

# Annual Report

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**COVER PHOTO:**

As part of 40th year celebrations since establishing Volunteers' Week, Mantell Gwynedd gave special recognition to the Mountain Rescue Teams. The teams are made up entirely of volunteers. The photo shows a member of the Aberglaslyn Mountain Rescue Team on an exercise in the mountains.

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# A message from the Chair...

After a year as Chair of Mantell Gwynedd it gives me great pleasure to present the Annual Report for 2024-25.

As you will see from the content of this Report it has been an incredibly busy year and a year which has seen an increase in staffing levels, new projects and new streams of funding. All of this is very good news for Mantell Gwynedd!

Mantell Gwynedd has administered a Grant Fund worth over £2.1m in total from Shared Prosperity Funding since 2023 and, as you will see from this report, those who have received this funding are a cross section of organisations from every corner of the county. It has been a pleasure to be part of the Grants Panel which assessed applications and awarded funding. This role has given me a first hand opportunity, as Chair of Mantell Gwynedd, to see the high standard of applications as well as the diverse range of those applications from across Gwynedd. I am grateful to Cyngor Gwynedd for their continued collaboration and their genuine desire to work in partnership with Mantell Gwynedd.

It has been great to see the work of Social Value Cymru go from strength to strength and this year has seen a variety of successful contracts awarded to the team. I consider it a privilege to Chair the Social Value Forum at Mantell Gwynedd. This remains an innovative area of work and it's great to see Mantell Gwynedd leading nationally on some of the discussions regarding social value.

Working collaboratively with the Health Board is another key area of work and it is vital that the Health Board continues to support the Building Strong Bridges project as well as the Social Prescription project. These are two pieces of work which are both important for the whole of Gwynedd.

The work of Gwynedd Volunteer Centre, which is a part of Mantell Gwynedd, continues to thrive. The Gafael Llaw i Wirfoddoli project (Helping Hand to Volunteer), funded through Shared Prosperity Funding in 2023, has continued to encourage and support potential volunteers who face additional barriers to volunteering. It has been hugely successful. We received excellent news during the summer that an application to the National Lottery had been successful. This will mean an additional £261k funding, so that we are able to extend the geographical reach of this already successful project. In addition to all of this another new project, Ffrindia' Newydd (New Friends) has been launched which is a befriending scheme which aims to lessen loneliness.

It is hard to believe that a very small number of staff, (14 in total) are able to achieve so much in a year. This Annual Report is a testament to the very hard work of every member of staff and I express my heartfelt thanks to each and every one of them. Likewise, to my co Board Members for their continued support. However, my greatest vote of thanks has to be to every organisation and individual who make up the third sector in Gwynedd. Gwynedd would be a very poor county indeed without all of the volunteers who are a vital part of maintaining the wellbeing of the county, so a big thanks to every single one of you who make Gwynedd a better to live.

**Trystan Pritchard**  
(Chair of the Management Board)



## Activities

### What does Mantell Gwynedd do?

The aim of Mantell Gwynedd is to support voluntary and community groups, to encourage individuals to volunteer and to be a strong voice for the third sector in Gwynedd.

Mantell Gwynedd is a registered charitable company with local membership and it is also part of the Third Sector Support Wales network – a Wales wide network of County Voluntary Councils together with the Wales Council for Voluntary Action (WCVA). The organisation also takes on numerous other projects all with the same objective – to support and promote volunteering and the third sector in Gwynedd.

### Mantell Gwynedd activities include the following:

- Promote and support volunteering opportunities
- Represent the third sector and work collaboratively with strategic partnerships
- Support individuals and organisations to engage more effectively with public bodies
- Provide governance support to organisations e.g constitutional and financial matters
- Support organisations to better measure their value, especially social value
- Operate as a link between individuals and third sector organisations e.g Social Prescription
- Provide support to run projects and to pilot projects on behalf of the third sector as and when needed
- Support partners by employing staff
- Administer grant funding and provide advice on sources of funding
- Promote the development of social enterprises and the sustainability of organisations
- Promote and co-ordinate third sector consortia arrangements
- Share information with the third sector via the monthly Bulletin, information sheets, the website, social media and any other appropriate medium
- Offer a programme of training to support organisations and volunteers in their work
- Offer practical services such as the loan of equipment, a photocopying service, meeting rooms and office space
- Offer payroll services
- Promote collaboration across sectors



### Membership

**£10**

Membership is open to all voluntary groups working in Gwynedd and the membership fee is **£10 per year.**



# Gwynedd Volunteer Centre

At the Gwynedd Volunteer Centre we:

- Recruit Volunteers
- Promote Volunteering
- Support Volunteering
- Celebrate Volunteering
- Advise and Develop good practice in Volunteering

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS' WEEK CELEBRATES 40 YEARS!

**2024 was a celebration of 40 years since the launch of National Volunteers Week.**

Gwynedd Volunteer Centre noted this milestone at Portmeirion where volunteering in Gwynedd was celebrated. Individuals and organisations were recognised for their selfless contributions for the benefit of others. It was a day filled with inspiring stories and a tribute to the power of volunteering.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION TO THE MOUNTAIN RESCUE TEAMS

As part of the 40 year milestone of National Volunteers Week, North Wales Mountain Rescue Teams were given special recognition.

# Volunteering



## CYNLLUN GWIRFODOLI GWYNEDD

The Gwynedd Volunteering Scheme is a way of recognising the contribution of volunteers by recording volunteering hours and awarding milestone certificates. There are 25,50,100,200,500 and 1000 hour certificates available to volunteers of all ages. It encourages a variety of volunteering activity. During the year over 700 hours were recorded by Young Volunteers.



## BUILDING TOMORROW'S WALES

A series of events were held across Wales to discuss the obstacles and difficulties faced by volunteers. Practical solutions were sought to engage with volunteers in challenging times. Following these events the Volunteering Cross Sector Leadership Group was set up in Wales which resulted in a new Volunteering Vision for Wales which was launched in 2025. Mantell Gwynedd was part of the Cross Sector Leadership Group. The creation of a framework for delivery and Implementation Plan is currently underway.



**166**  
enquiries





# Gwynedd Volunteer Centre

## GWYNEDD YOUTH VOLUNTEERING GRANT

The Gwynedd Volunteer Centre continues to administer the Youth Volunteering Grant which is run by a panel of young people aged between 14 and 25. The grant is distributed by County Voluntary Councils throughout Wales and is part of the Welsh Government's Youth-Led Grants Scheme to support volunteering projects across Wales.

Six priority areas were identified for funding for the 2023-25 period and applications had to meet at least one of the seven well-being goals identified in the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

In 2023, 7 pupils from Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle were recruited as Grant Panel members. Two applications were successful to the total sum of £10,000. Tallyllyn (Tywyn) Railway and Nathan Craig Sports were both allocated funding for a two year period.



**134**  
volunteers  
registered through  
the Volunteering  
Wales website  
in Gwynedd

# Volunteering



## CASE STUDY: Ffion Freeman

### Tallyllyn Railway old powder wagon project

Young volunteers at the Tallyllyn Railway have succeeded in bringing history back to life through a heritage project led by young people. In doing so, they have cultivated new skills, gained confidence and developed a strong sense of belonging to the community.

The Tallyllyn Railway Young Members' Group (YMG) acts as a support network for everyone between the ages of 14 and 25 who are members or young volunteers with the Railway Conservation Society. The group offers a fun and welcoming atmosphere for anyone interested in volunteering on the railway, whether new or already part of it.

### A new life for the old gunpowder wagon

Tallyllyn Railway used the funding to recreate a version of the Gunpowder Wagon - the last wagon of its kind which carried explosives along the railway, but which had been forgotten over time. The group decided to recreate this historic vehicle using traditional construction methods where possible, with the aim of using it to share the history of Bryneglwys Slate Quarry, one of the key sites that the railway served for a long time.

Matthew, one of the key builders and a representative on the development committee, explained that they wanted to create an inclusive project where all volunteers could participate and contribute to restoring a valuable piece of local history - something that was close to his heart.

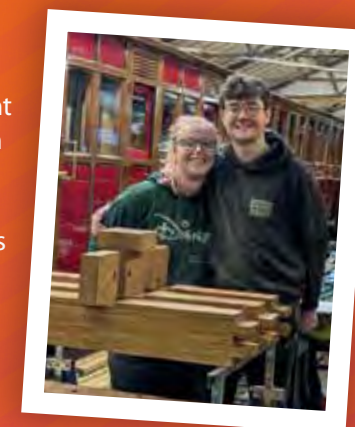
*"Through this project, I have built deep connections with other volunteers and made lifelong friends, which has been a real boost to my mental health," says Matthew. "Volunteering has given me a strong sense of pride and satisfaction for the contribution I have made."*

### Young people leading the way

Ffion took a leading role in the project. *"By working on the powder wagon, I have developed skills in wood and metal work and had the opportunity to learn more about the local slate industry while doing research on it"* she said. As the project progressed, Ffion learnt Welsh words related to the wagon with her fellow volunteers, something that received an enthusiastic response and added to the experience for everyone.

Volunteering at Tallyllyn Railway has opened doors to new friendships for Luke and given him first-hand experience of running the railway. He volunteers as an engine cleaner, assisting with firing and maintaining the locomotives before they leave. He is also part of the traffic department as a blockman and lookout.

*"The experience has changed my life. I'm much more confident and more social than I was before, and I've had the opportunity to make great friends who share the same interests as me."*





# Gafael Llaw i Wirfoddoli Project

This is the second year of this project which is funded through Shared Prosperity Funding.

This funding has enabled Mantell Gwynedd to employ a full time member of staff, the Gafael Llaw officer, who provides additional support to individuals wishing to embark on volunteering.

The 1:1 support provided by this project means that individuals are provided with bespoke support to commence their volunteering journey.

## David from Caernarfon

Following a Parkinsons diagnosis David found it difficult to find employment and so began feeling lonely on a day to day basis. With the support of the Gafael Llaw officer David began volunteering at the Arfon Food Bank assisting with preparation of food parcels.

Lola, the Arfon Food Bank Coordinator said "David has become an important part of our team and the Food Bank has become a community hub for David where he socialises over a cuppa and soup following his volunteering shift."

"Volunteering has helped me personally as I have made new friends, met new people and got me out of the house. These are all important things because I was very lonely before I started volunteering. Thank you for referring me to the Food Bank and to the team there for supporting me from week to week."



## Rhiannon from Aberdaron

Living with anxiety, Rhiannon wanted to give volunteering a go in order to better help with her condition. She wanted to volunteer from home in the beginning and so a home based opportunity was found for her as a telephone befriender for Age Cymru's A Friend in Need scheme. This scheme was first introduced during Covid and has continued as an important scheme to help those who are older and feeling lonely. Rhiannon continues to volunteer on a weekly basis and is an example of helping others whilst also helping herself.

"Volunteering has change my life. It has given me something to do from week to week and has helped my mental health by giving me a purpose. I regularly look forward to Tuesday mornings when I chat to my friend on the phone. Volunteering in this role means the world to me."

Since this project commenced in January 2024,

**149**

individuals have been provided with support and have commenced volunteering as a result of this support



# Mantell Gwynedd's Payroll Service

Mantell Gwynedd has offered a third sector payroll service for organisations in Gwynedd for many years.

Financial matters, and particularly payroll matters, can be very complicated for small organisations who often depend on volunteers for their day to day running.

The payroll service provided by Mantell Gwynedd offers reassurance to organisations that proper procedures and protocols are in place and also ensures there is somebody at the end of a telephone line to offer support and assistance when required.

In recent years, especially with changes to pension requirements, the payroll service has been more important than ever to small organisations.

Here's what some of the organisations who benefit from our Payroll Service had to say about the service they have received:

## Bethan, Cylch Meithrin Dyffryn yr Enfys

"The payroll service has been of significant help to our organisation.

The paperwork is prepared in a timely fashion, is correct, and the overall service means a lot less stress for the volunteers who run the organisation."

## Heather, Clerc Cyngor Tref Abermaw

"I have found the payroll service from Mantell Gwynedd to be very helpful and essential to the smooth running of Barmouth Town Council. I couldn't manage without the service you provide. Thank you."

## Sioned, Pum Plwy Penllyn

"The payroll service which is provided by Mantell Gwynedd has been of significant importance to us over the years. The support provided ensures everything is correct when dealing with staff wages and provides peace of mind to the company in terms of compliance because of this professional support. This leaves us with more time to concentrate on our core work and lessens the administrative burden on us."

## Aimee, Ysgol Ein Harglwyddes

"We are grateful to the service for their help and support managing our payroll.

Staff are always on hand to offer advice and are always prompt in responding to communication."



# Health & Well-being

The Building Strong Bridges project is funded through Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and enables Mantell Gwynedd to employ a full time Health and Well-being Facilitator.

The facilitator post ensures there is a bridge between the Health Board and third sector organisations who provide services within the health and well-being sector.

The Facilitator :

- Facilitates meetings and supports Networks and Forums
- Raises awareness of opportunities to influence
- Ensures that there is a third sector perspective at partnership meetings and other events
- Holds a series of Network events throughout the year

A series of network meetings were held during 2024-25.

The network meetings held during the year included:

- A regional event "Health and Wellbeing North Wales" organised by the North Wales facilitators (16.05.24)
- Active Travel (14.05.24)
- Interactive speed -dating event (5.06.24)
- Iechyd Da'r Ha' event held for the first time in North Gwynedd at Caernarfon (27.06.24)
- Challenges in Volunteer Recruitment (19.09.24)
- Iechyd Da event at Dolgellau (12.10.24)
- Funding & Finance – meet the Funders (23.10.24)
- DBS Workshop (20.11.24)
- Christmas celebration of wellbeing and organised by North Wales facilitators (3.12.24)
- International Women's Day conference organised by North Wales facilitators in partnership with BCUIHB (4.03.25)
- National Social Prescribing Day organised by North Wales facilitators in partnership with BCUIHB (31.03.25)

Over 150 organizations were engaged during the period in question.

## IECHYD DA'R HA' EVENT June 2024

Mantell Gwynedd has held a Good Health event at Dolgellau every October for almost twenty years. It's a hugely successful event and provides a valuable opportunity for third sector organisations and partners to come together to network and engage with the local community in South Gwynedd. A decision was made to extend the provision and organise a similar event in the north of Gwynedd. The first Iechyd Da'r Ha' took place at Caernarfon's Market Hall on 27th June 2024 as part of World Health Day.



There were  
**24**  
stalls by Gwynedd  
organizations  
and our partners

## IECHYD DA EVENT October 2024

Many thanks to Liz Saville Roberts MP for opening the Dolgellau event in October 2024. Liz mentioned the major contribution which third sector organisations make to support and improve the population's health and well-being. She also emphasised the need for each and every one of us to be more aware and continue to learn about ways to improve our health and well-being. An important part of our wellbeing pathway is to understand what helps us relax, get rid of stress and move a bit more.

There were  
**34**  
stalls by Gwynedd  
organizations  
and our partners



**238**  
attended the  
event

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### FEEDBACK FROM STALLHOLDERS

**What was the best thing for you as organizations?**

*"Time to meet and chat"*  
**Barnardo's**

*"It was great to see young people engaging with organisations and wanting to contribute"*  
**Marie Curie**

*"A well organised and excellent event. It was great to have the opportunity to engage with local charities .. and good to feel a part of the big picture within our communities"*  
**Snowdonia Society**

*"We enjoyed doing the head massages"*

*"Enjoyed the freebies and all the information on the stalls"*

*"It was a great day to find out lots of new information"*

**Llandrillo Menai students and Ysgol y Gader pupils**

*"It expanded my knowledge about what is available as we get older"*

*"I would like to see our local GP surgeries being a part of this"*

*"I would like to see lots more locals dropping in to this event"*

**Comments by members of the public**

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*"Health and well-being is an important matter to all of us... especially somewhere like Caernarfon which has pockets of serious deprivation and poverty... It is important we look after our own health and well-being and at the same time it is important that we also look after each other. This event offers the opportunity, and all of the information, for us to do just that more effectively"*

**Councillor Cai Larsen**  
**Iechyd Da event, Caernarfon**





# Social Prescription

Social Prescription enables GPs, nurses and other primary care professionals to refer individuals to a range of non-clinical services. Social Prescription also plays a key role in preventative work e.g. promoting awareness of screening, falls prevention, and referring to and promotion of health awareness courses.

Social Prescription seeks to address people's needs in a holistic way. It supports individuals to take greater control of their own health and well-being. Social Prescribing schemes can involve a variety of activities which are typically provided by voluntary and community sector organisations.

There are many different models of Social Prescribing but most involve a link worker or navigator who works with people to access local sources of support. Mantell Gwynedd is well placed as an umbrella organisation to undertake this work particularly given its vast database of opportunities and its connections with, and knowledge of, third sector providers. In addition to this, as it does not itself provide any front line services there is no vested interest or conflict as it refers to other organisations.

The Mantell Gwynedd project is currently funded by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board.

**ARFON COMMUNITY LINK: REFERRALS FROM 1<sup>ST</sup> APRIL 2024 - 31<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2025**



## The role of the Arfon Community Link Officer at Mantell Gwynedd is to:

- Empower individuals to re-connect with local communities
- Build confidence and resilience
- Improve health and well-being
- Improve the individual's quality of life
- Reduce medical appointments and the prescribing of medication
- Reduce Isolation
- Increase awareness of what is available to help and support individuals
- Engaging individuals to take control of their own lives

**Since the start of the project in 2016 a total of 2,005 individuals have received support. During 2024-25 a total of 233 individuals received support.**



## CASE STUDY: Mrs K

Mrs K's GP got in touch with the Community Link Officer asking if she could help her patient with physical and mental struggles, benefits issues, cost of living matters and overall loneliness.

The Community Link Officer met up with Mrs K to get to know her better and chat about the types of things which might help her and talk through some matters which could be resolved.

During the conversation Mrs K explained she had been living with conditions such as Covid and ME side effects which had subsequently caused her to feel depressed as well as leaving her with physical pain, feelings of restriction and an inability to deal with her work or day to day matters. All these matters had resulted in the breakdown of her 20 year relationship and she now felt suicidal.

With worsening mobility issues and an inability to cope Mrs K had been forced to resign from her job and this had subsequently taken an immense toll on her both mentally and financially.

Following a chat with the Community Link Officer:

- Mrs K was referred to Citizens Advice Bureau for help with form filling and to obtain legal advice
- Mrs K was referred to I CAN in order to obtain specialist emotional and mental support
- Care and Repair were contacted in order to make her home as safe as possible
- Information and contacts were given relating to a wheelchair assessment
- A Mobility Assessment was arranged in order to ascertain whether walking aids were required
- Mrs K was registered as a Priority individual with utility companies and completed a form for a water meter

As well as the above Mrs K was provided with a further Information Pack which contained:

- Information about local helping hand services
- Information about fuel poverty and food tokens
- A list of activities in the area which might help her mobility issues
- Information about well-being sessions which were held locally
- Practical tools to help with everyday tasks

As a result of the support given by the Community Link Officer Mrs K was in a far stronger position. Citizens Advice Bureau were of immense help to sort out home and work issues. Handrails were installed in Mrs K's house to help keep her safe and also help maintain her independence. I CAN supported her to improve her mental health situation and she was provided with a walking aid. Following the installation of a water meter Mrs K's water bills were halved. Mrs K now attends a weekly yoga session which helps her mobility and she has help to keep her house clean and organised. Mrs K has said she would now like to start volunteering.

*"I am so grateful to you. I felt such a relief following your first visit to me. You got the support I really needed in order to turn my life around. Thank you."*

**Mrs K**





# Social Value Cymru



Since 2016 Mantell Gwynedd has been at the forefront of developing and measuring social value.

The Social Value Cymru team at Mantell Gwynedd now consists of four members of staff, each one an Accredited Practitioner in Social Value and recognised by Social Value UK.

During 2024-2025 the Social Value Team worked with organisations across Wales providing them with training and mentoring opportunities as well as full evaluations and establishing measuring tools for their organisations. 90% of organisations who worked with Social Value Cymru responded to a Questionnaire which helped us to understand the impact of our work with those organisations

## Outcomes

- **77%** have improved skills to measure social value
- **89%** are more confident to measure social value
- **100%** are able to better demonstrate their value to internal audiences
- **88%** are able to better demonstrate their value to external audiences
- **66%** have better funding opportunities
- **66%** have better data to make informed decisions



## CASE STUDY 1: Cwmni Theatr Frân Wen

Cwmni Frân Wen is a professional theatre company operating as a charity which is located in North West Wales. The company works with communities, artists and young people.

Cwmni Frân Wen received funding to develop the OLION project. This was a multi arts project aimed at young people and residents of the local Bangor community. It promoted the power of the arts and creativity as a way of celebrating and bringing communities and individuals together.

The company was keen to evaluate and show the impact of this project and worked alongside Social Value Cymru to improve their evaluation skills and prepare them for a full evaluation report.

*"The support and training we had in the careful hands of Mantell Gwynedd was an invaluable experience and it has been an opportunity for us to look at how to embed the principles of social value throughout our activities. The compassionate and in-depth cooperation with Mantell Gwynedd has placed us in a situation where we can proceed confidently to develop our own report so that we continue to evaluate internal decision making and at the same time create a resource and evidence which will support our grant applications for community and creative projects in the future."*

**Elgan Rhys, Head of Engagement  
Cwmni Fran Wen**



## CASE STUDY 2: North East Wales Multicultural HUB

As part of the Anti-Racist Wales Culture, Heritage and Sport Fund, Tŷ Pawb, the Community Cohesion North East Wales in partnership with Race Council Wales, received £240,000 over a period of three years. The purpose of the funding was to support the establishment of the North East Wales Multicultural HUB located at Tŷ Pawb.

Social Value Cymru were commissioned to evaluate the project with an interim report in December 2023 and a full evaluation by December 2024.

The social return on investment exercise showed that £3.06 had been created for every £1 invested.

*"The North East Wales Multi Cultural Hub recognises the vital role of volunteering.... and working with Social Value Cymru has enabled a comprehensive understanding of the social impact generated by over 20 community groups associated with the Hub."*

*Working with Social Value Cymru has significantly strengthened the East Wales Multi Cultural Hub's ability to gather robust evidence demonstrating their impact, thereby enhancing their chances of securing future funding and fostering collaborations with a broader range of stakeholders."*

**Emily Reddy, North East Wales Regional  
Community Cohesion**



# Grants



## VOLUNTARY SECTOR FUND

### The successful organisations

## ARFON

### Nantlle Vale Royal Silver Band

**£120,350**

Renovation of Cwt Band y Seindorf building in Talysarn included treating dry rot, installing new floors, a new heating and ventilation system, plastering, rewiring, a new kitchen and installing solar panels.

*"No building, no history; no history, no future – banding forward together."*

### Sistema Cymru - Codi'r To

**£22,639**

Developing brass instrument tutoring opportunities in the Arfon area for children and young people.

*"I enjoyed it when we were on the drum because we were all together when I was on the drum, it was a lot of fun learning the percussion instruments."*  
Primary School Pupil

### Neuadd Bentref Rhiwlas

**£40,995**

Installation of solar panels and batteries to reduce energy costs and work towards being a net zero hall.

*"The grant for solar panels has made Rhiwlas Village Hall truly sustainable, in terms of carbon and also financially."*

### Arfon Food Bank, Caernarfon

**£17,334**

The appointment of a Volunteer Co-ordinator Officer to recruit and support more volunteers.

*"Having the Grant from the SPF has enabled us to recruit more volunteers in the foodbank, and overall, we have been able to support, and be supported by, a wonderful team of over 84 volunteers. This has enabled us to give food and advice to over 300 families and individuals in poverty crisis."*

### Community Arts Project, Bangor

**£7,125**

Creation of an exhibition in Pontio, Bangor.

*"Composing music again after several years of poor mental health has given me the opportunity to sound my own voice and gain confidence. I now look forward to taking the project to an even wider audience. We hope to do this through 'playshops' where artists (and non-artists) collaborate creatively to Sound Your Voice – Be Heard – Re-Connect – RECOVER!"*

### Neuadd y Pentref Carmel

**£11,250**

Installation of solar panels

*"Following receiving a grant to install solar panels on the roof of the hall, the committee has seen a reduction in the running costs. We anticipate that we will save around £500 per year. This cost saving enables us to freeze the hire prices of the hall without having to increase them in line with inflation, and this has given the Cylch Meithrin some financial security."*

### Tŷ Elidir, Deiniolen

**£10,000**

Installation of a new heating system in Tŷ Elidir, Deiniolen.

*"The provision of heaters in our building, Tŷ Elidir in Deiniolen, has made a big difference with the rooms being much cosier."*

### Neuadd Ogwen, Bethesda

**£24,430**

Provision of activities and opportunities for children and young people and complete adaptations to the washroom and lift.

*"The financial support has enabled us to improve our facilities and make the centre more accessible. It has also enabled us to re-ignite activities including a drama club, dance and rock school following Covid 19. As a result these activities continue to thrive."*

### Neuadd Goffa Llanllyfni

**£21,250**

Installation of solar panels, complete internal adaptations and a new kitchen.

*"Thank you everyone at Mantell Gwynedd for the advice and guidance we received as a committee when trying for a grant to improve the Hall. There is now a brand new kitchen here, and it looks fantastic! Everyone compliments it! It's also been heartening to the committee – thank you very much!!"*

### Neuadd Bentref Y Groeslon

**£11,910**

Installation of new flooring and painting the hall.

*"Y Groeslon Village Hall managed to secure grant money for a project to resurface the floor and paint the hall. This has had a very positive effect on the users of the hall."*

### Caban Cynfi, Deiniolen

**£79,872**

Creation of a multi-purpose community centre called Caban Cynfi.

*"Being able to realise the dream of creating the Caban Cynfi multi-purpose centre is absolutely invaluable. In a community where resources are scarce, Caban Cynfi will offer shelter, support and countless opportunities to the residents of Deiniolen and the surrounding area."*

### Canolfan Tregarth

**£7,442**

Installation of new windows and purchase of chairs for the centre.

*"Receiving a grant has been a turning point for Canolfan Tregarth. Without this key financial support, for essential improvements, Canolfan Tregarth would be in a much weaker position to provide this valuable resource to the people of Tregarth and the surrounding area."*

### Seindorf Arian Deiniolen

**£6,950**

The development of a tutoring project for children and young people in Deiniolen and the surrounding area.

*"The 'Band for All' lessons have been of great benefit to the individuals who have taken part. We had a total of 9 individuals decide to take lessons, they have appreciated the opportunity, enjoyed the lessons a lot, and have decided to continue playing. They will all move on to the Community Band that we run here as an organisation."*

### Canolfan Gymdeithasol Talysarn

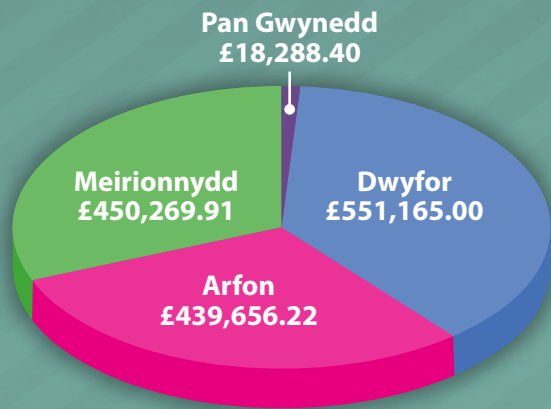
**£9,966**

Installation of Solar Panels and batteries.

*"Getting the grant to obtain solar panels and batteries has given us a boost as a committee. We have peace of mind at a fairly uncertain time with energy costs going up dramatically. We are also able to look at supporting more groups that organise activities at The Centre, keeping hiring costs affordable."*







## DWYFOR

### Neuadd Goffa Penmorfa a'r Cylch £97,900

Refurbishment of the centre including re-roofing, new flooring, painting, electrical work and improving the hall's snooker facilities.

*"The financial support has made a huge difference to us in the village ensuring that the hall can continue to offer a range of activities to the residents of Penmorfa and the surrounding area. Without this financial support it was likely that the hall would have had to be closed. The hall is now more efficient in terms of energy use and the facilities have been significantly upgraded. It is nice to see the hall being used once again and especially by the young people of the village"*

### Clwb Rygbi Pwllheli £27,070

Installation of LED lighting on the club's pitches.

*"It is certain that the LED lighting installation project will be of great benefit to the local community. It is vitally important for the Club to ensure that our children and young people have the best possible resources to develop their skills. The new system will be a great asset to rugby players of all ages in Pen Llŷn."*



### Ynni Llŷn £35,317

The appointment of an Energy Adviser to provide home energy audits and benefits advice tailored to the specific needs of local residents.

*"Your funding has enabled us to recruit a member of staff to our Well and Warm Project and train them to be able to deliver both benefits and energy advice. This is a valuable service, and we have made, and continue to make, contact with vulnerable people in the community to help them access benefits that they are entitled to and also help them use energy as efficiently as possible in their homes."*

### Hafod Ceiri, Llithfaen £98,795

Adaptation of a section of the chapel into a café.

*"The grant has enabled us to have a kitchen, toilets, heating and lighting in a new building which serves as a café for the community and visitors to the area. Thanks to the grant, we have a strong foundation for realising the wider dream of the project."*

### Cymdeithas Chwaraeon Bro Eifl £80,000

Installation of equipment for a new playing field with modern and accessible equipment including a fence to separate it from the large playing field.

*"The grant has enabled us to renovate the playground in the village to align with the community's wishes. The park in its new form is a modern and safe resource for the children of the area to gather and play outdoors."*



### Cae Chwarae Rhydyclafdy £86,445

Development of a new playground for the village.

*"This project has made a huge difference to the Rhydyclafdy community. It's so nice that the children have a safe place to play and that families can enjoy spending time outdoors."*

### Canolfan Adloniant Aberdaron £20,154

Improvement of resources at the Ganolfan which also included painting, a new boiler and improving the snooker room.

*"The money received has made a difference to the Ganolfan at Aberdaron, by being able to upgrade electrical work, plumbing and painting. We as a committee are extremely grateful and I hope the people of the area will have use of the Centre in the future!"*

## MEIRIONNYDD

### Barmouth's Oasis Nursery £2460

Development of a forest school with the children attending the community garden in Barmouth.

*"It has provided invaluable learning experiences for our children. It has nurtured in them a love for the outdoors, nature, their environment and the process of looking after our natural environment and growing our own fruit and vegetables. With this funding we have truly been able to impart valuable life skills and knowledge to our young children."*



### Dyffryn Ardudwy and Talybont Community Council £26,060

Installation of playground equipment for the community including a zipwire in order to increase play opportunities for children of all ages.

*"The grant has made a big difference as more children from the village and nearby areas are using the playground."*

### Friends of Wern Mynach, y Bermo £2,487

Installation of a rainwater collection system in the community garden in Barmouth.

*"A great project to be part of and it's great to see all the different people enjoying and engaging in the space."*

### Dolgellau Rugby Club £47,475

Installation of LED lighting to the pitches/club building along with new windows.

*"The players who use the floodlights have noticed how much the lights have improved conditions for games and training. We have also benefitted from new windows throughout the building and new furniture in the meeting room. The groups using the facilities have all noticed how much warmer and more welcoming the building is, and we have seen an increase in its use."*







### **Y Capel Bach, Trawsfynydd** **£129,304**

Renovation of Capel Bach in Trawsfynydd including re-roofing, new windows, re-plastering, a heating system, an air source heat pump and new kitchen.

*"This funding has made a massive difference to our group. Our building was old, expensive to run and a strain on our resources. The funding has allowed us to insulate the building and make it much more energy efficient. The building is now an eco friendly, pleasant and comfortable space for all of the community groups, who will be using the space in the coming months and years."*

### **Neuadd y Pentre, Bontddu** **£83,540**

Refurbishment of the centre including windows, heating system and a new kitchen.

*"This funding has been a lifeline both for the building Neuadd y Pentre, and the local community in Bontddu. The village has lost its pub, school and local shop, so the Neuadd is the only community building available to us. The upgrade has given residents a renewed pride in their community and enthusiasm for community events."*

### **Canolfan Gymdeithasol Bro Ffestiniog** **£123,030**

Refurbishment of the centre including new windows, doors and a new heating system.

*"Receiving the Shared Prosperity grant via Mantell Gwynedd has resulted in an incredible change for the Community Centre here in Blaenau Ffestiniog. We had new windows and boilers fitted throughout the building and it has made a big difference to us. It is now much warmer and more homely. Since this work has been done we are getting a lot more use from the area's groups and residents. We now offer a warm welcome to everyone!"*



### **Canolfan Cymuned Y Parc** **£15,417**

Commissioning a feasibility study and drawing up plans for upgrading the Centre.

*"The Grant has enabled us to move forward with our detailed development plan for the future to develop and upgrade the facilities of the Centre which is the former y Parc Community School. Our hope now is to be able to move forward to seek a full grant to realise these plans."*

### **Tywyn Baptist Church** **£25,890**

Installation of solar panels and efficient heaters in the Chapel/community hub.

*"The Shared Prosperity Fund has enabled us at Tywyn Baptist Church to install a Solar array with 40kW of battery storage. In addition, we have installed Infra Red heating to an area designated as Warm space and have welcomed people to utilise this as part of the Community Hwb outreach."*

### **Clwb Rygbi Bro Ffestiniog** **£65,035**

Installation of new solar panels, windows and boiler and repair of the entrance pillars.

*"Bro Ffestiniog Rugby Club has benefited from receiving a grant which has had an incredible effect on our electricity bills, and on the warmth of the club. Trying to get the club to net zero means that we can participate in the climate change agenda."*



### **South Gwynedd Older People's Forum, Tywyn** **£3,040**

Commencement of a series of new activities as well as the purchasing of equipment.

*"The grant has enabled us to re-establish a strong foundation of regular meetings which are well supported by the community. Similarly, the additional equipment which has been procured with grant monies will dramatically improve our programme of events with external speakers, and will be particularly helpful in interactive sessions. This will make a massive difference as we go into our 2025 season."*

### **Sied Egryn, Llanegryn** **£27,644**

Purchasing of materials to improve and extend Sied Egryn with volunteers completing the work.

*"The funding from Mantell Gwynedd for our project has facilitated the process of building a new community space through a purely voluntary effort. This opportunity has created a goal in common – and a sense of community belonging. The workshop and external covered space will create the opportunity for community activities for years to come."*



## **PAN GWYNEDD**

### **The Outdoor Partnership** **£8,688**

Training and supporting volunteer Ambassadors to work with the Outdoor Partnership to strengthen communities within Gwynedd.

*"The Shared Prosperity grant has enabled us to recruit and train volunteers who work directly with us, across Gwynedd, to create opportunities and encourage people across the area to try outdoor activities, for the benefit of their health and well-being."*

### **Snowdonia Slate Trail Trust** **£9,600**

Commissioning a survey for compliance with the National Trails Standard.

*"The grant has already led us to contribute to some projects to improve access along the Path, and to move forward with our project. Information boards will be installed in the summer."*

**£1.5M**

### **WHAT IS THE MANTELL GWYNEDD VOLUNTARY SECTOR FUND?**

The Shared Prosperity Fund has provided £2.6 billion of funding across the UK and comes to an end in March 2025. £24.4 million was allocated to Gwynedd with £4.2 million of that allocation being earmarked for raising numeracy levels amongst adults.

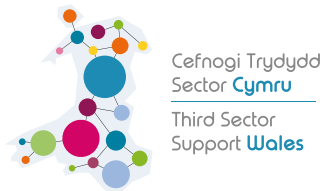
Mantell Gwynedd was fortunate to receive **£1.5m** to set up and administer the Gwynedd Voluntary Sector Fund for the benefit of third sector organisations in Gwynedd.

Mantell Gwynedd appointed a Voluntary Sector Grant Officer in August 2023 and the Fund was opened for applications in September 2023. 88 applications were received with a total value of £5.8m.

Successful applicants, a total of 36, were informed in November 2023 with a tight deadline for completing their projects by December 2024.



# Future Plans



- We will continue to deliver the requirements of the Third Sector Support Wales Partnership Agreement. Mantell Gwynedd is a member of Third Sector Support Wales, a network of support organisations for the third sector in Wales. Our shared goal is to enable the third sector and volunteers across Wales to contribute fully to individual and community well-being, now and for the future.
- The partnership working which has developed with Cyngor Gwynedd since 23-24 to facilitate Shared Prosperity Funding and the establishment of Mantell Gwynedd's Voluntary Sector Grant Fund has been of key importance. To date, given some new senior appointments in Cyngor Gwynedd, the joined up working has extended further and the result of this is new projects which enable Mantell Gwynedd and Cyngor Gwynedd to work collaboratively for the benefit of the people of Gwynedd.
- Through our Social Value Cymru project we will continue to encourage and support the sector to measure its social value. Through this work we are able to demonstrate how the third sector can help unlock the potential of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. In addition to the 2015 legislation The Social Partnership and Public Procurement Act (Wales) puts responsibility on public bodies to make sure that spending on goods, works and services is done in a way that benefits everyone and does not just focus on costs. It sets up the Social Partnership Council and will ensure that procurement in Wales involves social responsibility. This is a significant step as we consider how the work of Social Value Cymru develops.
- We will endeavour to expand on our Social Prescription work to ensure that third sector organisations are provided with the opportunity to deliver support to individuals with non-clinical needs. By doing so we hope that third sector organisations are able to contribute fully to the well-being agenda, thus fulfilling the aspirations of The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 which places the third sector at the heart of the design and delivery of services. We will continue to measure the social value of this work so that we are well placed with sufficient evidence as we proceed to look for funding to continue with the project. We will continue to source funding to expand the current project.
- We will look at practical ways of supporting the third sector to comply with the legislative requirements of The Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011. We will take every opportunity to support and promote the Welsh language within the third sector and will continue to build on Mantell Gwynedd's good work in this area.
- We will work with others to tackle the challenges of climate change and to promote good practice within the sector.
- As we face huge economic challenges we will work with partners to help tackle the cost of living crisis.

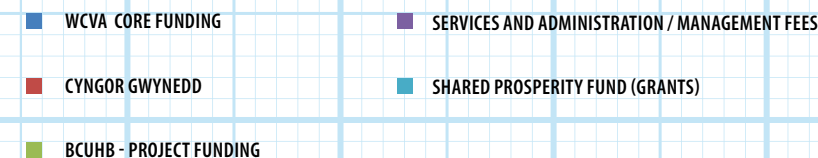
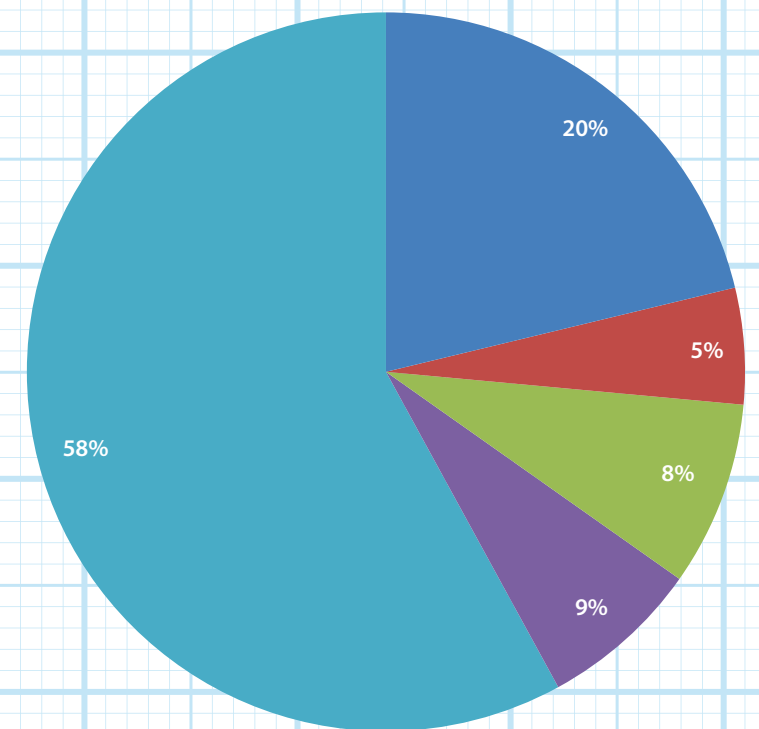
# Financial Summary

## How Mantell Gwynedd is Funded

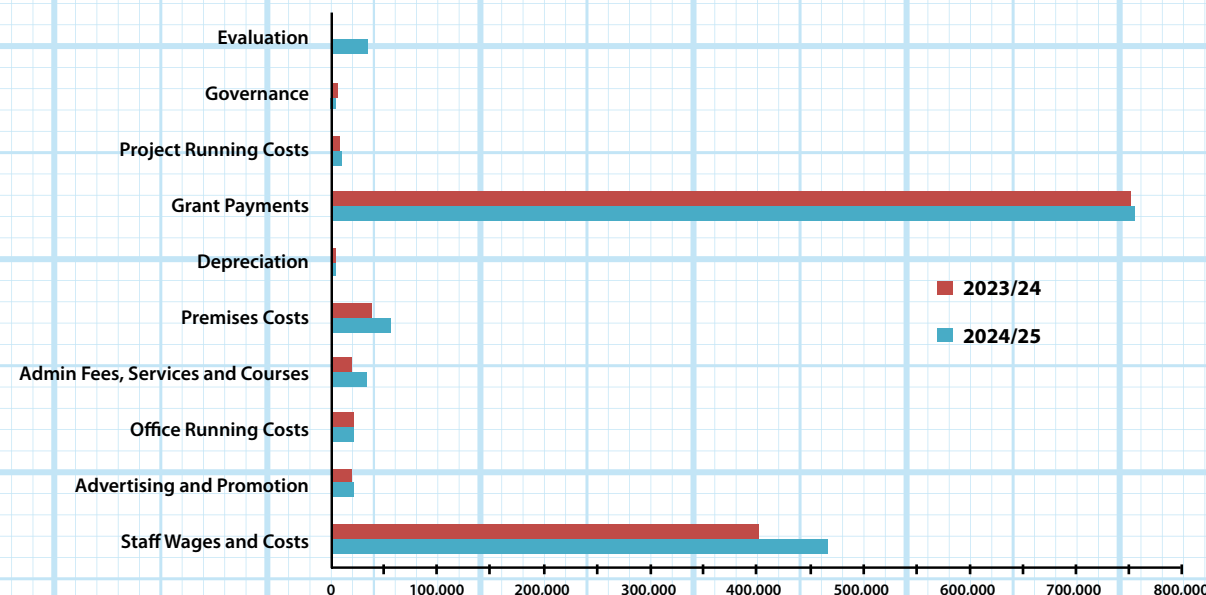
Each year Mantell Gwynedd secures its funding from a wide variety of sources e.g. Government Bodies, Charitable Trusts and Lottery Funding.

Total Income during 2024/25  
**£1,440,073**

Total Expenditure during 2024/25  
**£1,339,229**



A COMPARISON OF MANTELL GWYNEDD EXPENDITURE DURING 2023/24 a 2024/25



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# Management Board 2024/2025

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Retired Principal Coleg Harlech

## MEMBERS

**Y Tad Deiniol**  
"Yn Ein Blaenau"  
**Betty Williams**  
Retired Member of Parliament  
**Paul John Rowlinson**  
Cyngor Gwynedd Representative

# Staff 2024/2025

## MANAGEMENT TEAM

**Bethan Russell Williams**  
Chief Officer  
**Ceren Williams**  
Deputy Chief Officer and Head of Finance  
and Operations Team

## DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES

**Eleri Lloyd Roberts**  
Social Value Manager  
**Gareth Jâms**  
Social Value Development Officer  
**Mathew Lewis**  
Measuring Social Value Officer  
**Katie Jones**  
Measuring Social Value and Development Officer  
**Carys Williams**  
Grants and Development Officer/Finance Assistant  
**Carina Roberts**  
Grants Officer

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

**Sioned Llywelyn Roberts**  
Health and Wellbeing Facilitator  
**Rhian Griffiths**  
Arfon Community Link Officer

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**Tracy Lynne Rotheram**  
Administrative Officer

## GWYNEDD VOLUNTEER CENTRE

**Carwyn Humphreys**  
Volunteer Centre Co-ordinator  
**Jordan Thomas**  
Helping Hand To Volunteer Officer  
**Beca Gruffydd**  
Ffrindia' Newydd Project Officer