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**Conwy Community Regeneration Key Fund received £4.9million from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.**

Applications were invited from community-focused organisations to deliver projects that would address local need.

In total, 70 projects in Conwy were awarded funding, and the UKSPF Conwy Community Regeneration Key Fund has supported the regeneration of our local communities by helping these local groups, public organisations, and enterprises to take a leading role in improving their local areas environmentally, economically, socially and culturally.

The Key Fund was led by Conwy County Borough Council and provided grants to enable the distribution of the UKSPF funding at a local level, for smaller projects identified at a community level.

*“The Community Regeneration Key Fund has made it possible for funding to be distributed across the county to make sure local communities benefit from UKSPF.*

*I’m delighted that these projects have had a direct impact in the heart of our towns and villages - all brought to fruition by working in, and with, our communities.”*

**Cllr Nigel Smith**  
**Cabinet Member for Sustainable Economy**  
**Conwy County Borough Council**



The UK Shared Prosperity Fund aims to improve pride in place and increase life chances across the UK investing in communities and place, supporting local business, and people and skills.

Find out more:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-shared-prosperity-fund-prospectus>



## Project locations

The Community Regeneration Key Fund has supported projects across Conwy County. Details of a few can be found below.



- 1 **Thinking Forward** - Penmaenmawr Historical Society and Museum
- 2 **New Chapters** - Friends of Llanfairfechan Library (Llanfairfechan, Kinmel Bay, Uwchaed)
- 3 **Dyfodol y Garrog** - Bro Gwydir Ministry Area
- 4 **Clocswyr Conwy** (countywide)
- 5 **Bryn y Bedd Memorial Project** - Dolwyddelan Community Council
- 6 **Restore, Revive, Renew Llandudno Infrastructure** - Friends of West Shore
- 7 **Community Pride Scheme** - Betws-y-Coed Community Council
- 8 **Owain Glyndwr Abandoned Play Area Project** - Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council
-  **Play Areas across Conwy County** - Conwy County Borough Council, Town and Community Councils, and volunteer groups (countywide)

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## Case Study: Thinking Forward

### Penmaenmawr Historical Society and Museum

Project to transform Penmaenmawr Museum's engagement programmes with local communities, and to create a new arts initiative using the museum collection.

Providing opportunities for local artists to produce unique products to promote the

county; design a suite of professionally-designed resources and materials to work with schools and communities to improve their knowledge about local heritage and the natural landscape; and improve the museum building to improve accessibility and heat retention.

*"Support from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund has been transformative for Penmaenmawr Museum. The funding has supported the largest activity programme for children and families that we have ever delivered, resulting in thousands of people in Penmaenmawr and rural Conwy engaging in our free arts and heritage activities throughout 2024."*





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## Case Study: New Chapters

### Friends of Llanfairfechan Library

Project to transform three community libraries through refurbishment and engagement, strengthening the role as community hubs and reinvigorating the services to respond to local need. Refurbishments at Kinmel Bay, Uwchaled and Llanfairfechan libraries, in partnership with Conwy Library Service, to create reader-centred, accessible and welcoming spaces to

increase footfall and strengthen community wellbeing. The project has not only improved the physical infrastructure of these libraries but also introduced innovative approaches to community-based marketing and volunteer engagement. A new volunteer framework has been established, empowering individuals to develop their skills and contribute to the delivery and expansion of library services.

**Kinmel Bay:** “Our customers are overwhelmed and delighted with the new look. The feedback to the Trustees has been positive, knowing that we are able to maintain the library for many years to come.”

**Uwchaled:** “Uwchaled Library has been completely transformed following the award of this grant ... As one visitor said: “It doesn’t look like the same place!””

**Llanfairfechan:** “In Llanfairfechan, we’re delighted with our newly refurbished library. Our contractors have done a great job in tackling the damp issues in the old stone building, redecorating throughout and laying new carpet.”



Llanfairfechan Library



Kinmel Bay Library

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## Case Study: Dyfodol y Garrog Bro Gwydir Ministry Area

Project to explore a distinctive village identity, driven by the people who live and work in Dolgarrog. Expanding access to a programme of creative events and learning opportunities by creating a new

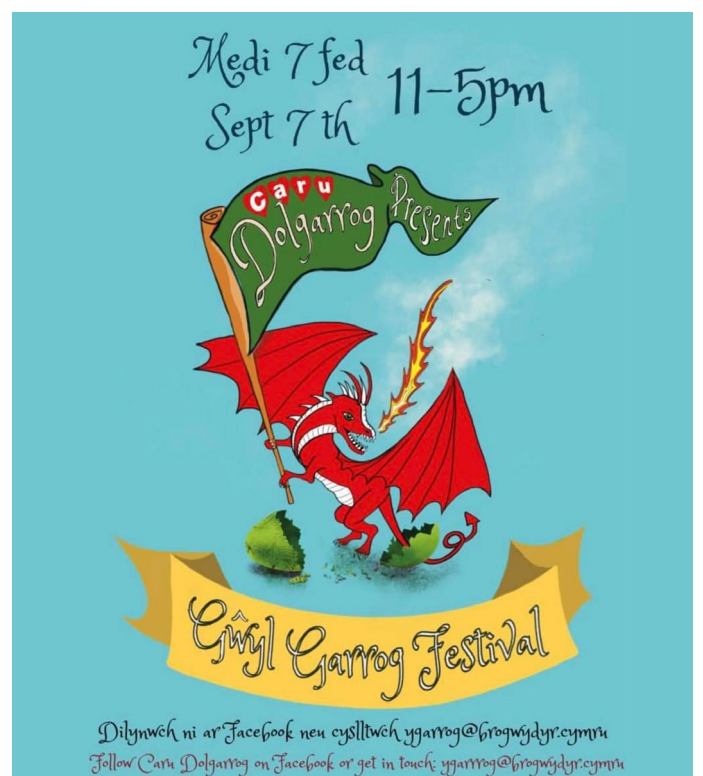
usable space. The project will continue the programme of work done to rebuild community provision throughout the village and beyond.

*"It's been a very wide ranging scheme of events, the biggest was the festival, which was fantastic and brought the community together - that was wonderful."*

*"So many different aspects to the project, so many different threads. The big theme throughout was sustainability, the legacy and the future, and I suppose the big legacy project is the garden - the edible garden at the church."*

*"The garden is a dedicated community space."*

*"It's only just begun so that's going to act as a really social hub, again learning and sharing of different generations. It's going to be really special to see how that evolves."*





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## Case Study: Clocswyr Conwy

To educate young people in Conwy County of the art of 'Clocsio' (Welsh Clog Dance). The group offers a wide range of opportunities and experiences for young people to enjoy

and promote culture, through competing and performing in a number of competitions and events in Wales and beyond.

*"Thanks to invaluable funding from the Conwy Community Regeneration Key Fund, Clocswyr Conwy have managed to reach significant milestones.*

*We have been able to expand our reach to more young people in Conwy, have raised the quality of our performances and our resources, and purchased essential items such as traditional cloth costumes and clogs for the various groups.*

*This support has ensured a strong future for our group as well as contributing towards the longevity of folk dancing and traditional clogging in Wales."*





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## Case Study: Bryn y Bedd Memorial Project

Dolwyddelan Community Council

Renovation of the old hearse building into a welcoming building for gatherings, with a paved lane, an accessible path to the building, and repair to the boundary wall.

The refurbished building features an information wall to help visitors in tracing their family tree.

*“The Bryn y Bedd Cemetery Cwt Hers Memorial Building provides both mourners and those interested in community history, a renewed and picturesque area of peace and tranquility with easy access for all. A new path and site for the spreading of ashes, and a tarmac lane has been greatly welcomed by the community as has the provision of a comfortable shelter where mourners and particularly the elderly can sit and remain dry.”*





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## Case Study: Restore, Revive, Renew Llandudno Infrastructure

Friends of West Shore

Project to improve public open spaces across Llandudno. Providing better access to Queen's Park, restoring two play areas and refurbishing West Shore Tram Shelter. Providing better amenities and volunteering

opportunities for the local community, and the look and feel of the town for visitors - ensuring their expectations are met in terms of Destination Management.

*"Through the project we have learned a great deal about ourselves, gained new skills and forged firm and lasting friendships which will benefit our organisations and our town.*

*To hear children laughing on the playgrounds and see people enjoying the Tram Shelter inside and out will be a handsome reward. But our community links are by far the greatest dividend of the project."*



Penrhynside Park



Queen's Park, Craig-y-Don



West Shore Tram Shelter



A new 'Community Pride Scheme' established to expand and enhance the successful community work carried out by volunteers. The scheme involves community maintenance tasks; supporting volunteers in community pride initiatives; and improving

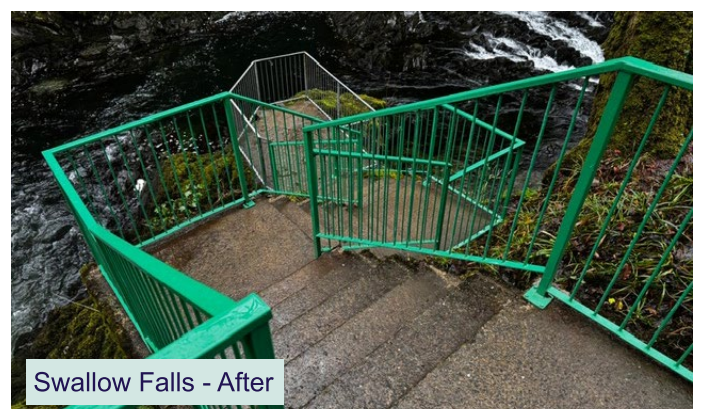
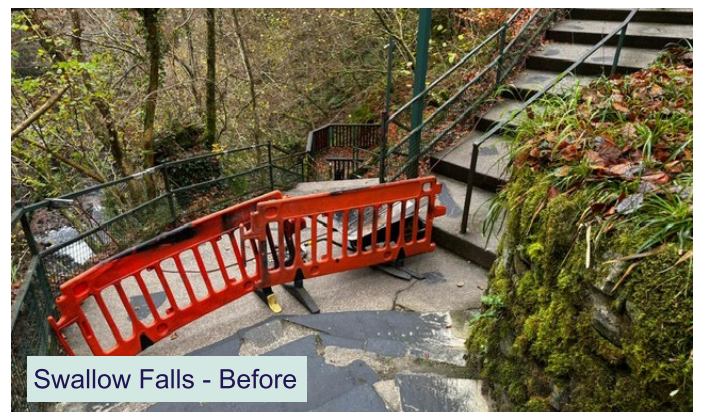
the visual and physical amenities in the community. Making Betws-y-Coed a better place to live, work, and visit - reducing the impact of high footfall on the village, which is popular with tourists and local visitors.

*"The Community Council are proud of the achievements of this project and grateful to everybody who has played a part in making Betws-y-Coed a community that is cared for."*

*Cae Llan is clean and refreshed while maintaining its purpose as the community recreational field and a safe space to enjoy. The removal of years of overgrown vegetation in and around the village has allowed the viewing of traditional stone walls and features whilst making it safer for walking on roadsides and pavements. To hear the word "satisfying" used at the end of a day's work when standing back to observe the day's accomplishment symbolises what has been achieved here."*

*Prior to the work at Swallow Falls we would regularly hear the word "tired" used by visitors to describe the site but now we receive only compliments."*

*This work would not have been possible without the support of the Conwy County Borough Council Community Regeneration Key Fund project and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. We look forward to the future and to continue with the work to maintain the community's pride in the village."*





## Case Study: Owain Glyndwr Abandoned Play Area Project

Towyn and Kinmel Bay Town Council

Converting an abandoned play area in the middle of a housing estate into a community garden/allotment and orchard, for the

whole community to use. Re-opening this designated public open space to provide a much needed resource for Kinmel Bay.

*“The Owain Glyndwr Community Garden has provided local residents with a green space that encourages health and wellbeing through access to fresh produce (vegetables, fruit and herbs), physical activity through gardening and mental health benefits by spending time in nature.*

*The garden builds strong community by encouraging team work and social interaction to people of all ages from children to seniors and creates a shared space that fosters a sense of belonging.*

*We have recently used the garden to hold a children’s gardening day in conjunction with North Wales Police teaching them about gardening sustainability and nutrition. The garden also provides opportunities to learn about ecosystems, composting and biodiversity which enhances the garden users’ skills.*

*In the future we are looking to host events, workshops, and volunteer days, making it an inclusive and welcoming space for individuals of all ages and abilities to enjoy and learn new skills.”*





## Case Study: Play Areas across Conwy County

Conwy County Borough Council, Town and Community Councils, and volunteer groups

Forty three (43) play areas in Conwy County have had a revamp. The improvement work has included laying 2,600 square metres of replacement safety surfacing; improving

drainage; replacing gates; and repainting and line marking at 14 Multi Use Games Areas (MUGAs).

*“Collaboration has been key to making the most of the scheme. Working with Town and Community Councils and volunteer groups has maximised the benefits for local residents. We’re delighted that this project to upgrade play facilities has had a direct impact in the heart of our communities - all brought to fruition by working in, and with, our communities.”*





To find out more about the  
UK Shared Prosperity Fund in Conwy, visit:

**[www.conwy.gov.uk/uk-shared-prosperity-fund](http://www.conwy.gov.uk/uk-shared-prosperity-fund)**