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Case Study

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CASE STUDY TITLE: Community Skip Waste Recycling

Organisation	Keep Wales Tidy and the Co-Star Partnership
Date/s case study covers	April 2022 – March 2023
Project summary (including location)	<p>A joint project between Keep Wales Tidy and The Co-Star Partnership in Cwmbran, providing skips on a monthly schedule for the community to remove any unwanted household items and waste. The intention is to reduce the likelihood of fly-tipping within the local greenspaces and promote re-use. The items brought along were sorted into recyclables, items which could be repurposed or rehomed, and items which were simply waste by Keep Wales Tidy staff and Co-Star Partnership volunteers. Tools and scrap metal were sorted and delivered to another charitable organisation, Tools for Self-Reliance Cymru. Furniture and household items were sorted and collected by Circulate Furniture Recycling based in Blaenavon. Textiles and clothing were sorted and sent to Roberts Recycling Ltd via their “Dragon Bags” scheme. Wherever possible, desirable/essential items were rehomed within the community. This saw residents taking items away and local volunteers helping to distribute items, including within shared, supported accommodation.</p> <p>At a local, ward level these community skips have proven to be very popular with residents.</p>
Partners involved (other core funded projects, community groups etc.)	<p>The Co-Star Partnership</p> <p>Keep Wales Tidy</p> <p>Tools for Self-Reliance Cymru</p> <p>Circulate Furniture Recycling</p>
Resources (funding, staffing, volunteer time etc.)	<p>The Co-Star Partnership, provision of skips, volunteer support and venue.</p> <p>Keep Wales Tidy, staff time and supervision</p>
Any barriers, risks and issues overcome	No barriers or risks encountered; indeed, the provision of such skips helps overcome the barrier of accessing Household Waste Recycling Centres that faces residents who do not have vehicles.

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	<p>Keep Wales Tidy has previously identified potential issues with ‘skip days’, particularly around planning and managing events, however no issues were encountered throughout these events.</p>
<p>Feedback/quotes from participants / beneficiaries</p>	<p><i>“This is fantastic, in these current hard times, it’s unbelievable that people would throw useful stuff away... living in a shared supported accommodation, the furniture and utensils are minimal.... These items will mean we can all sit in the garden as a household and enjoy the outdoors rather than taking turns!”</i></p> <p>Terry “TJ” Jones, Co-Star Volunteer</p> <p><i>“We gratefully receive many gardening, vintage and specialist tools that are not required in Africa – but they still have value. They are refurbished to a high standard by skilled volunteers in our workshop and sold online and from our shop in Crickhowell, South Wales. This income ensures that we are not wholly reliant on donations or grants, and we are proud to be mostly self-funding in this way.”</i></p> <p>Jeff Thomas, Tools for Self-Reliance Cymru Trustee</p>
<p>Photographs, videos, social media etc.</p>	<p>https://twitter.com/KWT_Torfaen/status/1551596292568190977</p> <div data-bbox="443 1077 1209 1301"> </div> <div data-bbox="443 1317 1209 1742"> </div> <p>4:52 PM · Jul 25, 2022</p>
<p>Collective Impact: Outputs and outcomes and how they contribute to</p>	<p>The local greenspaces have seen a decrease in fly-tipping as a result, with local community group The Eco Warriors of Cwmbran having noticed a drop in volumes collected from the local woodlands. The residents also</p>

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WFG Goals and Ways of Working	<p>now have a better understanding of other local avenues with which to rehome unwanted items rather than simply discarding them.</p> <p>This work has contributed to the WFG goals in the following ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Resilient Wales: improved green space by reducing fly-tipping.• A Wales of Cohesive Communities: Supporting community organisations and volunteer activities which allow people to be active within their local areas.• A Globally Responsible Wales: Efficient use of resources is supported by reduced vehicle dependency and re-using 'waste' items.
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