



Good News for Blaenau Ffestiniog

The future for the Bowydd and Rhiw Communities First Partnership has been secured for the next three years following a recent funding announcement by the Welsh Assembly Government. The annual grant of around £150,000 will allow the Partnership to continue with its work that aims to improve life for the residents of the Bowydd and Rhiw ward in Blaenau Ffestiniog and the surrounding area.

The money allocated will be used to further develop three of the projects that come under the umbrella of the Bowydd and Rhiw Communities First Partnership as well as allowing the core staff team to continue to develop further projects in the area.

The Green Town project works to support the people of Bro Ffestiniog to make the most of their environment through a raft of projects including community action and clean-up days, the Fair trade group, setting up a local allotments association and a local energy group to look at sustainable energy issues.

As well as working towards creating four mountain biking tracks in the area, the second project, Antur Stiniog, has also been working to train local people in the outdoor pursuits sector. The third project, Blaenau Pam? aims to support the creative arts in the town and funds a theatre group within Ysgol y Moelwyn.

Catrin Euros, Bowydd and Rhiw Communities First Partnership Chairperson says: "I'm extremely glad to see that the excellent work of the Partnership and its projects will continue for the next three years. There is a feeling of excitement in the town that things are changing for the better. This funding takes us one step closer to improving things in Blaenau Ffestiniog for the people of Blaenau Ffestiniog."

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