

# Coetiroedd Bach: Tiny Forests in Wales decisions, June 2024

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Schedule of decisions made by the Grant-in-Aid non-lottery sub-board (a sub-set of Trustees), 24 June 2024.

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A grant scheme intended to create Tiny Forests, as part of the Welsh Government's National Forest.

## Schedule of Decisions

### **Pontnewydd Primary Tiny Forest Project**

Applicant: Pontnewydd Primary School

Project description: To create a biodiverse green space on school grounds to improve pupil and community wellbeing, enhance wildlife habitat and contribute to climate change mitigation through environmental education.

Decision: Award Grant of £29,030 (100%)

### **Growth for Good Tiny Forests**

Applicant: Valleys to Coast Housing Limited

Project description: To create two community-led Tiny Forests on housing estate land in Bridgend County Borough. The project aims to enhance biodiversity, improve community wellbeing and mitigate climate change through carbon capture and green space creation.

Decision: Award Grant of £72,900 (100%)

### **Gaer and Maesglas Primary School Partnership – enhancing the environment for our school communities**

Applicant: Gaer Primary School

Project description: To create a shared woodland space for two schools and their communities, fostering environmental education, community engagement and wellbeing through nature-based activities.

Decision: Award Grant of £80,000 (100%)

## **Ogmore Valley Community Council Tiny Forest**

Applicant: Ogmore Valley Community Council

Project description: This project aims to create a Tiny Forest in Evanstown, Wales, to enrich the local environment, enhance community wellbeing and foster a sense of pride and ownership among residents. It aims to improve biodiversity and provide a space for recreation, education and reflection by engaging volunteers and collaborating with partners to empower the community to take an active role in environmental conservation and community development.

Decision: Award Grant of £36,306 (100%)

## **Glan Y Mor**

Applicant: Greenlinks Community Interest Company

Project description: This project aims to monitor, preserve, protect and grow local and endemic species, involving the local community in led projects for woodland management, agroforestry and sustainability. Funding will support the cost of the trees, planting, future seed harvesting and a community seed bank/ nursery. Through connections with local charities and organisations, people will use the site and become part of the regenerative project.

Decision: Rejected

## **Grange Project**

Applicant: Grange Farm

Project description: To establish a Tiny Forest as an outdoor classroom for youth environmental education. The project aims to engage young people in nature restoration, promote biodiversity and contribute to climate change mitigation. Funding will support planting, maintenance and educational programming, including community outreach and bilingual engagement.

Decision: Award Grant of £26,750 (100%)

## **Llangybi Green Park Project**

Applicant: Llangybi Fawr Community Council

Project description: This project aims to improve community cohesion while increasing biodiversity through new facilities and environment. It will support local volunteers to create a learning environment where children can build insect hotels, hedgehog habitats and bird/bat boxes, be involved with the planting of trees and study the weather. The project will create opportunities for everyone to learn how to care for our natural environment.

Decision: Award Grant of £34,093 (100%)

## **A Tiny Forest at Little West**

Applicant: Little West (Nature and Therapy) CIC

Project description: To create a therapeutic Tiny Forest for wildlife and community wellbeing. The project aims to enhance biodiversity, support mental health through nature connection and provide educational opportunities. A focus on Welsh language and community engagement will be central to the initiative.

Decision: Award Grant of £36,186 (100%)

## **AbergeleGC CoetirBach**

Applicant: Abergele Golf Club

Project description: The Coetir Bach project will allow the wildlife and flora of the location to be enhanced. Funding will support the planting of new trees which will establish a viable forest to enable birds and animals to traverse the course and feed. It will create nesting and burrowing opportunities in a sustainable habitat that will form a legacy for the future.

Decision: Rejected

## **Maesllwyn and Coed Brimmon Tiny Forests**

Applicant: North and Mid Wales Trunk Road Agent

Project description: This project aims to plant and grow two Tiny Forests which will be integrated within a range of habitat types with the aim to develop over time on agricultural land. The area will become a community resource, expanding the community green space around Newtown and the National Forest.

Decision: Rejected

## **Trehafren Coetiroedd Bach**

Applicant: Going Green for a Living Community Land Trust Ltd

Project description: To establish a Tiny Forest in Trehafren Fields to enhance biodiversity, community engagement and educational opportunities. The project aims to increase park usage, create a novel attraction and contribute to the National Forest network. The forest's proximity to schools, community facilities and transportation options will facilitate broad volunteer participation.

Decision: Award Grant of £40,000 (100%)

## **Graig-y-Rhacca**

Applicant: Graig Y Rhacca Nursery and Primary Community School

Project description: To create a school-based Tiny Forest to enhance outdoor learning, biodiversity and community engagement. The project aims to connect existing green spaces, provide environmental education and foster a sense of ownership through community involvement and tree stewardship. Funding will support forest establishment, accessibility and educational resources, including Welsh language interpretation.

Decision: Award Grant of £30,440 (100%)

## **Coetiroedd Bach yn Ysgolion Gorllewin Caerdydd / Tiny Forests in Cardiff West Schools**

Applicant: Trees for Cities

Project description: To expand the Tiny Forest initiative to two additional schools in West Cardiff, focusing on the Ely and Caerau areas. The project aims to create biodiverse, educational and accessible green spaces within school playgrounds. Utilizing the Miyawaki method, the project will involve community engagement, tree planting, monitoring and environmental education.

Decision: Award Grant of £80,000 (100%)

## **Whitmore High School Barry**

Applicant: Whitmore High School

Project description: To establish a Tiny Forest as an outdoor classroom to foster environmental stewardship and combat climate change. The project aims to connect the school community with local woodlands, engage with feeder primary schools and create a legacy of biodiversity conservation through hands-on learning and community involvement.

Decision: Award Grant of £39,750 (100%)

## **Dewi Sant**

Applicant: Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant

Project description: To create a bilingual outdoor learning space for pupils and the wider community. The Tiny Forest will enhance wellbeing, support curriculum delivery and foster a connection with nature. The project aims to involve the school's Cylch Meithrin and promote environmental education through hands-on experiences.

Decision: Award Grant of £22,620 (100%)

## **Glanrafon**

Applicant: Ysgol Glanrafon

Project description: To establish Flintshire's first bilingual Tiny Forest, promoting environmental education, community engagement and climate action. The project aims to create a wheelchair-

accessible green space for learning, play and biodiversity enhancement, while supporting local businesses and developing citizen science skills.

Decision: Award Grant of £40,000 (100%)