


CARU CYMRU

Case Study 2021/22

CASE STUDY TITLE: Tiny Forest Pilot, Holyhead, Anglesey

Organisation	Keep Wales Tidy
Date/s case study covers	Quarter 4: 2021/22
Project summary (including location)	<p>Creation of Anglesey's first Tiny Forest, located in Y Parc, Holyhead's Town Park.</p> <p>Contractors prepared the area the size of a tennis court, added additional soil as well as soil improver to assist with the growth. A mix of 25 different local broadleaved tree and shrub species (1,050 trees in total) were planted in a random pattern as per the Tiny Forest methodology.</p> <p>The area has been fenced with two access gates and an open-air outdoor classroom with seating is located in the centre. This part of Anglesey is particularly devoid of trees so the addition of the Tiny Forest will be of great benefit to the area.</p>
Partners involved (other core funded projects, community groups etc.)	<p>Holyhead Town Council (who gave permission for the Tiny Forest), including their estate workers who assisted in planting.</p> <p>The planting was done on 8 February 2022. Participants included The Mayor of Holyhead, Holyhead Town Councillors, Town Clerk and staff, Keep Wales Tidy volunteers, Mon Communities First, Holyhead Landscape Partnership, Ysgol Cybi Sant pupils and Keep Wales Tidy staff.</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>
Resources (funding, staffing, volunteer time etc.)	<p>Keep Wales Tidy staff time planning, organising and implementing the work. Holyhead Town Council loaned Harris safety fencing to secure the site during the groundworks as well as having the Estate staff available for the planting day.</p> <p>30 volunteers assisted on the planting day, supervised by Keep Wales Tidy staff.</p>
Any barriers, risks and issues overcome	<p>The support of the Town Council helped to ensure that all aspects of the Tiny Forest development went smoothly. The Town Clerk and the Estates team were fully supportive of this innovative project. Enthusiastic volunteers made the planting day a great success.</p>

CARU CYMRU

Case Study 2021/22

Feedback/quotes from participants / beneficiaries	<p>“It’s hard to express the mental lift that tree planting brings. Because of Covid, we haven’t been able to get together and do it for a while and I didn’t realise how much I’d missed getting my hands and knees dirty.</p> <p>“It’s always rewarding to make a positive mark on your own environment but when you are enabling a natural feature which might last hundreds of years and bring so many environmental benefits, it’s especially rewarding”. – Derek Perkins, volunteer</p> <p>“We as a Town Council are delighted to have worked in collaboration with Keep Wales Tidy to be able to bring this Tiny Forest to the Town. The Tiny Forest is an asset to the ongoing development of Y Parc and the response from the local community has been one of overwhelming support.</p> <p>“The ecological benefits of this new Tiny Forest will benefit the environment and wildlife for many years to come.</p> <p>“The local schools have already taken an interest in scheduling classes at the new development to teach the children about the environment and the importance of plantation to help with the worldwide global warming crisis.” – Robert Henderson, Holyhead Town Clerk</p>
Photographs, videos, social media etc.	<p>Flickr album: Tiny Forest Holyhead</p> <p>Social media post</p>
Links to other Welsh Government Departments	National Forest of Wales
Marketing and Communications - Contact name and details	<p>Gruff Jones – North Wales Regional Manager, Keep Wales Tidy</p> <p>07824 504800</p> <p>Gruff.jones@keepwalestidy.cymru</p>