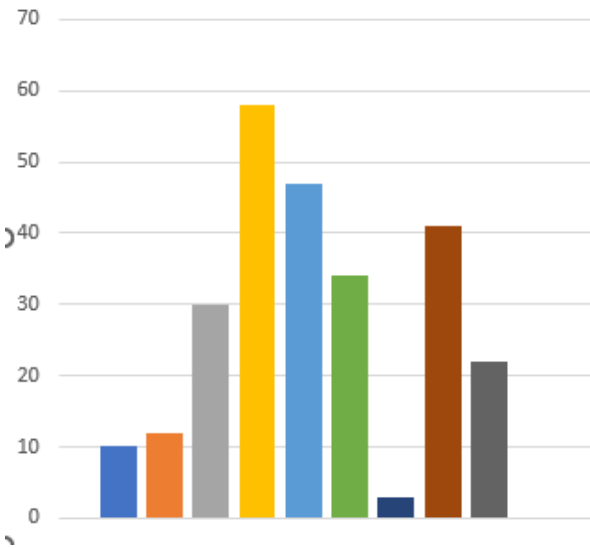



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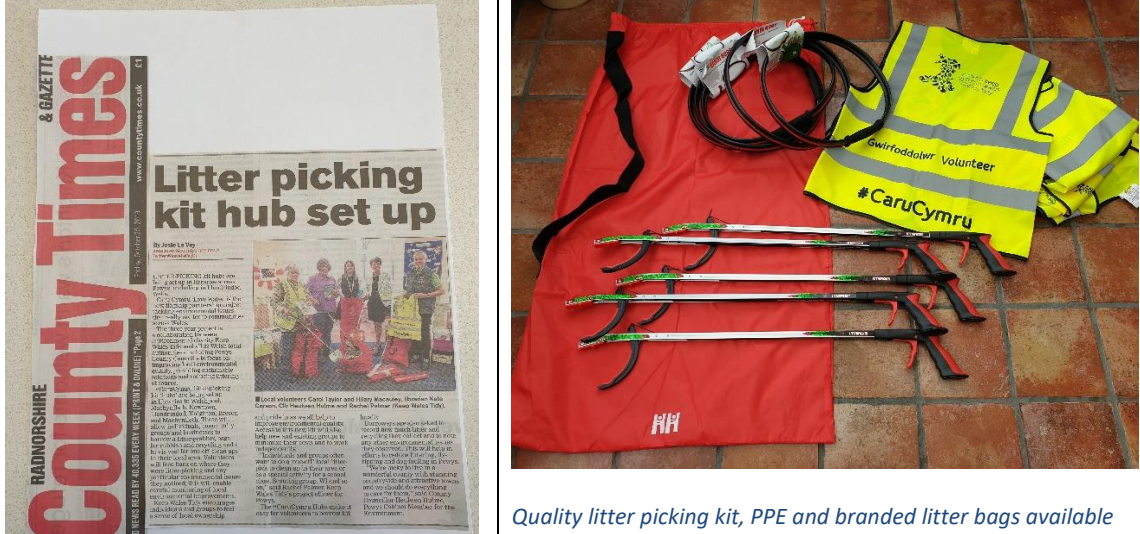
Case Study

Use of Community Litter Picking Hubs in Powys

Organisations	Lead: Keep Wales Tidy (KWT) with key support from Powys County Council (PCC)	
Date/s case study covers	September 2020 – August 2022	
Project summary (including location)	<p>‘Litter Picking Hubs’ support the many ‘occasional’ litter-picks which complement the fantastic ongoing work by the regular litter volunteers active across Wales. Hubs provide a cost-effective and accessible way of offering short-term loans of litter-picking kit, PPE & branded bags to equip these more random activities, and to capture some key details, without all the additional travel that was formerly necessary. This is a look at the initial use of Hubs based in Powys County Libraries in our small and medium sized towns.</p>	
	 <p><i>Use of the Hubs across Powys varies considerably but they are generally being well-used and in each location are much appreciated by rural communities disadvantaged by isolation and fewer local resources. (See table in Appendix 1 below for details)</i></p>	 <p><i>Temporary promotional displays also encourage the recycling of hard plastic and cans which can be salvaged from street litter</i></p>
Partners involved (other core funded projects, community groups etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PCC Waste Awareness, County Library Service and Waste & Recycling Strategy staff ▪ Community groups (environmental, church, school, youth and social) ▪ Businesses including some that went on to become Litter Free Zones ▪ Individuals including Duke of Edinburgh Award students 	
Resources (funding, staffing,	KWT discussed the concept with the County Librarian, purchased kit, developed procedures and trained Hub staff online and in person	

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<p>volunteer time etc.)</p>	<p>The PCC Waste & Recycling team added a Hub kit booking service to the County Council website and bookings were managed and forwarded to the appropriate Hub by the Waste Awareness team.</p> <p>The County Library service accommodated and administered the Hubs within their buildings and existing opening hours as an additional service.</p> <p>Both partners promoted the Hubs online and otherwise.</p>
<p>Any barriers, risks and issues overcome</p>	<p>The coronavirus emergency began just 4 weeks after the Hubs opened, with the national lockdowns closing the libraries and keeping potential volunteers at home. Initially it was thought that Covid 19 was primarily spread through touch and the use of shared materials was avoided, so even individual use of hub kit was impossible. Progressive Covid restrictions kept Hubs closed for months and lingering public safety concerns delayed their full reopening further.</p>
<p>Feedback/quotes from participants / beneficiaries</p>	<p><i>'Libraries are no longer just about books! These hubs are yet another valuable service to communities that will help to safeguard our valued Libraries' future.'</i> (Principal Powys County Librarian, 2020).</p> <p><i>'Managing the kit loans is very quick and easy when you've done it a couple of times.'</i> (Powys County Librarian)</p> <p><i>'What a brilliant idea! The girls love using those litter-grabbers but we can't afford to buy kit that we're not going to be using every week.'</i> (Brownie Guider)</p> <p><i>'We all need to do our bit to keep Wales tidy, don't we?'</i> (Local resident)</p>
<p>Photographs, videos, social media etc.</p>	 <p>Quality litter picking kit, PPE and branded litter bags available for groups and individuals to borrow free of charge for up to 8 days. Litter & recycling is collected by arrangement by the PCC Street Cleansing teams without the volunteers having to take it home.</p>

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Links to other Welsh Government Departments	Rural affairs; Circular economy; Mental Health & Well-being; Social Partnership
Collective Impact: Outputs and outcomes and how they contribute to WFG Goals and Ways of Working	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Additional service to rural communities ▪ Care of the local environment, boost to recycling rates. ▪ Aid to physical and mental health of participants ▪ Reduction of car use
Marketing and Communications - Contact name and details	<p>Guto Williams: 07767118014 Guto.Williams@keepwalestidy.cymru</p>

Appendix 1: Table to show use of Powys Litter Picking Hubs

	<i>Date opened</i>	<i>Kit quantity</i>	<i>Opening times</i>	<i>Recorded loans out</i>	<i>Epicollect data</i>
Llanfyllin Library	April 2021	10	Tues, Thurs, Fri (p.m), Sat (a.m)	10	1
Machynlleth Library	Sept 2020	10	Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri + Sat a.m	12	3
Y Lanfa (Welshpool Library)	Sept 2020	15	Mon, Tue, Wed (a.m), Fri, Sat (a.m)	30	8
Newtown Library	Sept 2020	30	Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat a.m	58	13
Llandrindod Wells Library	Sept 2020	25	Mon-Fri. Closed weekends	47	4
Knighton Library	Sept 2020	15	Tue, Thur, Fri (closed 12.30-2.00) + Sat am	34	10
Glasbury Scout Hut	Sept 2020: Informal hub for local use	10	Access on request to Community Council	3	2
Y Gaer (Brecon Library)	Sept 2020	25	Tue, Thur, Fri, Sat, Sunday 10-4pm	41	15
Ystradgynlais Library	Sept 2020	10	Mon, Tues, Wed (am only), Thurs, Fri. Closed weekends	22	
Brecon Beacons NP Visitor Centre	August 2022 Plus 'help yourself' borrowing board	10 adults + 10 children's	Every day 9.30 - 4.30	0 Board kit used daily.	