

Report of the External Funding Manager

Subject: Sustainable Development Fund Financial Report

Background

The Sustainable Development Fund is a fund supporting community projects in and around the Pembrokeshire Coast National Park. The Fund supports community projects that contribute towards a reduction in carbon and help respond to the climate emergency.

Applicants can apply for projects to deliver the following:

- a. Install renewable energy generation facilities to a community building i.e. solar panels
- b. An initiative to promote reduction in carbon emissions in transport i.e. installing an electric charging point for bikes or cars or by supporting access to non-individual travel
- c. Install a community facility that minimises waste, i.e. water fountain
- d. Any other community-based carbon reduction initiative.

1.1 Current financial commitments. Projects currently running.

SDF ref	Project	£ grant awarded	£ grant paid	£ grant Remaining 31/08/22	Update / comment
SDF/2019/3	Sustainable Printing	20,428	11,396	9,032	Due to complete April 2022. Update has been provided.
SDF/012021/1	Newport Area Environment Group (NAEG)	20,471	20,471	0.00	End date Sept 2022
SDF/012021/4	South Ridgeway Community Association	37,568	37,568	0.00	Chasing up final paperwork
SDF/012021/7	Neuadd Gymunedol Bwlchgroes Community Hall	4,500	4,500	0.00	Chasing up final paperwork
SDF /042021/2	Paul Sartori Foundation Limited	1,152	1,152	0.00	Progressing
SDF /042021/3	COAST – Community Organised Allotment for Solva Tenants	8,000	8,000	0.00	Progressing
SDF /042021/5	Ecodewi	19,340	18,587	752	Progressing
SDF /102021/1	Narberth & District Community & Sports Association	9,932	9,932	0.00	Progressing
SDF /102021/2	Cwm Arian Renewable Energy	9,560	9,560	0	Progressing
SDF /102021/3	Ludchurch Village Committee	9,000	9,000	0	Progressing
SDF/102021/4	Awel Aman Tawe	10,080	10,080	0	Progressing
SDF/012022/1	Hubberston and Hakin Community Centre	7,720	0.00	7720	Progressing
SDF/012022/2	Pembrokeshire Frame	25,000	25,000	0.00	Progressing
SDF/012022/4	Ffynnone - community resilience in North East Pembrokeshire	9,970	0.00	9970	Progressing
SDF/032022/1	Lawrenny Shop CIC	6,100	0.00	6100	Progressing
SDF/032022/2	St Ishmaels Sport and Social Club	10,080	10080	0.00	Progressing
SDF/032022/3	Llanteg Village Hall	7,380	0.00	7,380	Awaiting information about planning
Total Grants Outstanding				40,954	

Map of Approved projects – click on link below
[SDF Projects - Pembrokeshire Coast National Park](#)

1.2 Reports attached

Interim report from Ecodewi and Ffynnonne Community Resilience

End of project report from Marloes and St Brides Village Hall, Solva Clubhouse, Tenby RFC

1.3 SDF Financial position 2022/23

A total of £100,000 has been made available for grant distribution from the National Park Authority for the 2022/23 period and an additional £100,000 from Welsh Government Sustainable Landscapes Sustainable Places fund, making the total amount of grants available for 2022/23 £200,000.

Total grants available to award £200,000

SDF Project - Quarterly Report

Q4 - March, April & May 2022

INTRODUCTION

The project continues to be exceptionally busy and very productive. There are regrettably still delays in some areas as COVID continues to hold us back, particularly with events and pushing projects forwards. There has been clear hesitation to emerge from the restricted conditions, understandably put in place during COVID but still maintained by many community councils, groups and businesses. Unfortunately, the local county and community council elections also resulted in limited liaison and working with our local councils so communication / action with them went on hold for much of March and April in the pre-election period and then to give a period of grace for new councillors to settle it.

Frustratingly, this was all compounded in St Davids as their council clerk of 11 years resigned, leaving at the start of April, which meant some of our work had to wait until a new clerk was in place, briefed again by us and we are now slowly getting back on track. Nonetheless, we strongly believe that great progress has been made in this final quarter of the first year of this exciting project. We hope all the information below will demonstrate how much is being achieved with support from the Sustainable Development Fund.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Events

Thursday 10 March - Local Business Event at Twr y Felin

Wednesday 6 April - Community Engagement Event in St Davids City Hall

Following the development of the relationship with St Davids City Council and with other organisations and businesses in St Davids, EcoDewi organised a meeting with approx 20 local businesses and organisations from across St Davids, and including PCNPA, to have an open discussion about the impacts of tourism on the local environment and community. This was a productive evening and led to us organising and running a community engagement event in St Davids City Hall on 6 April

The City Hall event's main theme was Sustainable Tourism in the St Davids Peninsula with speakers including EcoDewi, Andy Middleton, CEO at TYF, and Andrew Campbell, Honorary Professor at The University of Wales Trinity Saint David (UWTSD). There were a series of stations around the hall seeking community input and posing ideas, and we were pleased to see representatives of PCNPA and PCC attend as well as from the 4 Wards project. The event was a great opportunity to highlight the work of EcoDewi with us and our leaflets available to attendees. In total over 150 people attended and we also had refreshments available raising money for the Ukraine crisis.



Community Engagement Event in St Davids City Hall

Saturday 23 April - Growing for Self-Sufficiency Course in St Davids

With the support of Grwp Resilience and funding they had acquired to bring in an external instructor, we were able to facilitate a course for 10 people in St Davids focusing on teaching the basics of growing for self-sufficiency and how people can better manage their own land for growing food. It was a huge success and we hope to organise another course in the Autumn subject to funding.

Sunday 24 April - Community Litter pick & Easter Egg Hunt in Roch

Having begun liaison with Nolton & Roch Community Council last quarter, this was our first collaborative community event with them. Over 40 local residents and visitors attended with lots of new faces in the community, so the community council were very grateful for us leading this event.

Friday 13 May - Sir Sero in Haverfordwest

EcoDewi was invited to be part of the team for this event focused on environmental, sustainability, transport & energy sectors. The event was attended by the new PCC CEO and was a great opportunity to highlight the work of EcoDewi. We had some great conversations including a chat with Steve Keating, PCC's Sustainability Officer, and introductions to other local groups.



2. Relationship Building & Partnerships

Ysgol Penhryn Dewi

This quarter we have ramped up our contacts and communication with Ysgol Penhryn Dewi, one school with three campuses, as COVID restrictions ease for them. Details of meetings and activities is under the Land Management Change section.

Roch Castle part of the Retreats Group

On 21 March, following conversations with Twr Y Felin Hotel General Manager, we met with the manager of Roch Castle, Adelle Sutherland. Adelle has made great progress improving the sustainability credentials of Roch Castle and we felt this could support us with the Plastic Free Communities side of the project as well as open the door to conversations about how they manage their land. We look forward to future conversations and collaboration.

Councillors and Community Councils

As mentioned, several factors have slowed down this work but we have met again with St Davids City Council and organised our first event with Nolton & Roch CC.

Pembrokeshire Nature Partnership (PNP)

We have continued to liaise with Pembrokeshire Nature Partnership, mainly Ant Rogers, as one of our planned Steering Group members. PNP have offered great advice regarding our work and recently we spoke about funding opportunities for Land Management Change projects.

In addition, we were invited to and attended the Pembrokeshire Nature

Partnership Annual Gathering which was part online and part in person.

The in-person afternoon was extremely valuable with most organisations and key individuals involved in nature conservation in Pembrokeshire present, including: PCNPA, National Trust, Wildlife Trust, NRW, PCC, Dr Beynon, Plantlife Cymru, local ecologists and smaller organisations as well as County and Community Councillors. We were introduced to several new faces who wanted to learn more about our work and whether we could develop partnerships

The Wales Resilient Ecological Network (WaREN) and PCNPA Invasive Species Officer

Having been contacted by WaREN who noticed EcoDewi's work through our online presence, we met with them online to discuss how we might be able to work together. We felt it important to speak to PCNPA's invasive species officers first so got in contact and spoke to Matt Tebbutt and Sarah Mellor. In the end, EcoDewi decided it did not have the time to take on another project at this stage but offered to support PCNPA with invasive species clearance as a community partner. We are now waiting for suggestions of next steps.

Caerhys Organic Community Agriculture (COCA)

EcoDewi was invited to meet with COCA, a community agriculture initiative that has been running for many years on the outskirts of St Davids. We were asked for advice on our experience of running a community organisation and fundraising, in order to support this organisation which is in need of support. Whilst we are very limited in time we can offer to help, we will keep in contact and support where we can.

PLANED

After some months of trying to make contact, we were pleased to have a productive meeting with Iwan Thomas, CEO of PLANED. We discussed all our projects and heard about their current work and potential collaboration. The main exciting outcome was EcoDewi being interviewed for the PLANED Podcast; see details below.

The Climate Coalition and Climate Cymru

We attended several calls with both these organisations as we start planning for the Great Big Green Week 2022. Our intention is to once again organise the St Davids Peninsula Great Big Green Week which will run from Sat 24 Sep - Sun 2 Oct.

Dewisland People's Shed

We were pleased to be able to meet with this relatively new People's Shed group, based on the principle of Men's Sheds which involves woodwork and conversation for generally isolated individuals.

Cafes & Restaurants in St Davids

We have been meeting with local cafe and restaurant owners to discuss how we could support reducing their waste. This has resulted in The Refectory (part of St David Cathedral) putting their compostable food waste into a bin to be collected by the volunteers of Dewi's Acre / Erw Dewi - St Davids Community Garden. In addition, we also collect the used coffee grains from Pilgrim's Cafe (at Oriel Y Parc), also for composting.

Pembrokeshire Meadows Group

EcoDewi agreed to become an official supporter of this group's Open Meadows Day which is planned for Sat 2 July on National Meadows Day, fitting in perfectly with our Land Management Change work.

<https://pembrokeshiremeadows.co.uk/open-meadows-day/>

4Wards Project

We were invited as a key local organisation to attend the outcomes of the 4Wards Project, a project by Together For Change based in Solva. There is plenty of overlap with our work and we look forward to further work together subject to their projects next steps and funding.

<https://www.tfcembrokeshire.org/uk-community-renewal-fund/>

Surfers Against Sewage (SAS) - Plastic Free Communities team

After some delay, we are now pushing ahead with the Plastic Free Communities element of our project. This began with meeting the team at SAS responsible for the project and attending online sessions with them.

More info further below on this sub-project.

MamGu Welshcakes - a 'Plastic Free Business' in Solva

Following introductions, we were really pleased to meet the owners of MamGu Welshcakes and we discussed sustainability and decarbonisation.

MamGu is already registered as a Plastic Free Business with Surfers Against Sewage and agreed to be our lead partner, especially when focusing on businesses and the Solva Community.

3. Social Media & PR

PR:

11th April - Countryfile TV show - following a direct approach by the BBC TV show Countryfile, we were asked if we could submit footage of one of our beach cleans to be used as part of their new campaign to promote beach cleans. We were happy to help and took some footage at one of our Newgale beach cleans. The link below should take you to the correct episode and we are mentioned just after the 59 mins point for a few seconds!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/m0016ckv/countryfile-plant-britain-by-the-sea>

14th May - Podcast - we were interviewed by John Ewart of PLANED for their podcast, talking about what EcoDewi does and how people can get involved. 'The PLANED Hour' is PLANED's weekly feature available on their own website and on Pure West Radio. LISTEN HERE: <https://player.autopod.xyz/171639>

Social Media:

Interestingly we are now being approached by other organisations to share their social media posts which suggests that our audience and social media reach is really being noticed and valued in the local area. Approaches included small community 'green' events, business running beach cleans, St Davids Cathedral organising nature workshops as part of their recent festival and even Oriel Y Parc (PCNPA) running litter picks etc.

Facebook

1. EcoDewi - Facebook Likes

Date	1 Mar 2022	31 May 2022	Growth in Q4
Likes	635	747	18% increase

2. Newgale Beach Wombles - Facebook Likes

Date	1 Mar 2022	31 May 2022	Growth in Q4
Likes	644	669	4% increase

Instagram

1. Instagram Followers

Date	1 Mar 2022	31 May 2022	Growth in Q4
Likes	481	528	10% increase

Twitter

1. Twitter Followers

Date	1 Mar 2022	31 May 2022	Growth in Q4
Likes	255	278	9% increase

4. Newsletter

Slightly different to our milestones plan, we sent out:

- a short newsletter on Thursday 24 March - <https://mailchi.mp/517821aa3f6c/v1ha7di09e-14172728>
- and another short newsletter on 26 April, when we launch the Mini Meadows project - <https://mailchi.mp/d6b97d5e3020/v1ha7di09e-15444293>

Mailchimp Audience growth

Date	1 Mar 22	1 Apr 22	1 May 22	1 Jun 22	Growth in Q4
Subscribers	296	312	324	357	21% increase

BEACH CLEANS

We've continued, weather dependent, to organise beach cleans around St Davids Peninsula and support communities that want to establish new cleans. Our goal beyond this quarter is to find more beach clean volunteer leaders to help ease the workload on existing beach clean leads, spread knowledge and experience, as well as ensuring communities are taking the lead where possible.

We have promoted and carried out 4 beach cleans during this quarter as follows:

Sunday 6 March - Newgale: 20 volunteers with a good mix of adults and kids, covering Newgale beach and collecting 8 full bags of mixed waste and 2 full bags of fishing rope & net that we dropped off to recycle through a scheme run by Sea Trust called Recycle Môr.



Tuesday 22 March - Aberfelin: Organised in conjunction with the Gwellian Trefin Improvement (GTI) group, 9 volunteers from the villages of Trefin, Croesgoch, Bera, Porthgain, Llanrhian etc. As usual, the beach seemed pristine at the start but the shards of plastic, cable ties and shredded netting & fishing line soon became more evident.

Sunday 27 March - Whitesands: 8 volunteers joined us to clean Whitesands beach, dunes and car park on Mothers' Day morning, as part of Keep Wales Tidy's Spring Clean Event. Unsurprisingly 99% of what we picked up was generated by beachgoers with 12 disposable facemasks, many items of clothing, food and drink packaging and countless cigarette butts being most noticeable.

Sunday 17 April - Porthlysgi: Another productive beach clean took place on Easter Sunday down at Porthlysgi. 4 volunteers joined us braving the grey sky and drizzle. Lots collected and all weighed and recorded as part of our work with the Marine Conservation-Society; to be precise 719 pieces of rubbish with nearly 50% being fishing industry related including 178 pieces of fishing line and 82 pieces of fishing net.

Sunday 1 May - Newgale: 14 volunteers collected ½ bag of fishing waste which was kept aside for recycling plus 2 full bags of rubbish which was as always kindly collected by PCC.

Sunday 29 May - Caerbwdi: Another 14 brilliant volunteers (including 5 kids) helped to clean Caer Bwdi beach. We were joined by David Rowe, Pembrokeshire Project Officer from Keep Wales Tidy. We removed 4 bags of rubbish - all sorts from tiny pieces of fishing line to a road cone.

PLASTIC FREE COMMUNITIES

On 21 May we at last managed to launch our Plastic Free Communities sub-project. Having held off due to prioritising other work, it was great to publicise locally what we were trying to achieve, especially having met a local Plastic Free Business who had agreed to partner with us; MamGu Welshcakes in Solva.

Whilst in our project milestones we suggested approach 4 communities for this accreditation, we have decided that it would be best to focus on 3 main coastal areas in the peninsula. As such, we have now registered with Surfers Against Sewage that we are aiming to make Solva, St Davids and Llanhrian all Plastic Free Communities. We have 5 objectives to achieve in each of these areas now:



1. Create a Steering Group
2. Engage local community council and have then pass a resolution to support
3. Engage and secure Business Champions to sign up as a Plastic Free Business
4. Engage Community Allies which can include schools, places of worship, clubs etc
5. Organise events in the community for this project

The number of businesses, allies etc varies subject area population and we now have an online dashboard to track our progress.

We have our first event planned for 7th June and have invited around 40 local businesses, community councillors and organisations to help us kick-start the project. Our focus will be Solva, then St Davids and then Llanhrian but this may change subject to interest. We will organise a second event in Llanrhian and invite residents too. More in the next report.

LAND MANAGEMENT CHANGE

St Davids City Council

On 7 March we proposed 4 projects at a St Davids City Council meeting, all of which would result in a change in how land was managed. There was some good dialogue but also some opposition to reduced mowing due to it being perceived “untidy”. We tried to present a contemporary perspective focused on the benefits during a biodiversity crisis and modern expectations of tourists as well as residents. The council agreed to our proposals and to engage with residents more as well as the city clerk and contractors.

We met with the City Clerk and the PCC Supervisor for mowing on 21 March to discuss changes to mowing regimes and the council ordered some “pardon the weeds we are feeding the bees” signs to complement our blue hearts. Sadly the City Clerk then left which resulted in a delay of over a month. Eventually we managed to



arrange a meeting with the same PCC Supervisor and his Manager on site in St Davids. We had some good discussions and some next steps.

Unfortunately one area of land, which we thought was agreed to be left, has since been mown so we now need to produce a new document with our plans, speak to the school in particular and start some consultation with residents. We are making great headway and are learning about the bureaucratic process which we will have to follow for now.

At the same time, we have started consultation with residents of Caerfarchell about how to improve their village green for biodiversity in order to then go back to the council with a management plan.

Following our collaboration with the St Davids City Council, and the prior quarters event maintaining current saplings, on Sunday 20th March we organised a tree planting session at Waun Fawr playing field. In fact this event also resulted in collaboration with Keep Wales Tidy for some tree guards & stakes, Jon Hudson Ecology and Tom Moses from PCNPA for some additional tree whips, and local church Y Groesfan who came down to volunteer. It's great to see different organisations come together to tackle climate change, the biodiversity crisis and to make our community environment better! The goal was to add to the tree saplings planted in 2019 and improve the amount of hedgerow and trees around the north and eastern edge of Waun Fawr. Not only will this enhance Waun Fawr as a great green space to enjoy but it will increase the amount of wildlife habitat and of course help sequester carbon as we strive to tackle the climate emergency that we are in. Our work follows liaison with both the National Trust and Wildlife Trust of South & West Wales, who manage Waun Fawr Common and Dowrog Common respectively. Approximately 15 people joined us to plant over 125 trees including oak, rowan, elder, hazel & hawthorn.

Pollinating the Peninsula

On Tuesday 3 May, continuing our collaboration with Dr Beynon's Bug Farm on the Pollinating the Peninsula project, we met with Sarah Beynon

and 5 volunteers to sow wildflower seed on the council grass verges on Glasfryn Road next to the Premier Inn in St Davids. Hopefully some of it may take this year and create a rich habitat for pollinators. This is all part of our collaborative work to improve the grass verges and pollinator habitats across the peninsula and especially in our official 'Bee Friendly' city. We have also supported this project by handing out "Pollinating the Peninsula" packs (each with a pack of wildflower seeds) to every student at Aidan and Non Campus Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi, as well as to the Peninsula Producers Food Hub for handing out with their customers.

Roch School

Our work with Roch School continues and on 25th March we planted a further 125 trees & hedgerow saplings in their school ground with different classes of pupils and a parent helper. The children were brilliant and really understood why we were planting more trees & hedgerows to help tackle climate change & the biodiversity crisis. On Thursday 7 April, pushing it a bit late for tree planting, we worked with Year 5 & 6 pupils planting 6 apple trees and also mulching all the tree whips planted in the previous session. These fruit trees join others planted over the last 5 years or so creating a school orchard along one side of the school. We met with the Head Teacher and another teacher to discuss future work and they have also agreed to leave a large meadow area in the rear playing field which won't be mown until the end of the summer. We can assess what grows and how we can improve it for wildflowers for next year, as we did with the front lawns.

Roch Community

After conversations with Roch Community Council, we arranged a session on 2 April to plant a further 125 tree & hedgerow whips around the Victoria Hall playing field in Roch Village. With our 11 volunteers, we also tidied up the community garden created last year by the council and planted some additional fruit trees.



Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi

We are really pleased that our work with Ysgol Penrhyn Dewi school at all three campuses is developing well.

Non Campus - St Davids

On 4 April, we took pupils around Dewi's Acre / Erw Dewi - St Davids Community Garden, telling the children all about the amazing local wildlife there. Despite being a bit wet, we explored the community garden, talking about different creatures living there & some of the plans for the garden & how the youngsters can get involved. They donated a bat box to us and we asked them to help us plan future developments in the garden as well as help with managing a raised bed. Whilst the community garden itself is not part of this SDF project, we consider the

educating of pupils part of our land management change sub-project, as the benefits of this can result in changes to how parents and relatives manage their land.

We had an additional visit from Non Campus on 27 May. We got the children hands on and had them planting strawberry plants & lettuces and sowing radish & carrot seeds in a raised bed allocated for their campus. The kids also sowed some runner beans & sweetcorn in pots for us, and even had time for a nature treasure hunt. Lots of smiles, outdoor time, hands in soil, and learning about nature & food and how land can be better used.

Aidan Campus - Solva

We met with Sarah Williams, the Head of Phase at Aidan Campus, on Thursday 21 April. We discussed how we could support them, specifically with ideas to improve their land and how it is managed for biodiversity. Ideas included meadow creation, more hedgerows and tree planting.

Dewi Campus - St Davids

Liaison with the secondary school has been harder as they are so busy, however we were really pleased to have a few meetings with them. On 26 May, we met with Mrs Caroline Blair to discuss how we could support their Agriculture BTEC course with some meadow creation on school grounds. We walked the land, discussed a few options and agreed on a plan of action. Then on 30 May, we met with Headteacher Mrs Rachael Thomas and Business Manager, Sian Churchill. Some great opportunities and ideas were discussed including: meadow creation, education to prevent littering, single use plastic reduction, solar panels, school uniform cloth swaps and use of school facilities to support locals. Lots more planning to do now but hopefully we'll get a few good projects going together.

“Malcolms Meadow” - Privately own field in St Davids

On 30 March we met with Malcolm Gray, and two other generations of his family, in his field on Glasfryn Road. Malcolm is really passionate about wildlife and protecting our natural environment for future generations. So we're working with them to see how we can help protect his field and enhance it for nature and the community. The field sits between two brand new housing developments in the city centre and could be an amazing community asset and opportunity for locals and visitors to enjoy and learn about nature on their doorstep.

Mini Meadows

Later than planned, on Monday 2 May, we launched our Mini Meadows project after a successful first year in 2021. Last year, over 30 local residents, schools and organisations got involved and created their own mini meadows in order to help tackle the loss of meadows and support local wildlife, especially pollinators & wildflowers, during this time of biodiversity crisis. In return EcoDewi offered support and advice, and gave them all a FREE Blue Heart, made from recycled wood, which they proudly displayed to highlight their meadow and inspire others to get involved. We are repeating the project in 2022, launching at the start of #NoMowMay. This year, we have a handful of volunteers making our recycled wood blue hearts and by the end of May several hearts had already gone out including three to St Davids Cathedral and one to Non Campus.



St Davids Cathedral

We have had a few meetings with Mark, the new Head Groundsman, and he is very keen to work with us to improve how their land is managed.

Already, he is reducing mowing in certain key areas in order to create mini meadows for bees and other pollinators and insects. As mentioned, they have taken some of our blue hearts to clearly show that they are making deliberate action.



Final SDF Project Report

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SDF Funding Approved: £

SDF Funding Claimed: £

Actual Total Project Costs: £

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9 Final Feedback on SDF

How did you find the process of applying for the grant? Did you find it straightforward, or did you feel that more support or guidance was needed?

10 Completed by

Signature



Date signed

Please return your report to sdf@pembrokeshirecoast.org.uk within two months of the end of the project.

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Arfordir Penfro
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National Park

Final SDF Project Report

SDF Ref:	SDF/042021/1
SDF Project Title:	Clubhouse Solar Project
SDF Funding approved:	£10,217
SDF Funding claimed:	£10,217
Actual Total Project costs:	£12,770

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We set out to install a roof mounted 6.93kwr solar photovoltaic system at the Solva Community Clubhouse with a 9kwh battery storage (8.2kWh useable capacity). We invited quotes from suppliers and carefully determined the qualities of each one. The preferred bidder was Preseli Solar Ltd who successfully delivered in June 2021 the following:

- Installation of roof mounting system
- Mechanical and electrical connection of PV array
- Installation of solar inverter
- Installation of AC isolator and generation meter at consumer unit area
- Connection of pv system AC wiring to consumer unit
- Installation of SolaX Battery Storage system
- Testing & commissioning of system
- Liaison with Distribution Network Operator
- Installation and Programming inverters

Project Impact

What was the overall impact of your project? Please refer to your application, how did your project support the reduction in carbon or respond to the climate emergency?

Please provide measurements and details of carbon / waste reduction, biodiversity restored etc.

Climate change is real, and it is happening across the world and impacting on local communities in Pembrokeshire. Sir David Attenborough in 2019 called climate change 'our greatest threat in thousands of years', adding, 'while Earth has survived radical climactic changes and regenerated following mass extinctions, it's not the destruction of Earth that we are facing, it's the destruction of our familiar, natural world and our uniquely rich human culture.' It is up to us all to change this.

Solva Community Clubhouse now contributes to this change through the installation of solar photovoltaic panels. We wanted to actively contribute to Pembrokeshire County Council's action plan towards becoming a net zero-carbon county by 2030. Our Clubhouse solar project will save significant amounts of carbon dioxide, help combat global warming, and reduce our negative effect on the environment.

Energy supplied annually by solar system - solar input 7640 kWh

The total capacity of the system is 7.6kWp

What are the community benefits?

We are specifically interested in what has resulted directly from the SDF funding. Please include comment on any short and longer-term benefits, whether the grant has prompted any change in individual or community behaviour, and in interest or attitudes to decarbonisation/ the environment.

Our project is essential to building Solva's energy transition and will contribute to the decarbonisation of our community. We hope it will help change consumer behaviour and energise others to take collective actions towards a transition to a lower carbon future.

Direct benefits of SDF funding have improved our understanding of PCNPA and the positive impacts the National Park have on climate issues. It's also helped build a sustainable engagement between the National Park and the community, pivotal to the future prosperity of Solva.

Our Project would not have been possible without SDF funding. The sound-bytes from the SDF award helped demonstrate the PCNPA duty to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities such as Solva.

Key Issues/Lessons learned

Please detail of any factors that you consider impacted on the project (positive or negative). What lessons were learned from your/your community's experience with the project? What, if anything, would do differently next time?

The key factor was the selection of a preferred bidder (PB). A good understanding of solar energy was important, and much research was required to help select the PB.

As a result of the project the community is now considering a Solar Panel Energy Group which could benefit from economies of scale.

If there was a next time we would reach for the stars and install more solar panels to increase output and reduce reliability on carbon heavy electricity.

Conclusion and Discussion

Please highlight the overall project conclusion or achievement(s). You may wish to further explain why certain conclusions were reached and whether the project findings have implications for future planned or as yet unplanned projects.

The sun is a powerful source that can help our planet by giving us clean, reusable energy to power our world. The use of this energy is free, does not create pollution, and if used wisely can help us become less dependent on other more costly and damaging forms of power.

SDF supports community led projects that contribute towards a reduction in carbon. We sincerely hope SDF continues, it has allowed our solar project to be a beacon for others to follow, and we hope our Village Hall will make an application later this year.

Thank you to all at the Sustainable Development Fund.

Planned next steps/stages

Please tell us about any further or continuing project work planned – for example another phase in a wider project

See Village Hall above re wider project.

Additional Comments

Please provide any additional information or detail relating to the project that you think would be interesting for us and which has not been provided elsewhere.

None

Final Feedback on SDF

How did you find the process of applying for the grant/did they find it straightforward/did they need more support guidance etc. –

The SDF application and process was straight forward. Staff were helpful and supportive throughout.

Completed by

Name Bruce Payne

Signature *B Payne*

Date: 15th June 2022

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Final SDF Project Report

SDF Ref:	SDF/042021/4
SDF Project Title:	Tenby United RFC Recycling Facilities
SDF Funding approved:	£12562.56
SDF Funding claimed:	£12562.56
Actual Total Project costs:	£15810.24

What type of project did you apply to SDF for?

Please tick

- Install renewable energy generation facilities to a community building
i.e. solar panels
- Develop an initiative to promote reduction in carbon emissions in transport
i.e. installing an electric charging point for bikes or cars or by supporting access to non-individual travel
- Install a community facility that minimises waste,
i.e. water fountain
- Any other community-based carbon reduction initiative.

Project Aim/Method/Deliverables

What did you set out to do? How did you do it? What did you deliver/what were the outputs?

To introduce a recycling program at our two pitches in order to become more sustainable, reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and reduce running costs.

We installed two litter pick stations to encourage users to collect rubbish discarded across the playing fields and twelve recycling bins to encourage users to sort waste at source.

Project Impact

What was the overall impact of your project? Please refer to your application, how did your project support the reduction in carbon or respond to the climate emergency?

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Playing fields are visually better as there is less rubbish blown across them. Various individuals have used the litter pick stations to organise 'litter picks' as part of school projects etc.

Time/effort saving reported by volunteers who no longer have to sort rubbish in an effort to reduce waste.

Improved relationship with football club and working partnership to share the emptying of bins.

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Area looks far tidier and has encouraged the community to view the facilities in a more positive light. By removing the barrier to recycling and waste control by the installation of bins, users now feel obliged to use the bins etc and also pick up any other waste to look after our facilities.

Key Issues/Lessons learned

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Slight change to design of bins to match those already in use in our community. In approaching PCC they were happy to direct us to their supplier.

Conclusion and Discussion

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Project allowed us to access funds and achieve a project which may not have traditionally occurred in a grass routes Sports Club where there are many competing uses of funds. It has delivered a direct benefit to our community and environment with the added benefit of building relationships with other users.

Planned next steps/stages

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Collaboration with Football club has brought about a far better attitude towards working together for the greater benefit of our community – further projects have already included car park improvements with discussions at early stage about further working together.

Additional Comments

Please provide any additional information or detail relating to the project that you think would be interesting for us and which has not been provided elsewhere.

Final Feedback on SDF

How did you find the process of applying for the grant/did they find it straightforward/did they need more support guidance etc. – Fantastic process, helpful support throughout and appreciation that we are a volunteer organisation where meeting desired timescales isn't always practical and offering encouragement and support.

Completed by

Name Harry Bolton (Chairman Tenby United RFC)

Signature H.Bolton

Date 25/06/22

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