

Little Fawnog Nature Area

Well-being goal



Little Fawnog is a small woodland located near Wrexham town centre. It is accessible from the Clywedog Trail which runs for 9 miles from Minera Lead Mines to Kingsmill, following the course of the Clywedog River.

The woodland is owned by Offa Community Council, which was formed in 1985 and continues to provide a number of supporting services and activities for their local community.

WoodsWork is a Community Interest Company who manage the Little Fawnog Nature Area, and they work to protect their environments from the negative impacts of climate change, for the benefit of their communities. Their goal is to protect existing habitats and woodlands to aid the improvement of biodiversity and protection of wildlife. Much of this work is undertaken collaboratively with their local communities, authorities and schools, facilitating both educational opportunities and use of green space for well-being purposes.

WoodsWork undertook the management of Little Fawnog in 2021 with a view to preserving and enhancing the woodland and the variety of animal species it supports.

Ways of working



Regular community events are held every month, and the group were able to support their volunteers in activities such as bulb planting, habitat box building and woodland relaxation events. The group have undertaken important work to keep the pathways clear, remove diseased trees and combat invasive species to ensure the safety and health of the woodland.

Through our work on the Community Woodlands scheme, funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, we were able to partner with WoodsWork and support them with their goals to make the woodland more accessible to users and enhance the biodiversity in the area.

The project allowed the clearance of undergrowth to enable the planting of a variety of trees to support the native mix of oak, aspen, ash, hazel, holly and chestnut, enhancing woodland biodiversity. 700 wildflowers were planted also to continue to

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We greatly appreciate the support and guidance received from the team at Transport for Wales to help us achieve and exceed the initial goals of the project

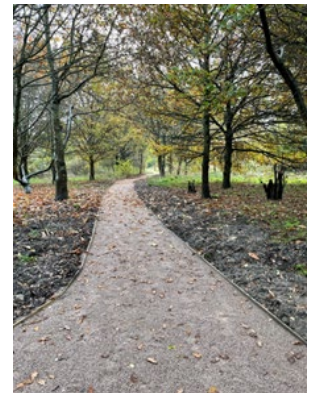
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support the woodland wildlife and pollinator connectivity. 500m of pathways across the site were reinstated, with surface levelling and edging installation, to help improve access. In addition to creating an accessible green space, the route is regularly used to access the town, local schools and forms part of the Clywedog trail, thereby supporting a wide variety of user needs.

A community event was held on completion of the works to showcase the improvements made to the local residents. The feedback from this session was overwhelmingly positive, with volunteers and councillors expressing their appreciation for the improvements in access and the health of the woodland itself. A local resident told the group she was able to exercise outdoors more easily as a direct result of the project, and the local high school, Ysgol Clywedog, who had been involved in the clearing, planting and pathway activities, stated their intentions to utilise the site to teach their new Horticulture GCSE, showing how investment into green space can benefit communities in a multitude of ways.



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The woodland is so much more accessible, I've been able to cancel my gym membership and enjoy exercising outside instead.

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