

# Making a Difference in Powys

## Year 1 October 2023- March 2024

Completed Year 1 projects funded through the Shared Prosperity  
Fund - 'Making a Difference in Powys'



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# UK Shared Prosperity Fund

PAVO were awarded £450,000 over two years (£200,000 in Year 1 and £250,000 in Year 2 )to grow the capacity of local organisations to deliver new activities that address the priorities for investment identified under the Communities and Place theme of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in Powys.

We ran a competitive Year 1 grant funding round in October 2023; 39 Third Sector Organisations submitted bids for £633,590.25 we allocated £200,000 to 16 different Third Sector Organisations working in Powys to spend by the end of March 2024.

The following slides show how the money was spent in Year 1 and some of the outcomes achieved.

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# Awarded funding

'artbeat Brecon	£4,671.95
Arts Connection – Cyswllt Celf	£1,960.50
Cultivate (Cwm Harry) Cyfyngedig	£19,067.00
Cyngor ar Bopeth Powys Citizens Advice	£6,102.00
Flora Cultura	£12,524.61
Josef Herman Foundation	£9,800.00
L.L.A.N.I Ltd	£10,000.00
Llais y Goedwig	£20,000.00
Menter Iaith Maldwyn	£23,049.00
Oswestry Community Action (Qube)	£11,267.29
Peak Cymru (working name of Peak – Art in the Black Mountains Ltd)	£15,000.00
Rhayader Town Council working with Rhayader 2000 Ltd	£5,832.85
The Friends of The Royal Welsh Regimental Museum.	£8,510.00
The Judge's Lodging Trust	£13,562.00
THREE COCKS MATTERS COMMUNITY GROUP (TCMCG)	£14,428.60
Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare and Community Hall Trust Ltd	£25,000.00

# Year 1 October 2023 to March 2024 Headlines

9,896 additional  
people engaged

13,191  
Project  
Beneficiaries

107  
Community  
led  
programmes  
delivered

131 Local  
events  
supported

263 Volunteering opportunities  
387 Volunteers  
2183 Volunteer hours

## Organisation: 'artbeat Brecon

**Project: Life Music Training and musical activities in a nursing home in Brecon to increase inclusivity, instil enjoyment and fun into everyday life in a care home.**



**'artbeat Brecon have spent £4,671.95 in the Brecon area delivering inclusive musical activities for residents of care homes using the Lifemusic Method. Local musicians, healthcare workers and management have come together in an inclusive non-judgmental way that has helped peoples well-being, communication skills, self-confidence and emotional literacy.**

# Organisation: Arts Connection – Cyswllt Celf

## Project: Cerfluino Vyrnwy

Arts Connection – Cyswllt Celf have spent £1,960.50 in the Lake Vyrnwy/Llanfyllin area delivering an ambitious art, craft, and sculpture project that has brought together the entire community in a celebration of creativity, collaboration, and cultural expression. This has helped revitalise the area and attract tourism to an area not as well-known as the Brecon Beacons but as equally attractive.

**“I didn’t know what to expect I was only a participant really. I can’t help rolling my sleeves up though, so enjoyed the further participation because of this”.**





# Organisation: Cultivate (Cwm Harry) Cyfyngedig

## Project: Growing Food Together



Cultivate have spent £18,384.78 in Newtown delivering through experiential learning of how to grow fresh, nutritious fruit and vegetables from seed, and by teaching people through demonstration how to cook fresh, nutritious food on a budget. Helping reduce the impact of the cost of living crisis and improving people's quality of life. Active travel to our site in Newtown has been promoted to enable more people to access growing and cooking activity opportunities.

*“By working with key partners and bringing people to our 2.5 acre site, communities have been connected, community cohesion and a pride in place have been built”.*

**“When we discovered that the elderly were inhibited from chopping by arthritis, etc, we simplified and shared out tasks such that they still felt valuable and able to participate.”**

**“I make pasta dishes on my own but this is the first meal I have made on myself without any help.”**

**‘I learnt to make refried beans’**



**With children it is especially nice to watch them eat and enjoy vegetables they thought they did not like .”**



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# Organisation: Cyngor ar Bopeth Powys Citizens Advice

## Project: CA Powys Community Outreach Access



I have just today received some of the new leaflets which give the opportunity to refer to the new joint working scheme between CAB and PCC

Cyngor ar Bopeth Powys Citizens Advice have spent £6,102.00 across the whole of Powys delivering a new Citizens Advice Outreach service across a range of locations in Powys. The Community Outreach project has ensured that their advice service is meeting the needs of households and individuals across Powys. Cyngor ar Bopeth Powys Citizens Advice has worked with local communities to research, identify need, co-design, develop, review and establish the new service that will provide a regular, in-person, key point of access.

**Organisation: Flora Cultura**  
**Project: Flora Cultura**



It felt exciting to do something new.

Flora Cultura have spent £12,561.88 In Talgarth and Bronllys delivering gardening activities and associated crafts in a social group to improve well being. The practice of horticulture has given purpose, brings new skills and created a feeling of empowerment for clients with complex needs.



**Organisation: Joseph Herman Foundation Cymru Trust Ltd**

**Project: Josef Herman Foundation Heritage Trail and website development programme**



**The Joseph Herman Foundation Cymru Trust Ltd have spent £9,852.56 In Ystradgynlais delivering the development of their heritage trails around Ystradgynlais and Diamond Park nature areas, supporting our Heritage Trail App, printing new and revised Heritage trail booklets and a new guided walks programme**

  
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Organisation: L.L.A.N.I Ltd

Project: CARP Crown and Anchor Regeneration Project



L.L.A.N.I Ltd have spent £9,047.05 in Llanidloes delivering the initial steps in placing the historic but now sadly closed Crown and Anchor public house at the centre of a regeneration project that will give the pub a new lease of life as a community hub, by scoping up the potential uses and adaptations required to secure its future as an asset owned and enjoyed by

Organisation: Llais y Goedwig  
Project: Deall y Dail ( Understand the Leaves)

“We’ve reached a saturation point of people who are both local and available.”

“How about a Part time (funded) volunteer coordinator is employed to work at several sites, on rotation?”

Llais y Goedwig have spent £20,000 In community's across Powys delivering volunteer potential in woodlands across Powys through working with 14 community woodland groups and tree-based organisations to identify gaps in their resources and understanding the local barriers to community volunteering using action research to create bespoke action plans.

## Organisation: Menter Iaith Maldwyn

### Project: Celebrating the Treasures of Montgomery

Menter Iaith Maldwyn have spent £23,049.00 in the Meifod area delivering cross-generational art workshops with communities and freelance artists and a series of guided tours and information leaflets in association with May 2024's Urdd's National Eisteddfod being held in Maldwyn. Which has provided an unparalleled opportunity to celebrate the youth of our locality and to take pride in our heritage and rich culture while attracting visitors from all over Wales to the Eisteddfod who have been given a warm welcome and hopefully want to return to further explore the area.

**Ddaru ni ddod a'r gymuned at ei gilydd yn neuadd Penybontfawr i ddylunio arwyddion i roi ar ochr y ffordd. Roedd amrywiaeth o bobl ac oedrannau wedi dod.**

**We brought the community together in Penybontfawr hall to design signs to put on the side of the road. A variety of people of all ages came.**



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Mi wnes i a Hazel weithio gyda'r artist Bethan Page i gynllunio'r prosiect, a dewis mewn pa ffurf oedd yr arwyddion yn mynd i gymryd a lle roedden ni am planio arddangos nhw yn Penybontfawr.

Hazel and I worked with the artist Bethan Page to plan the project, and choose what form the signs were going to take and where we wanted to plan to display them in Penybontfawr.



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# Organisation: Oswestry Community Action (Qube)

## Project: Better Together



Oswestry Community Action (Qube) have spent £11,267.29 in the Llanfyllin area delivering warm space and transport to it to help individuals who find it difficult to help make ends meet learn a new skill in a safe and non-judgemental setting within their own community. Participants have been engaged with their own community by being encouraged to leave their homes make new friendships which has helped their mental and physical well-being.



“Mr G enjoyed all of the sessions and commented on the variety each week”.

“His favourite activity was the ‘Music Anywhere’ session where we had a local musician come to the group to do some group singing and Mr G particularly enjoyed the Fleetwood Mac songs”.

“The most important aspect was being able to feel part of a group and he enjoyed having somewhere new to go each week”.



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**Organisation: Peak Cymru (working name of Peak – Art in the Black Mountains Ltd)**  
**Project: Our Plot / Ein Llain**

Peak Cymru have spent £15,000.00 in Crickhowell delivering a community garden, planted with trees, vegetables, herbs and flowers, towards increasing biodiversity at Yr Hen Ysgol researched and co-designed by Young People (14-30 years). The new garden is an accessible site for practical, creative and restorative learning and community activity, providing resources for mental health recovery, food for staff, collaborators and young people, reducing waste and as a tool for positive climate action that roots global themes in our local patch.





“For me, a success of the workshops was having the hands-on experience of sewing seeds during the first workshop

It was a great opportunity to become familiar with growing and collaborate with the other participants,

It made me feel a sense of belonging.



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# Organisation: Rhayader Town Council working with Rhayader 2000 Ltd

## Project: Rhayader Town Champion; Engaging the Community

Rhayader Town Council working with Rhayader 2000 Ltd have spent £ 5,501.25 in Rhayader delivering a series of consultation events to assess whether the Town needs a Town Champion as suggested by Powys CC. A comprehensive community engagement programme was developed and delivered asking residents there views and the result including from social media have been collated into a single document.

**Engaging on a one to one basis with residents, businesses and organisations worked well, it gave people the opportunity to input views as originally set out in the project plan.**





**Organisation: The Friends of The Royal Welsh Regimental Museum.**

**Project: The Goodwill Festival: Celebrating the Welsh and KwaZulu Natal Shared Heritage**



The Friends of The Royal Welsh Regimental Museum. have spent £8,076.52 in Brecon delivering art workshops in local schools in preparation for a four-day Zulu Festival will take place in July 2024.

  
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# Organisation: The Judge's Lodging Trust

Project: The Judge's Lodging: constructing a viable community resource – bridging the gap



For myself, it meant that I had a fresh and enthusiastic pair of eyes to look at our marketing ideas, and discuss ideas with.

The Judge's Lodging Trust have spent £13,562.00 in Presteigne delivering revenue funding to keep the visitor attraction running whilst a long term income stream involving turning part of the building into holiday lets is built. A part time marketing member of staff has been employed over the winter months to encourage out of season use and build up market presence ready for the summer, something they've not been able to do in previous years.



# Organisation: THREE COCKS MATTERS COMMUNITY GROUP (TCMCG)

## Project: Designing Three Cocks Nature and Play areas



**THREE COCKS MATTERS COMMUNITY GROUP (TCMCG) have spent £14,723.11 in Three Cocks engaging the community in helping design new green and play spaces in conjunction with an assessment of the local biodiversity so that the area can be developed with fauna and flora protected.**



**Organisation: Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare and Community Hall Trust Ltd**  
**Project: Architectural Feasibility Study / The Welfare - Ystradgynlais - Y Neuadd Les**



**Ystradgynlais Miners Welfare and Community Hall Trust Ltd have spent £24,966.00 in Ystradgynlais delivering a professional architects feasibility study into how a much loved and well used community building dating back 90 years can be brought up to date to continue to be a focus of community activity.**