Sally Richards,.

Committee members: Katherine Hudson; Tom Brown; Anna Fisher; Daniel Mills; Andrew Melville, Norma McCarten

Structure and details of how managed including how it recruits Trustees

The charity is run by the current Trustee and six committee members. Monthly committee meetings are held to agree priorities and progress actions. Regular communications and smaller decisions are discussed over email and the Gerddi Committee WhatsApp.

Sadly, our dedicated and longstanding trustee, Mike Williams passed away last summer and trustee, Elenor Lamour had to step down at the beginning of this year.

We are in the process of recruiting new trustees, through advertising on social media, talking to local groups and organisations and through social networks and word of mouth.

Potential trustees are given the GBDG Trustee Pack to read through and are invited to the monthly garden open days where they can enjoy the gardens, observe how they benefit the volunteers and get to know committee members and volunteers in a relaxed and sociable way.

We hope to vote new trustees in on our AGM

Activities and objectives in the year

Guided by our Survey from last year, our objectives include:

Providing structured educational, social and therapeutic sessions in a wild life garden setting

Providing a space for the general public to enjoy for exercise, contemplate. play socialise and dog walking.

Provide space for other like-minded groups to carry out activities, such as the Moth group and PTHB Come to Your Senses

Activities - What we are doing Now.

Weekly Volunteer gardening every Tuesday Morning

This is an informal social gathering of individuals who do invaluable work to maintain the gardens. This can be weeding, maintaining the paths, and ensuring every plant has space to flourish. A record of volunteers are kept. Any more major work can be noted for discussion in the committee meetings and ways of managing them either on the Monthly Saturday volunteer gardening open day or by calling in specialists..

Monthly Open Garden day for garden Maintenance

Developing on from our pilot weekend sessions these have continued throughout the year with success. This included our celebratory scything day which is always well attended as well as enjoyable nature based workshops facilitated by a variety of artists in garden craftwork, such as making bird feeders out of willow.

Activities and Achievements of the Year.

Sessions with Cyfle Newydd -

After some trial sessions, we ran successful afternoons with Cyfle Newydd, the local day centre for people with learning disabilities, until the weather was too cold for the client group to be able to participate safely. Due to changes in staffing we have not been able to resume this activity yet. However, there was a productive meeting with the manager of Cyfle Newydd. The feedback about the sessions was very positive with reports on how the service users benefited from the change of environment and meeting new people and how much they enjoyed it. For the future there was a discussion about applying for grant funding to provide sessions for a broader range of people with health and well being needs which the Cycle Newydd services users could book in to. This would develop their opportunity to build new skills and socialise in with a broader range of people in a nurturing outdoor environment.

Herbs for Healing

The beginning of this year saw the end of Herbs for Healing group. This successful project had invited medical herbalists of the area who provided education on the benefits of Herbs and how to prepare home based remedies. This was an opportunity for like minded people to come together and share their knowledge and one member has used the group for her Masters dissertation. There is still a flourishing Apothecary Bed within the gardens which volunteers continue to tend. In response to requests from those who attended, we are currently in conversation with a new local herbalist group with a view to collaborating on a new herb based project.

Social Media

A great deal of work was put in to developing the Gerddi Bro Ddyfi website and in creating an active Face Book and Instagram page where news of the gardens and events are posted. Many have "liked" and shared the gorgeous photos of wildlife from the gardens.

Unsung Hero Award with Springwatch.

We were delighted when one of our long standing and dedicated volunteers, Sally Woof, who had been nominated by Fern, won the BBC Springwatch Unsung Hero Award. The BBC came to film the gardens and the people in it and then in June, Fern and Sally went to Dorset for Sally to receive the award from Chris Packham and ?. This was a great opportunity to acknowledge all the hard work and wisdom that Sally has put in to the gardens over the years.

Stalls at community Events - eg Edible Mach Harvest Festival

Display of craftwork made from dried flowers of the meadow and herbaceous borders

Sale of plants

Awareness raising

Use of the gardens by other groups - collaboration

Come to your Senses

This project, run by the Powys Teaching Health Board in July, used the community gardens for the school children (Norma can you add something here?)

Moth Night

We hosted this moth survey run by the Montgomeryshire Moth Group in October which was very well attended. This was a fascinating opportunity to record the moths who appear in the gardens at night. Various moth attracting lights were installed and people were shown how trap and identify the moths under the guidance of experts. All moths were released once identified.

Lino Print workshop

In late Autumn, this was run by with Artist Veronica Calcero where students were encouraged to go in to the gardens for inspiration for their work.

For the winter, we agreed to reduce the weekly volunteer sessions to longer monthly sessions on a Saturday. In fact this move opened up the gardens to volunteers who would not normally be able to participate on a weekday. It also provided opportunities for families to attend and the nature-based workshops, camp fire and food have provided an informal and sociable attraction.

Wild Life Signs

Using funding from a grant (which one?) some illustrated signs with explanations of certain features in the gardens were made and installed on the edge of the beds. This gives an added educational opportunity for visitors and helps to explain the wild life friendly methods we use, such as leaving the beds messy and scything the meadow.

£5000 grant from CLA

John Mason memorial fund
£5000 from Private Donor

Challenges

This year we lost some much valued friends to the gardens. Our dedicated Trustee, Mike Williams passed away; Geraint a valued volunteer who brought sunshine into the gardens with his sense of humour and hard work also passed away. Our long standing Trustee Elenor has stepped down - a person who brought balance, insight and perspective to our meetings. Our energetic and creative volunteer coordinator and manager Fern, moved on to do other work, but returns to volunteer in the gardens on our Saturday open days. Jeanette has also moved on. She was another great contributor to our meetings where she shared wisdom and experience as well as supporting Fern during the volunteer days by facilitating creative nature based craft work and developing our website and our social media profile.

As with previous years, we have had the effects of extreme weather conditions, including floods and drought.

With the gardens being open to the public all day and night, we have experienced a moderate amount of vandalism. This has perhaps been less devastating due to the more vandal proof structures, such as metal benches secured by concrete, which can not be thrown about or set on fire. Despite this volunteers have needed to collect up broken glass and even repair a puncture in the pond caused by a broken bottle.

Time spent on grant applications

It has been disheartening that despite time spent on writing very good grant applications we have not been so successful this year. This could be explained by the emergence of similar groups in the area in recent years, who are chasing the same grants. We hope to turn this in to opportunities through collaboration with those groups by providing our unique and well established space as well finding a new niche.

Survey - What does our Community want?

We shall be studying the last survey carried out at the beginning of 2024 and doing a new one to gather further ideas.

Highlights from the previous survey indicated how much the garden is appreciated for its accessibility - it is open 24 hours every day and is within level walking distance of the town centre, therefore its unique qualities provides a quiet space for contemplation, play, dog walking or to meet up with friends. More structured nature-based therapeutic activities for well being are also highly appreciated. We aim to repeat our survey and gather more information in different ways to gain evidence what the community needs.

A fresh Start!

The GBDG has been running for 14 years and has gently evolved with the contributions of many people. We are at a point where new Trustees and committee members can bring a fresh approach. Whatever the changes of people and the alterations made to meet new

needs, the gardens, which came out of land overgrown by Rhododendron, presents as a resilient, positive and versatile space for nature and the community.

In the last year, volunteers and committee members have put a lot of energy in to maintaining the gardens and regenerating new ideas . These will become apparent with the recruitment of new trustees and fund raising projects to take the gardens forwards.

Finance

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE
Year Ended 31/03/2024

	2025 FUNDS			Unrestricted
	Unrestricted	Restricted	TOTAL	£
INCOME FROM				
Donations	5809	0	5809	1988
Fundraising	2351	0	2351	1495
Grants	1110	4527	5637	1005
TOTAL	9270	4527	13797	4488
EXPENDITURE ON				
Gardeners/Workshop leaders	5870	5126	10996	6662
Accountancy fees	300	400	700	694
Admin and IT	741	60	801	485
Y Plas Rent	196	0	196	294
Garden Maintenance & Vol Exps	928	103	1031	2095
TOTAL	8035	5689	13724	10230
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	1235	-1162	73	-5,742
BALANCE B/F	2334	4271	6605	8076
FUNDS C/F	3569	3109	6678	2334

0

Restricted TOTAL

£	£
0	1988
0	1495
11801	12806
11801	16289
14628	21290
0	694
0	485
0	294
3746	5841
18374	28604
-6573	-12,315
10844	18920
4271	6605

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Address: Gerddi Bro Ddyfi Gardens, Plas Grounds, Machynlleth, SY20 8ER

Trustees: Eleanor Larmour, Sally Richards, Mike Williams¹.

Committee members: Katherine Hudson; Tom Brown; Jeanette Gray; Anna Fisher; Fern Towers

Structure and details of how managed including how it recruits Trustees

The charity is managed by the Trustee team of 3 Trustees, 4 committee members and two paid staff. Monthly committee meetings are held to agree priorities and progress actions. Regular communications and smaller decisions are discussed over email.

Trustees are recruited by approaching all interested parties to advertise the role and via online adverts on social media channels. Potential Trustees are initially invited to attend some committee meetings and are later asked to become a Trustee if they are a suitable fit. A wider network of 22 people who provide ad hoc or specialist assistance with particular jobs.

Activities and objectives in the year

Continuation of core drop-in service

- These sessions ran on Tuesdays between 10:30am – 4pm, taking only 2 weeks off over the Christmas period.
- These informal sessions provided wellbeing support through the chance for attendees to socialise and engage in rewarding nature-based activity. These attendees bring diverse expertise in horticulture, crafts, biodiversity, and forest gardening, which enriches the entire project.
- 21 individuals attended drop-in sessions in total. We had 32 referrals and enquires – not all of which materialised into regular attendance, but good to show we are in referral networks. Referrals came from: the

¹ This report was finalised in October 2024. Mike Williams sadly passed away in August 2024, but he was an active trustee between 2023-2024, and so is included in this report.



local psychiatric nurse, Trwydd Iach; Kaleidoscope; Cyfle Newydd and local social media networks.

- Funded by a mix of sources: Bro Dyfi Renewables grant, D'Oyly Carte Charitable Trust and private donations.

Herbs for Healing group

- We launched our National Lottery funded project 'Herbs for Healing' on Tuesday 11th April 2023, which lasted for 12 months and consisted of 27 sessions lead by a variety of expert workshop leaders (25 of these sessions occurred during the time of this report).
- These sessions were hugely popular, attracting a new group of interest in the gardens. 60 predominantly female members signed up, aged between 20 and 80. One attendee shared *"I always came away feeling inspired and generally much cheerier than when I arrived! Thanks for being so welcoming and inclusive, I really appreciated being able to come along with the kids"*.
- A community of interest is being sustained by an active WhatsApp group chat, and the conducting of an evaluative Masters research project by attendee and committee member Kat Hudson.

BioBlitz festival

- Second time we ran this large public event, another great success, bringing together enthusiastic locals and passionate visitors (some from as far as south Wales!).
- Funded by Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust's Nextdoor Nature project.
- A series of walks and talks highlighting the rich biodiversity of this town. Highlights include juvenile spotted flycatchers and blackcaps, pregnant woodmice, baby newts, a dazzling array of beetles and 95 species of moth (including some that are rare in the area, like the Hemp Agrimony Plume Moth). 349 species were counted in total, with approximately 100 visitors attending.
- Stalls were present to highlight local biodiversity issues of the area, including the Welsh Beaver Project, Bumblebee Conservation Trust, the Dyfi Biosphere Swift Project and a selection of local projects.

Developing the site

- Grant received from Powys Local Places for Nature Scheme. To develop our forest-garden food growing opportunities and our wider accessibility.
- This grant of £3,787.70 allowed us to: Create a visually attractive forest garden; Install 5 new information signs to educate visitors about our wildlife-friendly approach; and fit 3 new durable, vandal-proof benches.
- Installation of final sculpture as part of Ashley Family Foundation grant in September 2023 - along with mushroom cultivation workshop (all led by James Davies).



Piloting community volunteer days

- Recognising that attendees of therapeutic sessions are not always able to contribute to demanding physical jobs which need done in the gardens, we piloted weekend community volunteer days to attract a wider range of attendees and share the sense of stewardship towards the gardens.
- We did 2 highly successful sessions, with 17 attendees helping to put up new information signs. Lots of positive conversation about how more days like this were wanted.

Developing relationship with Cyfle Newydd day centre

- In November 2023 we began dialogue with staff of the Cyfle Newydd day centre in Machynlleth, to develop ideas for sessions we could run for their service users (who have a variety of learning and physical disabilities).
- We conducted taster sessions for them between November 2023 and April 2024, with approximately 20 of their service users. This developed into a regular, weekly session on Tuesday afternoons. Cyfle Newydd's manager Duncan Oliver praised our sessions for fostering community connections and addressing diverse needs: *"I really do love the opportunity my service users have, to meet likeminded individuals in their community. They are diagnosed with learning disabilities and some physical disabilities. They, like anybody else, have social, physical, and other stimulatory needs which includes making friends, talking about interesting topics, going out, feeling sunshine on their skin, etc. I love that even though reaching out to others can be tricky, you are actively creating a safe space for them to come and do some activities"*.
- These sessions have helped us to achieve our goals of providing therapeutic sessions for the community, and their goals of getting service users out into the community, rather than attending activities in day centre only.

Conducting community consultation

- As part of our fundraising efforts, we began extensive community consultation in January 2023 - which included sharing a survey, attending public and organisational networking events, and a range of informal conversations with visitors.
- Our survey received 92 submissions. Feedback underscored the significant value of the space to the community. For instance, one person remarked that *"I don't really have the right type of body/energy to contribute as a volunteer but I love the community gardens so much and want to be able to visit and sit somewhere comfortably and enjoy it in all weathers. It's a really important part of what makes Mach wonderful, I want it to keep going and growing and becoming more wonderful!"*. 88.5% of respondents said that visiting to enjoy the gardens is important to them.



- Others remarked how much this space was a vital part of their daily lives: *"This place is such a gift...I've been coming here for years and love it"*. A lot of feedback highlighted the importance of accommodating individuals who do not attend weekday sessions either due to their work schedule, lack of unmet wellbeing needs, or simply their desire to enjoy the gardens and participate in the community in other ways.
- What people want more of: Art and craft workshops: 70.3%; Structured sessions to promote wellbeing: 61.7%; Wildlife workshops: 69.1%; Community events: 65.4%; Children's activities: 49.3%
- Challenges identified: 14% of respondents would like more shelter, plus many more mentions of this anecdotally!; Better paths – prevent flood damage; More seating; Better signage; Better advertising to avoid missing sessions.
- 22% of community members surveyed consider themselves to have a disability. Our consultation underscored the lack of consistent nature-based therapy/social prescribing options within Machynlleth, with other available activities being sporadically funded and short-term, while requiring travel to remote areas.

Achievements and performance including reporting on its public benefit

Public benefit:

- *Drop-in sessions* continued weekly, attended by 22 people in total (with varying degrees of regularity). A big achievement to have continued delivering this regular offering, without any large grants.
- *Volunteers* gave approximately 371 hours of time to the project this year.
- *The garden space*: Open 24/7, the gardens continued to mature with a variety of engaging habitats and spaces to showcase wildlife gardening, drawing 88.5% of surveyed visitors who simply come to enjoy the beauty of this space. Approximately 80 visitors came to the gardens each day, being incredibly popular with dog walkers and those seeking a quiet space to be. Lots of positive feedback received about how the space is cherished as a community resource.
- *Our environmental credentials*: We again received the Green Flag Award from Keep Wales Tidy this year.
- *Herbs for Healing*: Group growing of 60 people on the mailing list keeping up to date with the group, with each session having between 8-14 attendees.
- *Other community groups making use of the site*: Junior Herbalists Club, Dyfi Samba, Cubs and Scouts and Coed Lleol.
- *Site developments*: container continues to provide space and resources for community groups to use and is being gradually developed as we add more facilities to it.

The Local Places for Nature grant has enhanced the forest garden



and overall accessibility of the site, evidenced by lots of conversational feedback with visitors. 13 volunteers contributed 45 hours to this project.

- *Wide catchment of benefit:* our consultation revealed a large engagement catchment beyond Machynlleth itself, encompassing: Abercegir, Abergynolwyn, Aberhosan, Aberystwyth, Borth, Bow Street, Cemmaes, Commins Coch, Corris, Cwrt, Derwenlas, Eglwys Fach, Forge, Garth, Glantwymyn, Llangurig, Llanbryn-mair, Melin-Byrhedyn, Pantperthog, Penegoes, Pennal, Tal-y-Bont, Taliesin, Trawsfynydd, Tre'r Ddol and Tywyn.

Networking

- Building links with local organisations: Credu, Cyfle Newydd, George McIndoe Allotment Association; Coed Lleol, Edible Mach, Ecodyfi, Tir Coed, Gelli Deg, Blwm.
- Participation in Coed Lleol's outdoor health feasibility study, along with other local wellbeing organisations. Agreement that having a social prescribing coordinator would be enormously useful to coordinate all outdoor health referrals in area.
- In November 2023 we began dialogue with the George McIndoe Allotment Association and reached an agreement that a sheltered growing space would be designated for us in their secure allotment site, as part of their Gerddi Y Plas project.
- Our online presence further extends our community, with 209 newsletter subscribers, 1.4K Facebook followers, and 332 Instagram followers contributing remotely through donations, content sharing, and idea suggestions
- Network of 22 volunteers who provide ad hoc maintenance support.
- Lots of community donations - e.g., of plants, tools, raffle prizes or money.





Finance

- Developed new fundraising strategy, encouraging a wider range of income sources. Successfully attracted more private donations this year, reducing dependency on grants alone.
- Community fundraising: successful Crowdfunder for Save our Oak raised over £1,000 from 53 individuals to support maintenance work on a beloved oak tree.

Financial review including any debt and details of reserves policy (if applicable)

No debt.

Details of any funds held as a custodian Trustee

None

Gerddi Bro Ddyfi Gardens Annual Accounts 1st April 2023 – 31st March 2024

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2024			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024
	£	£	£
INCOME FROM			
Donations	1,988	-	1,988
Fundraising	1,495	-	1,495
Grants	1,005	11,801	12,806
	4,488	11,801	16,289



EXPENDITURE ON			
Gardeners/Workshop Leaders	6,662	14,628	21,290
Accountancy Fees	694	-	694
Admin and IT	485	-	485
Y Plas Rent	294	-	294
Garden Maintenance & Vol Exps	2,095	3,746	5,841
	10,230	18,374	28,604
NET INCOME/EXPENDITURE	(5,742)	(6,573)	(12,315)
BALANCE B/F	8,076	10,844	18,920
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	2,334	4,271	6,605

BALANCE SHEET			
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MARCH 2024			
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024
	£	£	£
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	-	-	-
Cash at bank and in hand	2,334	4,271	6,605
CREDITORS			
Amounts falling due within one year	-	-	-
NET CURRENT ASSETS	2,334	4,271	6,605

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Trustees: Donna Pybis (chair), Eleanor Larmour, Angela Paxton, Sally Richards, Mike Williams, Jeanette Gray

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Trustees

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Activities and objectives in the year

Rounding up Growing Together

- This National Lottery Community Fund project at the end of September 2022. Until which date we ran two weekly therapeutic gardening sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and ran a series of popular monthly workshops open to the public (the list of which can be seen below).

Planning for the future

- In the winter, we reduced drop-in sessions to just Thursdays 1pm-4pm. These have been consistently well attended, with a core group of around 5 volunteers attending each week.
- Over the winter we developed fundraising strategy, write several funding applications, and designed a plan year ahead.

New beginnings in 2023

- We were successful in multiple fundraising efforts (details below in fundraising section).
- This allowed us to begin our Herbs for Healing group, which has got off to a successful start. With around 45 active members of the group's mailing list/WhatsApp group, sessions have on average had 10 people attending each time. Bringing a new, different group of beneficiaries to the gardens.

- Money raised to now hire a second staff member, to restart the Tuesday drop-ins.

Achievements and performance including reporting on its public benefit

Public benefit:

- Drop-in sessions continue: add numbers, activities done.
- Herbal group
- Other community groups: Blwm, Bushcraft, Junious Herbalists Club (from sept)
- Average visitors to the gardens each day. Lots of positive feedback
- Site developments – public benefit
- BioBlitz: event and sculptures
- Positive change in vandalism – barely any recorded at all this year.
Removal of shelter a very positive step, getting lots of community feedback that the gardens feel safer now.

Workshops delivered:

- Whittling Workshop, 23rd June
- 17 wildlife activities over 24 hours at Bioblitz event eg. moth night, bats, dawn chorus, mammal trapping, hymenoptera, mosses and lichens. 25th-26th June.
- ‘Summer School’ workshops with Year 8, Ysgol Bro Hyddgen Uwchradd: 8th June, 15th June, 22nd June, 29th June (Powys Training Health Board).
- Wildlife Graffiti workshop with GCSE Art pupils from Ysgol Bro Hyddgen Uwchradd, 13th July.
- Bridge building with Year 10 pupils from Ysgol Bro Hyddgen Uwchradd, 13th July.
- Scything workshop with Anita O’Flynn, at Scything Fair, 13th August.
- Make a wildlife pond, 16th August.
- Wildlife art drawing and collage workshop. 19th August.
- Children’s Clay workshop. 23rd August.
- Wood carving workshops . 25th and 30th August.
- Children’s wildlife mini bug sculpture and floral crown workshop. 13th September.
- Living Sculpture Workshop, Saturday 24th September.
- Winter Warmer, Saturday 3rd December 2023
- Forest Bathing, Thursday 23rd March
- Herbs for Healing group, commenced Tuesday 11th April

Networking

- Different organisations offering to give referrals: Ecodyfi, Kaleidoscope 68, Cyfle Cymru
- BioBlitz, working with town council and MBG

- Mailing List: subscribers, feedback
- Market stalls
- Social Media: likes always increasing
- Started membership.
- Donations from community – tools from Vinci Facilities, Dolau Dyfi, multiple offers from people in the community.
- Corporate volunteers: Vinci Facilities brought 3 staff members to help us lay a new gravel path at the gardens. Our volunteers enjoyed working with them, and Vinci have said they would like to return again this year.

Fundraising

- Successfully raised x amounts of funds – a large private donation, a donation from the Premier League, and a National Lottery Awards for All grant, add table
- Total income £17,777

Financial review including any debt and details of reserves policy (if applicable)

No debt.

We aim to have a reserve amount of £3,000.

Details of any funds held as a custodian Trustee

none

Financial Summary

Income and Expenditure GBDG Core	
Income	
Donations	5,739.08
Powys SLA	1,040.40
Summer Project	1,887.50
Herbs for Healing Project	9,110.00
Total	17,776.98
Expenditure	
Gardeners	5,174.65
Rent	328.75
Other	987.73
Total	6,491.13