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St Mary's Church Llanfairpwllgwyngyll get 'Tidy' boost

A bid by *St Mary's Church, Llanfairpwllgwyngyll* to improve the local environment has been given a boost thanks to a cash injection by environmental organisation Keep Wales Tidy.

In 2009 an area of overgrown waste land owned by the Church was cleared and made into an overflow car park to deal with parking problems due to large numbers attending many of the services and at special services such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. It was decided that this newly cleared area should be re-planted with indigenous tree species and this is now being made possible through the grant awarded by Keep Wales Tidy. Volunteers from the Church and the local community gathered together on Saturdays November 6th and 13th, first to strim and clear the area and then to plant over 200 native hedgerow trees.

It is hoped to develop this area and the adjoining Churchyard further in the near future in order to provide an amenity for the local community and visitors to aid their enjoyment of the beautiful natural surroundings, plant and animal life which adjoin the Anglesey Coastal Path.

Through the **Green Communities Project**, Keep Wales Tidy is able to offer financial assistance to community groups who have demonstrated a commitment to restoring their communities to their former glory.

The cash support has been made possible by funding from the **Welsh Assembly Government and European Regional Development Interreg 4A Ireland Wales Programme** and will be used by volunteer groups to help cover the costs of insurance, tools, equipment, publicity and training.

Additional support for communities is offered by Keep Wales Tidy appointed project officers who are on hand across Wales to offer help and advice on forming groups, holding events and applying for grants. The officers are funded via the Welsh Assembly Government's Tidy Town's project and the Interreg 4A Green Communities Project.

For more information on Keep Wales Tidy's small grants scheme or to get contact details of your local project officer please call 029 20381 721 or email: greencommunities@keepwalestidy.org

For further information on St Mary's Church, Llanfairpwll and this and other existing and planned community projects please contact the Rector: The Revd Canon Philip Hughes, The New Rectory, Fford Caergybi, Llanfairpwllgwyngyll, Ynys Môn, LL61 5SX. Tel. 01248 713746.

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NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Keep Wales Tidy is a registered Environmental Charity working for the improvement of the Welsh environment. Visit our website for more information; www.keepwalestidy.org
2. Green Communities is a cross-border project between Keep Wales Tidy and An Taisce, Ireland.
3. Approximately **£52,000 over three years** in small grants is available to community groups following a successful application to the European Regional Development Fund Interreg 4A Ireland Wales programme.



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