



What is Space Saviours ?



Space Saviours supports, encourages and empowers **communities** in South Wales to make creative use of spare or unloved land.

It is about learning, working together and taking charge of your own area with your own priorities.

“Turn an Empty Space into a Great Place”



How does it work ?

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The Space Saviours team engage with community members about their local area. They deliver key messages on:

- **Good urban design**
- **Biodiversity**
- **Community growing**
- **Natural play**
- **Land management**
- **Safe neighbourhoods**





How does it work ?

2

The group identifies an area of land that could use a makeover.



- Clean up
- Play provision
- Seating
- Growing space
- Walking paths
- Better lighting



Woodlands Group, Torfaen





Llantarnam Orchard, Torfaen





Growing Beds, Maesteg



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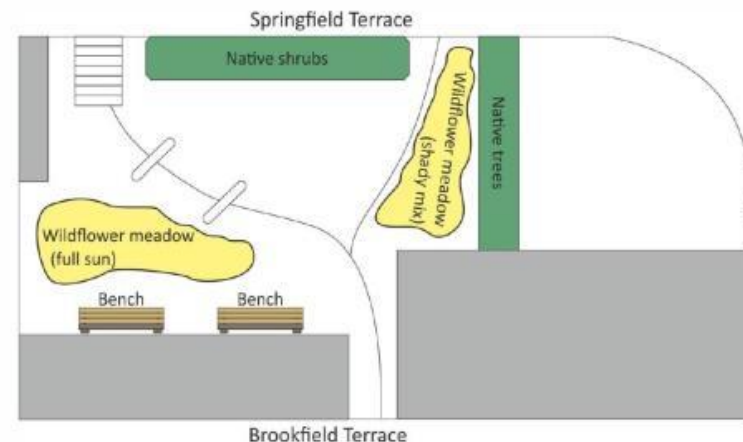


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Design consultants bid to deliver designs with the groups. They work with the groups to investigate:

- Land ownership
- Funding streams
- Consultation
- Statutory approvals
- Future maintenance
- Estimated costings
- Produce Outline Project Plans

The Group is interested now in re-establishing a 63 m perimeter fenceline and providing some benches which are shown in the plan below.



Costs:

Good benches start from around £200.

The fencing which the group are interested in is 65 meters of new fence on posts at 1.35 meters spacing with a single diamond rail fixed to the top as existing fence (overall height of fence would be approx 20 inches or 500 millimetres) and the cheapest quotes obtained locally is for £2,400 from Ty Chwarel Conservation Services.

Impacts & Outcomes

948

tenants and residents engaged with the project.

75%

increase in social networks of participants.

90%

reported a clearer understanding of who to approach to help with solutions.



Increased understanding of local service providers and the role of their RSL.



90%

felt they were more knowledgeable about local community groups.

56

Formal Community Projects established.

100%

of participants felt more knowledge of community facilities, natural environment and travel routes in their area.



Social media has helped groups share ideas and support each other.

How does it work ?

Where do the plans go?



Wildmill, Bridgend





Our Partners...





Space Saviours @spacesaviours - Apr 20
 A fab open space that kids cant access easily - chatting to residents at the Coed Maesteg today @ValleysToCoast



Space Saviours @spacesaviours - Jun 8
 A fantastic turnout for the opening of #ashvale park with @TaiCalon #fullhog



Space Saviours @spacesaviours - Apr 20
 Now there's some happy face coverage from Caerphilly Ob River Care event @UnitedW

Welcoming back th

Local residents and environmental staff went out to have an (hourly) April 7 as they led about the best of their time at the Ob River, Caerphilly.

Staff from United Water, Space Saviours and Keep Wales Tidy amongst others joined residents in a clean-up operation to an attempt to make the area more wildlife friendly.

Over 15 bags of rubbish, two shopping trolleys, a drum and a fridge were just some of the items removed from the river during the community event.

Salmon, bull hogs and an eel were safely returned from the river during the event to keep them safe as there were fishnet out.

As well as the river clean-up, local children learnt how to safely build bird boxes and how to garden attract.

BOX: Local children Charlie and Carys show off their bird box built with Laura from Groundwork Wales



What's in it for housing providers?

Having Space Saviours has given us:

- Access to training course + engagement route for tenants that has exceeded performance targets
- Engaged tenants that may have distanced themselves from their housing provider
- A network to some of the most influential environmental + urban design organisations in Wales
- Brought more resources into communities, as tenants develop capacity to plan + fund projects for themselves
- A cost effective way to bring forward more environmental + regeneration activities



What's in it for tenants?

Being a Space Saviour is about developing skills, knowledge + understanding to improve open space in the community.

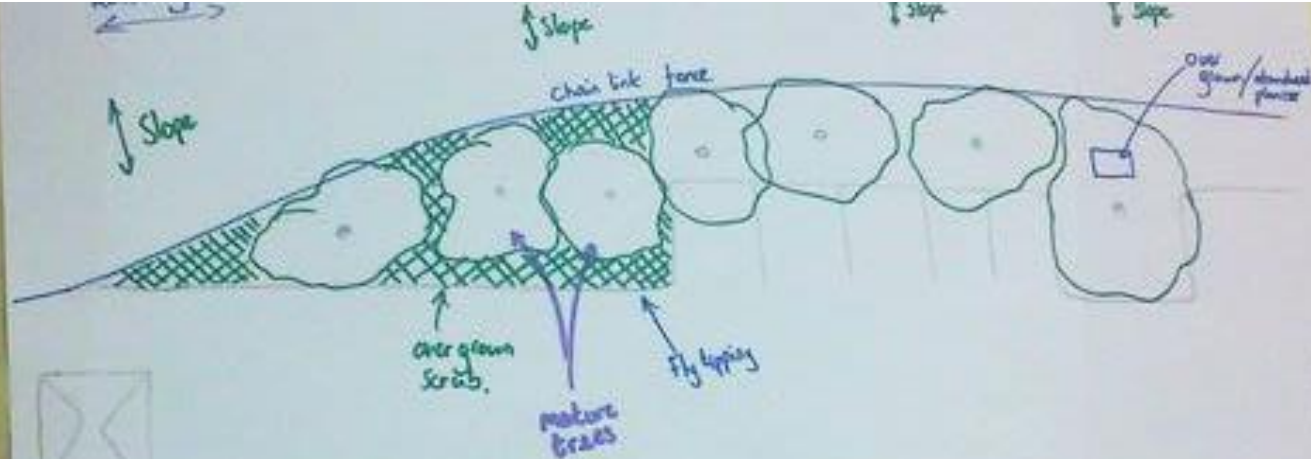
- **Confidence**
- **Community networks**
- **Physical + mental health**
- **Inter-generational**
- **Non-traditional learning**

They are changing their community.



The Wilderness, Porthcawl





Key benefits:

- Arm's-length delivery which fosters community initiative and independence
- Potential to bring more external resources into our communities
- Excellent outcomes for the investment





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