



Local Places for Nature

Delivering Inclusive Access to Nature

- Welsh Government funded programme. Various elements:
 - ***Keep Wales Tidy*** (pre-determined packages)
 - ***Heritage Lottery Fund*** (grants)
 - ***Councils*** (funding for local nature partnerships)
- All elements must focus in areas that have little or no access to nature, particularly in **urban, deprived areas**
- Nature on your doorstep
- Promote equality, fairness and inclusivity for **most disadvantaged** - application criteria and scoring reflect this.



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Local Places for Nature – KWT packages

- Set up so easy as possible for people to engage, especially those with no experience of managing/applying for grants
- Keep Wales Tidy offers range of **pre-determined** ‘starter’ and ‘development’ packages. 500+ available
- Packages include tools, equipment, materials, plants, trees and, crucially, KWT officer time to help applicants install the new gardens
- KWT staff help potential applicants to apply, ensuring they meet all scheme criteria (eg landowner permission) before assessment by grant panel – very low rejection rate.



Why this approach?

- No procurement for applicants
- No money handling, need for bank account or financial audit requirements
- No need to be constituted (for starter packages)
- KWT does all procurement/finance mgt, less risk for WG
- Applicants get all the equipment/tools that they need. If they don't want package items included, signposted to another element eg HLF
- Feedback from applicants – *“it's like Christmas!”*
- Only requirements on applicant is complete application form, take deliveries, help install garden, provide quote, asset list sign off and a commitment to managing the garden for 5 years



Starter Packages



Very small gardens. Perfect for anyone who wants to transform a small area and hasn't any experience. Not too daunting, easy to install and maintain. Very popular with applicants from sheltered accommodation, schools with grey yards, street corners etc

3 types on offer:

1. Pollinator
2. Fruit and Herb
3. Urban

Small planter, compost, trellis, tools, native plants, bulbs, seeds

Starters

The package has meant a great deal & provided us with a fantastic head start with our Community garden with the plants, trees & tools provided, which has already brought a number of tenants aging from 2yrs - late 60's together in learning, participating & supporting each other during tough times.

RHA resident



“Thank you so much for today, the tenants all thoroughly enjoyed the gardening and the company, it was great to see them out and about and enjoying themselves”.

Trivallis resident

Starters

“Thank you Keep Wales Tidy. We really enjoyed working with you”

Kevin Davies (Parkview project - Pobl)



“Thank you Keep Wales Tidy. The addition to our communal garden has brought me great joy and will hopefully do so for the other residents”

Paul Pitcher (United Welsh Resident)

Development Packages



Much bigger. More investment so applicants need to be constituted. Work plan agreed at start and installation takes place over number of sessions. KWT staff supervise and train volunteers to install all aspects of garden

2 types on offer:

1. Wildlife
2. Food growing

Raised beds, shed, greenhouse, tools, plants, fencing, trees, water butt, compost bin, wildflower turf, benches and much more!



Examples - Trivallis



- ❖ Small space outside flats was gravel, unused, devoid of nature with no opportunity to grow food.
- ❖ Compact space been transformed into a wonderful community garden complete with wildflower area, herb border and fruit trees planted along the wall.
- ❖ There are 2 raised beds along the fence, a greenhouse for food growing and a shed to store tools.



“I would like to thank all the staff from KWT who worked really hard, as due to the Covid restrictions, many tenants were unable to volunteer and help, but were watching through the windows on progress being made. I have had tenants asking me what they can grow in the greenhouse, with chillis, tomatoes, and cucumber coming out top so far. We can't wait for the weather to break to get started. Thanks for all your help in making what was a wasted space into a garden that tenants can now sit in, enjoy and be productive” – Suzanne Rees, Trivalis Scheme Coordinator

Social housing - awarded packages

Starter Packages

Wales and West
Clwyd Alyn
Adra
United Welsh
Hafod
Linc
Trivallis
Hafan Cymru
First Choice
CCHA
RHA

Development Packages

Pobl (Caerphilly, Torfaen)
Wales and West (Cardiff, RCT)
Newport City Homes
Clwyd Alyn (Wrexham)
Cardiff Council
Trivallis

In 2021-22 (to date)

11% development packages and
23% of starter packages awarded
to RSLs

Summary

- KWT staff support applicants to apply and help complete forms
- **Fortnightly** application deadlines until all packages allocated
- **Grant panel** assess applications, prioritising applications from **urban, deprived locations** with **little or no access to nature** and those from **under-represented groups**. Priority given to applications that involve Black Asian Minority Ethnic or disabled participants
- Previous starter applicants encouraged to 'progress' to a development application or HLF lottery grant
- KWT **procure and arrange delivery** of all package items to successful applicant
- KWT **officer time** to help applicants install gardens
- <https://www.keepwalestidy.cymru/pages/category/nature>



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