

# Our Back Yard Evaluation Plan



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This evaluation plan will form the basis of our strategy for year 2 and 3 going forward. It will focus on areas we have achieved to date and the key findings of these and the remaining outcomes yet to be achieved or those achieved in part and or ongoing.

We will look at feedback from the community and their involvement and aspects of the project.

## **Programme Aims**

The long term programme aims are still in place and are as follows

- 1-A direct improvement in the quality of the environment for local residents of Connah's Quay
- 2- Increased Park usage, greater green space enjoyment and a relaxed community atmosphere
- 3- A safer Connah's Quay removing stigma around safety in green spaces, removal of bad associations, increased park usage particularly by smaller children and families
- 4-Residents have a greater respect for green spaces on their doorstep; there is a better network of linked green spaces, a stronger sense of heritage and appreciation for local history
- 5- A Connah's Quay which provides equal opportunities is accessible for all and promotes a close knit community.
- 6-Connah's Quay providing a wide range of recreational intergenerational opportunities, promoting greater community spirit and increasing usage of outdoor space.
- 7- Creating a community that work together, strengthen bonds in their neighbourhoods and work collaboratively to create a tidier Connah's Quay
- 8- Green spaces that are nurtured and cared for, increased practical and social skills for participants, better intergenerational bonds and a sense of ownership for local land.

9-A stronger sense of youth empowerment, involvement and promotion of the wellbeing of future generations

10- A Connah's Quay with increased educational opportunities increased awareness of local area, stronger community culture and increased usage of outdoor spaces for curriculum based subjects.

Questionnaire results show how we have engaged with a broader community group in terms of age and number to help develop our theory of change.

Work has begun on community green spaces across Connah's Quay.

Community Garden

Primrose Street Play Area

Central Park

Quay Wetlands

Lwyny Valley

Golftyn Park

**In year 1 we have made progress on:**

Steering group formed consisting of local CQ Groups. All meetings on Bi monthly basis

Facebook, Twitter and Instagram pages now set up News letters sent weekly to publicise events.

Volunteer days established across CQ and activities planned throughout foundation year and beyond.

So far we have engaged with 163 volunteers. The Our Back Yard Champions has consisted of 4 regular people since early May but in June we have 2 new Wednesday volunteers that have joined. We have logged over 2662 volunteer hours.

Green Team re-introduced to CQ. Have recruited 10 young people to undertake a 12 week programme starting from end of May to August

First six weeks of the programme will concentrate on ecology, with remainder undertaking environmental tasks across CQ – including installation of compost bins at Mill Lane Allotments and general tidy up/maintenance at the Community Garden, Primrose Hill, Kathleen and May.

Green Team Completed August 2018. Total of 15 people engaged in the project and achieved 36 qualifications collectively. Two individuals moved on to further training and 2 have gone into employment.

Mill lane Allotments engagement will now run into next year and plans in place for compost bins to build. Possibility of linking up with Allotments for Community Garden and Incredible edible scheme

Golftyn Park Assets transfer in place, plans for re-development in place and awaiting approval. Consultation process ongoing with local community and steering group and events planned to support consultation into year 2.

I-beacon network ongoing Funds in place to start and support and additional funds from CQ route proposed and awaiting confirmation . Local education and Heritage to help with content

A series of evening history and wildlife walks taken place during the summer involving Quay Watermen and Friends of Wepre Park

Work started on Primrose Hill green space in CQ with help of local community and Volunteer Group. After initial Community Consultation BBQ Event

## **Other achievements**

We have actively engaged with a number of community groups , Friends of Groups, Local councils, Local schools and colleges to make sure we covered a broad spectrum of people across CQ.

This has been done through a number of planned activity days across all the green spaces in CQ this has reached Volunteers and families and individuals. Advertised through Facebook, Twitter and Mail drop to reach the wider area

Litter picking activities 17 number attended and Total litter pick of 180 bags of rubbish

Habitat management activities 4 number attended 7 people

Access improvement activities 16 number attended 83 people

Wildlife awareness activities 18 number attended 202 across the year.

There are more activities planned for year 2. We have changed how we plan these based on compiling a full year events diary rather than quarterly this will allow us be market the events quicker and enable us to get into local press publications and not miss deadlines for submissions.

Activities tables show progress made so far **Appendix 2**

To begin our theory of change we have selected three areas of the project.

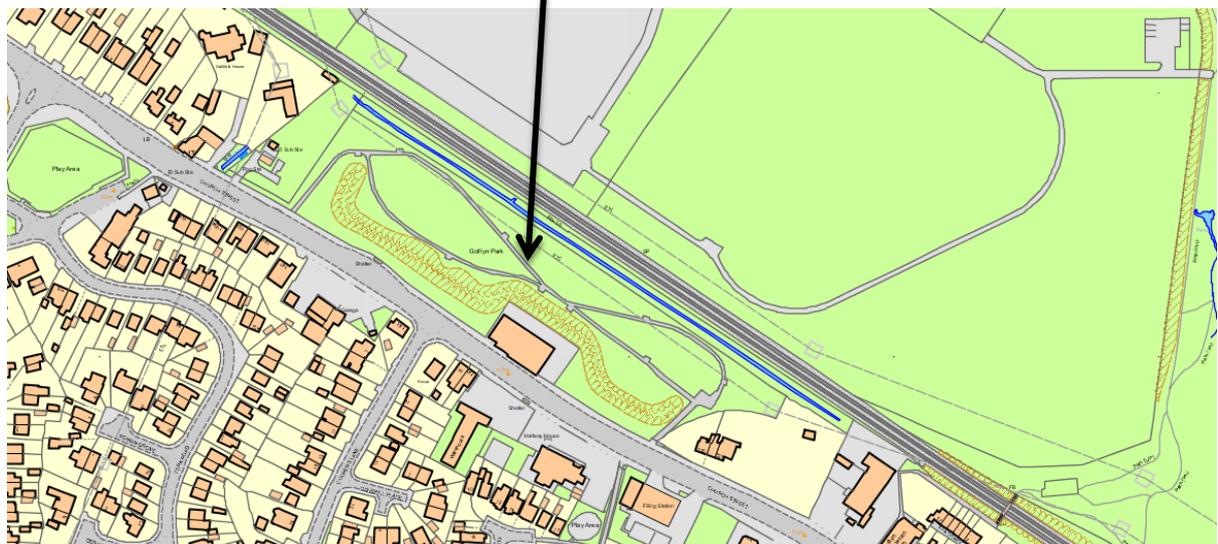
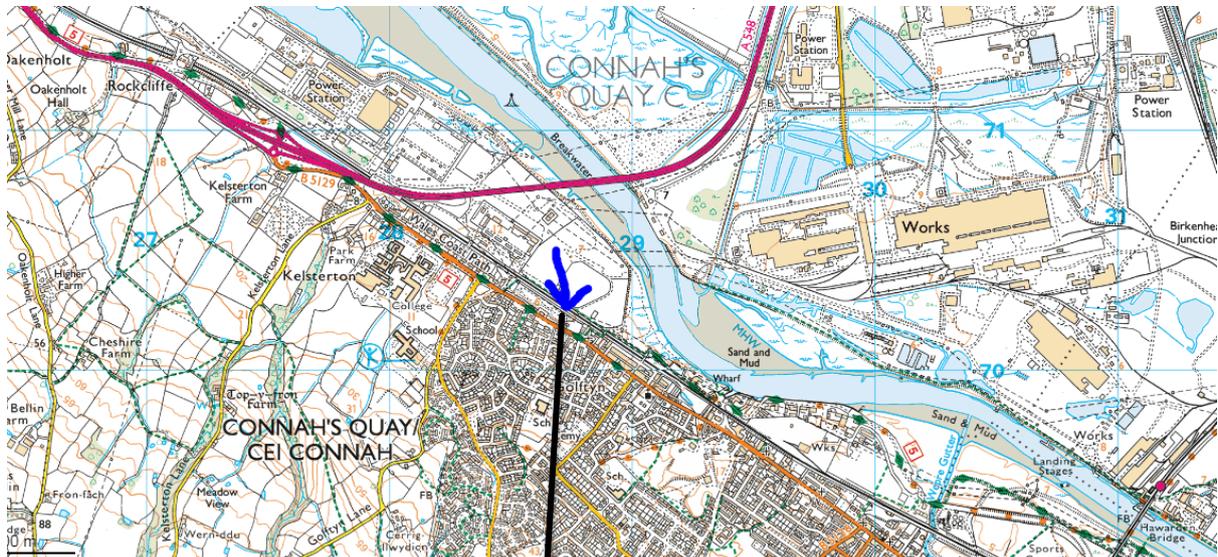
Golftyn Park

I beacon

Volunteer Days

Golftyn Park is part of a network of green spaces in Connah's Quay it is located in the Ward of Golftyn.

Photos below show its location in Connah's Quay.



The north east of the park is dominated by Industrial works and the River Dee also a train line runs parallel with the park on one side and main road on the

opposite side. Some business operates in the vicinity Coast Road furniture which is surrounded by the park and once had a café operating from it.

The Halfway house pub and Esso garage are opposite the park. Consultation events have run at the pub for the park and we are planning more before year end to show and gain feedback on the development plans for the park.

There is however a large housing estate and local college and primary school close by

From our initial consultation we have gathered feedback on its current use.

The park is not used as much as others for example from 236 responses only 9.8% use the park compared with 96% using Wepre Park which is located in Connah's Quay

It current use lends more towards Dog walkers and passing through

Some slight antisocial behaviour from rough sleeping and drinking

Based on the feedback we identified a series of local events to engage the community and gather feedback.

We planted a wild flower garden at Golftyn





We have also had fun with Eco Printing, Building Bird Boxes and natural painting



## Plans for the future

The next step is to look into how we develop the site and what improvements can we make. Below is the proposal of what could be achieved with a budget of 75k. Steering group members have had the chance to review the plans give feedback.



This is a basic proposed plan for the redevelopment work. We have other plans in place for additional work to be completed, but it will require a match funding to make it a reality. This is a proposal which has been put to the Steering Group.

## I-Beacon Network

At the start of our project we said that “by the end of the programme, we aim to have installed an extensive network of iBeacons.”

Presentation of i-beacon network given to Steering Group and subsequent meeting of CQTC and FCC Broad support for scheme and looking at formal approval to go-ahead with the scheme at June 2018 Steering Group

Aim is to roll out the network in collaboration with Quay Watermen Association and CQ Town Council to achieve economies of scale and enhanced CGI capability.

We are now actively seeking volunteers from the local community who would like to be part of the project.

Initial agreement and timescale agreed with WOW interpretation to develop the project with an initial launch date of May 2019 set.

We have attended a North East Wales digital Masterclass and consulted with LOCLY who will be the technology behind the network. This was to see how content can be developed and used.

I-beacons offer an exciting, modern way of engaging people and enhancing their experience by delivering relevant, multimedia content that can work well alongside traditional media such as panels and leaflets.

The plan is to have fully operational I-Beacon network in Connah's Quay. This has been moved to next year to be launched by May 2019.

The content of the app is yet to be agreed but have begun to consult on the heritage of the local area. We have looked at engaging with local schools and colleges to see if they help support the gathering of information.

Below is a proposed map of the network.



The Blue line denotes the existing Heritage Trail

The Red Route is the proposed full I-beacon route

Dotted red is a shortened route.

The route fully takes in points of interest in Connah's Quay to allow people to fully appreciate and understand its History, heritage and culture.

We have actively engaged with Local education to help us develop the content it will help the school develop some extra community links and support the curriculum. We have contacted Primary Secondary and College groups to help with the content.

### **Volunteer Days**

This has been a very successful part of the project. Our engagement activities with volunteer groups have grown from the start of the project.

So far we have engaged with 163 volunteers. The Our Back Yard Champions is now established with a regular Wednesday volunteer group. We have logged over 2662 volunteer hours.

We have had a real positive impact across the green spaces in Connah's Quay and litter picking and community tidy up days have been really popular.

We have collected the following:

- Completed 123 Litter Picks 303 bags of rubbish removed.
- Delivered 18 Access Improvements Sessions Delivered
- 21 Wildlife awareness sessions involving 247 people

## **Example of community Cohesion**

### **Di's Secret Garden - Primrose Street**

Through our word of mouth in local communities we were approached by a group of local residents at one of our events in the summer.

The residents of Primrose Street and surrounding roads in Connah's Quay wanted to take action to improve the environment on their doorstep, teaming up to work together to make a real difference in their community.

Earlier this summer, the residents approached the Our Back Yard team, to highlight a neglected playground tucked away in an alleyway between the houses and which has been a problem area for a number of years, with fly tipping and anti-social behaviour. They were desperate to improve the area and make it a safe place for children to play and for families to enjoy time together. With the support of the Our Back Yard team their dreams are finally being realised.

Earlier in August, the local residents attended a community gathering and BBQ to share their aspirations for the area and decide what to call the playground. They decided to name it "Di's Secret Park", in memory of local resident Di Kaley who is sadly no longer with us, but who in her time was a very strong advocate for the community. During the following weeks, her husband, friends and other residents teamed up, donned their gloves and made a start. They painted the play equipment and cleared litter and debris. With the support of the Our Back Yard team, the community is working together to fundraise to make the park a better place with more facilities, particularly for children with disabilities and a safer place for the community to come and enjoy time together.

Working in Partnership with Flintshire Street Scene we asked them to help clear the site access with heavier equipment. Which they duly did to have a significant impact on the site.

This has now been completed and we are working on the exit strategy with local residents to empower them to take autonomy of the site.

Below are photos of the site and work carried out by Local Residents, Ground Work and Street Scene

Photos of site before work: Access to site



After support from Flintshire Street Scene and litter pick by Volunteers.



Play Area Before



Volunteers working on site:



Community in Action



## **Moving Forward and future developments**

Below is current, what we could do to make some interim improvements to certain task.

Volunteer Registration Forms – ongoing, basic info on volunteers, we don't currently collect this data at the beginning of a volunteer session due to each volunteer having a taster day before a full commitment. So as an action to develop this to enable us to look at how we engage with ethnic groups in Connah's Quay need to collect data on ethnicity etc. Groundworks don't currently do this but I the new form being developed will be in line with lottery need to incorporate all of this information required.

Photo's – ongoing – record of all volunteer activities and events – used mainly on social media but this data could be used to put in power points and presentations. Also it helps to build a better picture of events and the impact we are having from a visual perspective. Plus it sometimes a picture says more that words in its impact.

Case studies – One to one interviews with regular volunteers at various intervals looking at their opinions on the project and their own development. We could look at how we gather information at the start and ask some basic development questions to gage what each volunteer wants to gain from attending sessions. This could help us to look at which volunteers would be best placed to lead and develop to empower them to take on ownership of activities.

Video – Developing the use of videos to record activities and volunteer case studies – Trying to develop this with Coleg Cambria which will help with other areas of the project such as the I-Beacon digital trail which in future will require updating as new stories and information come to the fore With regards Case studies it will really help us evaluate the way we engage with volunteers and what we offer and what motivates them.

## **Developing Our Theory of Change**

To set about developing a theory of change that encapsulates local needs and generates suitable, relevant solutions we developed a public consultation method which we could tailor depending on the group demographic. Considering Connah's Quay's varied population, we realised the importance of consulting with a wide range of target groups including; local school pupils, teachers, parents, college students, elderly people, families, and community groups. In addition to this we have gained feedback from staff within numerous partner organisations and community councillors who have residents' best interests at heart.

To identify the need within the local area, our public consultation focused on two primary questions. The first was based around what individuals like about their local green space, and the second around what improvements are desirable. Alongside these basic questions (documented via questionnaire, post it note exercise or visionary letters) we also developed a map exercise which allowed the team to pinpoint where participants reside within the boundaries of the town and more importantly, the green spaces they currently use most. For some, this may be in the form of a local park, for others this may simply be a private neighbourhood green or even a verge near to their home. With additional snippets on video and via photographs, we have built a substantial case for the need and lack of provision within the local area.

Below is the table of activities planned from the start and where we are at now in terms of progress made based on need and what change we have made.

The Need based on evaluation DATA Appendix 1

<p>The following activities have been identified as potential remedies to the need over the entirety of the project duration of approximately 5 years, identified in section 1 of this diagram.</p>	<p>Evaluation of activities 23-10-2018</p> <p>Have the planned project task been completed and rational behind why not.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Installation of "x" litter and dog foul bins</li> <li>b) Installation of "x" benches and seating areas.</li> <li>c) Installation of "x" street lights, solar lights in well used local parks and green spaces.</li> <li>d) Installation of "x" informative signs, highlighting key features.</li> <li>e) Increased maintenance of existing pathways and creation of new, linear, flat pathways near to key facilities such as toilets and cafes.</li> <li>f) Installation (potentially) of new facilities such as; sports stadium, astro turf, water park, skate park, bike parks, youth shelter, dog walking facilities, play facilities, nature reserve, cycling routes/tracks or a war memorial.</li> <li>g) Establishment of a walking group/series of walking groups, community led.</li> <li>h) Establishment of community based tidy up days, perhaps smaller groups per neighbourhood or one larger overarching gathering.</li> <li>i) Establishment of a volunteer or multitude of volunteering groups with a maintenance or gardening style theme. For example volunteering groups could include, gardening clubs or a volunteering meet that assist the elderly within their private gardens/green space.</li> <li>j) Establishment of increased youth provision with a range of activities and opportunities. For example, annual events or festivals, more regular activities such as youth clubs or organised traineeships.</li> <li>k) Establishment of a wider range of educational activities, to potentially include interpretation boards, growing opportunities and talks.</li> <li>l) Establishment of a historical or heritage trail which extends the existing and helps to better link green spaces in CQ.</li> <li>m) Development of a sensory trail with audio pods and digital learning opportunities. Other stimuli could include; scented flowers, herbs and textured items.</li> <li>n) Development of a neighbourhood watch scheme or buddying system within local neighbourhoods.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Majority of parks do not require litter bins and dog foul bins due to them being in place. Princes Park is only site which would benefit from this. Golftyn will have new bins once works have been completed.</li> <li>b) Green team have installed some benches across CQ in Community Garden and Primrose hill. But Council are reluctant to have more installed due to compliance.</li> <li>c) Street lighting still a concern and still requires further investigation.</li> <li>d) Signs still required and discussions ongoing.</li> <li>e) Pathways have been cleared in certain areas Lynwy Valley most notable and the Walk ways at the wetlands have had significant improvement.</li> <li>f) Not yet started – some scope for bike park in Golftyn providing funding could be acquired for this.</li> <li>g) History Themed walks around CQ are in place and running. Now need to work on handing responsibility to Volunteers</li> <li>h) Volunteer litter picks established also working with local business to gain volunteer hours for tidy up to have greater impact</li> <li>i) A good number of volunteer groups are now established in CQ and we have worked across all green spaces. We have links to F.L.V.C to gain more volunteers and plan to engage with schools and Coleg Cambria to gain youth volunteer group.</li> <li>j) This still needs to be achieved we are working with local schools to raise awareness of this and we have plans to get schools and college involved in the I beacon set up.</li> <li>k) Wild ground activities in place to cover education through local talks. Heritage Walks in place. Bird Box building in place. Bird trails and Badger walks taken place .</li> <li>l) I-Beacon network is still ongoing. Structure agreed content to be worked on next. Plan to have all ready for May 19n Launch.</li> <li>m) Still Required.</li> <li>n) This is already established through OWL Cymru who do this</li> </ul>

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Outputs</b>	<b>Outcomes and Programme Indicator links</b>
Recruit a project team to deliver the aims and objectives of the Our Back Yard project	x1 co-ordinator appointed x1 engagement officer appointed x1 environment officer appointed	Due to changes in first appointed team we now have a full team back in place, overseen by Project Manager Adrian Thomas.
Establish the governance structure by establishing a Steering Group to work together with the community, to represent their views and support the delivery team responsible for delivering the Our Back Yard Project.		<p>Following guidance from Big Lottery, representation of the Steering Group has now been revised. Group now meeting bi monthly.</p> <p>Membership includes: Radio Deeside, Friends of Wepre Park, Mill Lane Allotments, OWL Cymru, FDF Centre for Independent Living, a resident of CQ, Friends of Central Park, , a rep from Education, a rep from FCC Countryside Services, Town Centre Manager, Quay CAT, Quay Watermans Association. Flintshire Street Scene are now involved</p> <p><b><i>Links to: Outcome 5 A Connah's Quay which provides equal opportunities and is accessible for all and promotes a close knit community</i></b></p>
<p>An extension of public consultation within Connah's Quay to continue to identify ideas and opinions as the project develops.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Set up method of communicating the OBY project</li> </ul>	Consultation with a minimum of an additional 100 people.	<p>Community Launch event held . The volunteering events also used as an opportunity to gather views as well.</p> <p>Has been clear from volunteering days that better signage and naming of green spaces</p>

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		<p>needs to be undertaken.</p> <p>Plans for Golftyn Park available as of Sept 2018, to be consulted on through Oct 2018. 4 sessions have been completed now at Halfway House Pub – Golftyn Park Dog Show through regular Volunteer sessions and Wepre Park Orchard Day</p> <p>Facebook, twitter and Instagram pages now set-up. Weekly activity newsletter sent out on Mondays publicising events for that week. New generic leaflet produced for future consultation events.</p> <p>Events and volunteering activities flyer to be produced 3 times per year.</p> <p>Radio Deeside regularly advertise events and volunteering days on their shows. Team members have promoted the project live on air.</p> <p>Park names – have found that there are different names for the parks, need to improve signage to resolve this:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Central Park – The Crickies</li> <li>○ Prince’s Park – Prince’s Pit and the waste land</li> <li>○ Quay Wetlands – no-one knows about it</li> <li>○ Golftyn Park – The Dog Park</li> </ul>
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		Discussions on going with CQTC, FCC, Local Residents
<p>Set up a “community and volunteering hub” – this may possibly take an electronic format.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community participants will have a facility to log onto a portal, add their names to a registered interest list and sign up to various activities within the area, which can be listed by community organisations and residents accordingly.</li> <li>There will also be a method of leaving feedback and a facility for creation of a blog.</li> </ul>	<p>Aim of engaging with approximately 300 new volunteers over the life of the project. Aim to retain a minimum of 150 of these for at least 12 months.</p> <p><b>Aim: Engage with 100 new volunteers in year one. COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b>Aim for year 2 : To begin empowering Volunteers to run own sessions and continue recruitment of new volunteer groups.</b></p>	<p>FLVC have recently revamped their website to include volunteering portal. So Our Back Yard will feed into that system. A dedicated facebook page for volunteers on for Our Back Yard has been set up and the volunteers are sharing communication with each other through this.</p> <p><i>So far we have engaged with 163 volunteers. The Our Back Yard Champions has consisted of regular people since early May but in June we have new Wednesday volunteers that have joined. We have logged over 2662 volunteer hours.</i></p> <p><b>Links to: Outcome 7 Creating a community that work together strengthen bonds in their neighbourhoods and collaboratively to create a tidier Connah’s Quay</b></p>
<p>We will actively work to establish community volunteering groups and regular activity within numerous designated green spaces in the town;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“The Parks” (now known as Quay Wetlands). Main activities to include; land, hedge and path clearance to diminish overgrown vegetation and to increase usability of the space.</li> <li>Central Park, Princes Park,</li> </ul>	<p>Aim to establish a volunteering groups at locations listed on the left. Aim for a target of 36,000 volunteering hours throughout the duration of the programme.</p> <p><b>Aim: 6,000 volunteering hours the first year of the programme.</b></p> <p><b>A roaming Wednesday Group has now been established and working across all these areas.</b></p>	<p>A series of volunteering days have been established during Feb to Sept;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- building bird boxes, bat boxes, bug hotels and planters</li> <li>- vegetation clearance, woodland path creation, wildflower creation and litter picks</li> <li>- habitat watches, pond dipping and history walks</li> <li>- woodworking, cooking on a fire and making things from.</li> </ul>

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<p>Golftyn Park. Activities to include; Litter picking, general maintenance.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wild Ground managed Nature Reserves including Llwyni. Activities to include; habitat management, general clearance, plant identification and any additional work required.</li> </ul>		<p>Toyota Volunteer Group engaged with to support litter pick of Lwyny Valley</p> <p>Boardwalk at the 'Quay Wetlands' has now been cleared of vegetation and is now accessible to general public.</p> <p>Across the whole of Connah's Quay our volunteer groups have taken part in green space improvement using our volunteer network.</p> <p>Discussion to take place with FCC about ongoing maintenance.</p>
<p>We will facilitate fully accessible community based practical skill building days to bring together people from the community and create usable amenities to promote relaxation and activity in the outdoors. We can draw on local "Friends Of" groups as a starting base and to help facilitate engagement.</p> <p>These activities will include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bench building; facilitating the creation of seating provision for numerous green spaces in Connah's Quay, something requested by numerous community members.</li> <li>• Creation of raised beds; creating transportable beds</li> </ul>	<p>Aim to hold a minimum of 4 skill building days, one per quarter. Potentially engage with at least 30 individuals.</p> <p><b>Aim: build 4 new benches in year one. COMPLETED</b></p>	<p>These will fit into the Wednesday volunteering programme, the Green Team and with local people through existing community groups and once established. There is potential to form Friends of Connah's Quay Green Spaces group.</p> <p><b><i>Links to Outcome 10 A Connah's Quay with increased educational opportunities increased awareness of the local area, stronger community culture and increased usage of outdoor spaces for curriculum based subjects.</i></b></p>

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<p>which can be moved to various green spaces accordingly.</p>		
<p>We will proactively initiate a Connah's Quay traineeship programme, targeted at both youths and those currently unemployed. Traineeships will include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practical outdoor work, including maintenance of green spaces, hedge and path clearance, cutting new paths, painting fences, planting of trees, hedge rows and wildflowers etc.</li> <li>• Skill building workshops; bench building, creation of a raised beds, construction of fences.</li> <li>• Related training courses; first aid, health and safety and manual handling.</li> </ul> <p>Provision for these activities will take place within green spaces and also within a designated workshop space. A main aim is to provide youth activity in order to reduce anti-social behaviour.</p>	<p>Aim to engage two groups within a Green Team traineeship, as a pilot scheme. <b>Aim: Potentially engage with approximately 16 individuals in year one.</b></p>	<p>Green Team re-introduced to CQ. Have recruited 15 young people to undertake a 12 week programme starting from end of May to August.</p> <p>First six weeks of the programme will concentrate on ecology, with remainder undertaking environmental tasks across CQ – including installation of compost bins at Mill Lane Allotments and general tidy up/maintenance at the Community Garden (next to Job Centre).</p> <p>Green Team Completed August 2019. Total of 15 people engaged in the project and achieved 36 qualifications collectively. Two individuals moved on to further training and 2 have gone into employment.</p> <p><b><i>Links to : Outcome 10 A Connah's Quay with increased educational opportunities increased awareness of the local area, stronger community culture and increased usage of outdoor spaces for curriculum based subjects.</i></b></p>

<p>We will seek professional investigation and landscape study into a variety of green spaces within the area;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Investigation into the contamination status of various parks Princes Park which is a former landfill site. Recruitment of a surveyor and commissioning of a detailed report which indicates suitable land use.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Aim: to undertake investigational reporting on two sites, Princes and Central Park in year one. Potentially additional scope for expansion onto Wepre.</b></p>	<p>Had meeting with Contaminated land Officer. Regarding both Golftyn and Pricness Park and we are awaiting the outcome and advice from these now . Met with Early October 2018</p> <p>Topographical study for Golftyn Park has now been commissioned. Outcome of study expected in July. DAVID NEEDS TO FEED BACK ON THIS WE ARE NOT SURE</p> <p>Continued effort to access information from FCC contaminated officer. Progress needed to allow progress at various sites. <b>COMPLETED</b></p> <p><b><i>Links to : Outcome 7 Creating a community that work together strengthen bonds in their neighbourhoods and collaboratively to create a tidier Connah’s Quay</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Outcome 8 Green spaces that nurtured for increased practical and social skills for participants, better intergenerational bonds and a sense of ownership for local land.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Outcome 2 Increased Park usage greater green space enjoyment and relaxed community atmosphere.</i></b></p>
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<p>We will set up a “wild flower scheme” in order to increase biodiversity within Connah’s Quay and to inject some much needed colour into the landscape.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wild flower seed kits produced and made widely available for community groups who already have established green space, schools and for residents to use in privatised gardens.</li> <li>• Growing sessions to be held in collaboration with local community organisations such as Digging Deeside, allotment groups, “Friends of” groups and schools. Seed kits can also be used within these outdoor and educational sessions.</li> <li>• Educational talks and assistance will be made available (using partner organisations such as Wild Ground) in order to establish correct planting method and seed type according to season.</li> </ul>	<p>Aim to produce planting materials for a minimum of 200 gardens over the life of the project. This may potentially cover 1,500 m<sup>2</sup> across CQ.</p> <p><b>Aim: to hold 4 growing sessions in collaboration with local groups (potentially engaging with around 40 individuals) and an additional 4 educational sessions to further enhance benefit from these (potentially engaging with around 40 individuals) in year one.</b></p>	<p>Awarded limited number of wildflower seed from Gro Wild in March. Small site identified in Golftyn Park and volunteers assisted in preparing ground and sowing seed.</p> <p>We are still looking into an incredible edible project contact has been established with an existing Conwy Project and visit planned for November to see how its run. We have potential to link up with Mill lane allotments for this using the Allotment plot at the community Gardens in CQ</p> <p>Seed planting has taken place across CQ in current green spaces</p> <p>Have met with the Pen Y Llan Court Community garden group who are keen to be involved in the incredible edible project, they also need support to get funds for plants, equipment and most urgently a rainwater harvesting system. May be interested in becoming part of a Friend of group which would help them be more sustainable in the future. They also need help to promote the garden to the wider community.</p> <p>Education talks have taken place and more are ongoing and planned for 2019</p> <p><b>Links to : Outcome 1 A Direct</b></p>
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		<p><b><i>improvement in the quality of the environment for local residents of Connah's Quay</i></b>  <b><i>Outcome 4 Residents have a greater respect for green spaces on their doorstep; there is a better network of linked green spaces, a stronger sense of heritage and appreciation for local history.</i></b></p>
<p>A proactive approach will be taken with regards to reducing the level of Litter within the vicinity of the town.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Establishment of educational workshops, focusing on working with the community to highlight the environmental and locality benefits to minimising littering. This should provide a soft touch approach compared to the current street scene action within the area and the issuing of numerous large-scale fines.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Aim: to hold two educational workshops, or incorporate into other activities as required (potentially engaging with around 30 individuals) in year one. This can also be incorporated into traineeships.</b></p>	<p>New project officer at Keep Wales Tidy now in position, so discussion will begin soon on developing a programme on reducing the levels of litter in CQ. Discussions have been had with Outdoor Learning Wales about linking with the work of other organisations in the area to create a cross curricular project for the schools to get involved in. Met with Keep Wales Tidy project officer for Flintshire – they will support us at events where it fits into their Tidy Towns initiative and also support with educational resources for the litter project. Took part in a Golftyn Ward Community Litter pick in May.</p> <p>Volunteer litter picks have taken place across CQ . Also local employer Toyota have been worked with to help clear fly tipping waste and litter and the use of our TRAC Groups to help litter pick as well .</p>

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		<p>The new year will see the Spring Clean initiative run by Keep Wales Tidy which we are working with and this will link to schools and school engagement through them.</p> <p><b>Links to : Outcome 1 A Direct improvement in the quality of the environment for local residents of Connah's Quay</b></p>
<p>We will implement rotational community activities, based from various Cafés in the local area. Base starting points will include; Libby's Café, Wepre Park Café and the Café situated at the Dock site, providing a variety of walking routes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of a led walk programme incorporating a community walk leader. Walks will be accessible to all and times may be varied to accommodate a variety of groups.</li> <li>• Additional varied workshops which can incorporate a variety of activities; extension of local memory café provision (working alongside one partner, the Alzheimer's Society), sensory activities for those with sight</li> </ul>	<p>Community activities to be held on a fortnightly basis. Potential to engage with 150 people with disabilities through the duration of the project and 100 able bodied individuals.</p> <p><b>Aim: to set up this provision in year one, potentially engaging with 35 people who have disabilities using sensory steps programmes and 2 volunteers who may take on walk leadership.</b></p>	<p>A series of evening history and wildlife walks are planned during the summer involving Quay Watermen and Friends of Wepre Park.</p> <p>We have a roaming Wednesday Volunteer group which is rotating through community activities.</p> <p>We are reviewing our 2019 Events and Volunteer days ready to launch early 2019.</p> <p>Ongoing monthly sessions with Clock Tower Mostyn</p> <p>Mental health volunteers with physical disabilities and supported volunteer sessions with FLVC</p> <p>Working with the Alzheimer's society as part of the Dementia Friendly Deeside – attending the steering group.</p>

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<p>loss (alongside another partner, vision support), support groups for those with a mental or physical disability, historical and heritage sessions, educational sessions regarding environmental and topical community issues like fly tipping and energy saving workshops to include highlighting cost and carbon savings in reducing energy usage and the benefits of switching energy supplier.</p> <p>All of the above can essentially be championed and run by lead staff and volunteers from local partnership organisations including Quay Watermans Association, local Friends Of Groups, Scouts to and certain members of the staff delivery team within the lead partner organisation Groundwork North Wales to name a few.</p>		<p>In correspondence with the Downs Syndrome association and links with Clock Tower.</p> <p>Plan to contact Arthritis Care and Flintshire Learning for Recovery, link into suitable existing volunteering opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress at Primrose Road playground following meeting with Aura Leisure and Street Scene. Following a meeting with Flintshire CC progress has been made at the site. Maintenance of site has been worked on. Through both Flintshire street scene and Volunteer groups. We are now looking at an exit strategy for this and building links with the community members to empower them to take over site and its development with Flintshire CC.</li> </ul> <p>A community BBQ/consultation held in partnership with Owl Cymru in the summer holidays. Followed by a litter pick of the alleyway and painting the playground equipment. This has taken place on 3 consecutive Tuesdays in August / Sept. Hope to get residents interested in joining the 'Friends of' so that fundraising can take place to improve the playground possibly with a natural play area, seating, raised beds</p>
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		<p>and fruit trees.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• August 5<sup>th</sup> Family fun day being organized by the community in Central Park we are attending and will be doing wildlife walks to Prince's Park and consultation about potential for improvements to the park. Community ideas have included; new paths, benches and bins, trike and scooter area, bmx pump track, basketball and Frisbee golf. There needs to be further consultation and meetings with relevant agencies to see what is possible on this site.</li> <li>• Have met with the Pen Y Llan Court Community garden group who are keen to be involved in the incredible edible project, they also need support to get funds for plants, equipment and most urgently a rainwater harvesting system. May be interested in becoming part of a Friend of group which would help them be more sustainable in the future. They also need help to promote the garden to the wider community.</li> <li>• Community Events and Volunteering Programme produced for Sept – Dec 2019.</li> </ul> <p><b><i>Links to : Outcome 7 Creating a community that work together strengthen bonds in their neighbourhoods and collaboratively to</i></b></p>
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		<p><b><i>create a tidier Connah’s Quay</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Outcome 10 A Connah’s Quay with increased educational opportunities increased awareness of the local area, stronger community culture and increased usage of outdoor spaces for curriculum based subjects.</i></b></p>
<p>We will invest time and capital in improving the Golftyn Park site, as explored within our stage 1 proposal and associated land study. Typical first year improvements might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductory site surveys to establish baseline data and investigate suitable uses or environmental contamination risk.</li> <li>• Local Golftyn community engagement through simple wildflower planting.</li> <li>• Development of the “Friends of Golftyn Park”.</li> </ul>	<p>15,000m<sup>2</sup> improved and 500m<sup>2</sup> of natural planting throughout the duration of the project.  <b>Aim: 200m<sup>2</sup> wildflower planting to be completed within the first year, significant surveys undertaken.</b></p>	<p>Plans received from Landscape Architects at Groundwork Manchester for Golftyn Park. These will be consulted throughout October 2019.</p> <p>Following the award of wildflower mixes by Gro Wild, we have undertaken a simple wildflower planting session with volunteers.</p> <p>Work still underway in the development of a ‘Friends of Golftyn Park’. Considering that given the nature of the range of newly identified green space sites that a Friends of Connah’s Quay Green Spaces group would be more appropriate.</p> <p><b><i>Links to : Outcome 8 Green spaces that nurtured for increased practical and social skills for participants, better intergenerational bonds and a sense of ownership for local land.</i></b></p>
<p>We will engage with the community to</p>	<p><b>Aim: to hold sessions every couple of</b></p>	<p>During the volunteer days, we are</p>

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<p>set up bi-monthly community tidy up/open days in collaboration with Keep Wales Tidy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To be trialled in different green spaces across Town on a rotational basis. These may also come to include privatised neighbourhood land at request of residents.</li> </ul> <p>These may become more frequent as demand within the community grows.</p>	<p><b>months and to interact with 10 people per session within year one.</b></p> <p><b>Keep wales tidy have limited involvement now but are looking to run a project in Feb 2019 Spring Clean which we are looking to gain involvement in.</b></p>	<p>undertaking litter picks as standard.</p> <p>collaboration with Keep Wales Tidy in place will undertake further tidy-up days in Spring next year though the Spring Clean event being run</p> <p>We have delivered 5 specifically organised litter picks at Llwyni Valley, Prince's Park and Golftyn Park.</p>
<p>We will continue to work alongside other community organisations to extend the heritage trail. This will include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>carrying out mapping exercises,</li> <li>collaborating local stories and history,</li> <li>planning provision for pathway extensions</li> <li>production of interpretation boards surrounding local industrial history and recent growth.</li> </ul>	<p>By the end of the programme, we aim to have installed an extensive network of iBeacons.</p> <p><b>Aim: to have piloted a minimum of 10 iBeacons in the local area which "announce" educational information and build on local heritage within year one.</b></p>	<p>I Beacon network project has now begun. We have established this through the steering group and potential of additional monies are being sourced to support the content development.</p> <p>We are now seeking Volunteers to help develop the system and content.</p> <p>We are also working with schools to support curriculum needs through content development opportunities.</p> <p>Initial agreement and timescale agreed with WOW interpretation to develop the project with an initial launch date of May 2019 set. We now have a full agreement to this</p> <p><b>Links to :Outcome 6 Connah's Quay Providing a wide range of recreational intergenerational opportunities</b></p>

		<p><b><i>promoting great community spirit and increased usage of outdoor space.</i></b></p>
<p>We will continue to extend consultation with educational bodies, primarily local schools, regarding provision for a continuation of curriculum based lessons within local outdoor space.</p>	<p><b>Aim: Consultation with at least two additional schools locally within year one.</b></p>	<p>Hosted some volunteer days with the Golftyn Primary School Eco Committee at The Quay Wetlands, Princes Park and Central Park.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presented to a small number of parents at Caer Nant school on June 13<sup>th</sup> and one parents joined us for a full days volunteering at Llwyni Valley. We will be running 2 family learning sessions at Prince’s Park with the school on July 13<sup>th</sup>.</li> <li>• Bryn Deva Nursery spent the morning looking at minibeasts with us at The Quay Wetlands (3.7.18) and the school eco-committee will join us for 4 consecutive Friday sessions in the autumn. We have now delivered 4 outdoor learning session with Bryn Deva.</li> <li>• Connah’s Quay High School – year 10 World Skills group and years 7-9 additional needs groups will be involved in volunteering sessions in the autumn. We have now delivered on this and outdoor sessions have taken place</li> <li>• All schools are part of the iBeacon project to help develop content..</li> <li>• Have made links with Coleg Cambria regarding the iBeacon project.</li> </ul>

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		<p><b><i>Links to: Outcome 6 Connah's Quay Providing a wide range of recreational intergenerational opportunities promoting great community spirit and increased usage of outdoor space.</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Outcome 10 A Connah's Quay with increased educational opportunities increased awareness of the local area, stronger community culture and increased usage of outdoor spaces for curriculum based subjects.</i></b></p>
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