

The Good Friendship Group

Well-being goal



Ways of working



The Good Friendship Group maintains gardens in Merthyr Tydfil, including the publicly accessible St David's Church and Dowlais Engine House, which has 25,000 square meters of land.

The Good Friendship Group is a group of volunteers who support a number of other community groups, including the Boys and Girls Club and older people within the area.

The group has previously been awarded an Outstanding award from Wales in Bloom in the Neighbourhood category, twice. With the funding received from the National Heritage Lottery fund, the group aspired to improve the accessibility of the gardens, provide safe seating and increase the biodiversity of the sites. As the Engine house is used as a community hub, this provides a valuable opportunity to enhance access to green space and nature.

Next year, the group hope to introduce disabled access to The Engine House and will welcome art projects, a planted Christmas tree outside the church, and will enter Wales in Bloom for the third time.



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This project will enhance the lives of those involved, teach young and old about the importance of the environment, and show how being and working outside creates a sense of wellbeing.

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