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Working with communities, delivering for Pembrokeshire



Cydweithio gyda chymunedau, cyflawni dros Sir Benfro

Pembrokeshire Local Action Network for Enterprise and Development is a locally led organisation bringing communities together with a range of supporting agencies and networks for the benefit of local people.

Communities as the Hub of Rural Life

PLANED has been selected as the Local Action Group assisting to deliver the EU/Welsh Assembly Government funded Rural Development Plan (RDP) project called **The Communities as a Hub**.

The **Communities as a Hub** project aims to assist local areas to work together to make the most of opportunities and resources. The aim is the development of key community hubs. It is about developing the Hubs as both the Heart (social and cultural) and the Pulse (economic and environmental) of local areas, thus assisting a long term sustainable approach to local regeneration.

This project has three elements:
Comprehensive analysis of each hub, including linking to statutory & other local plans, to identify the current role of the hub and its potential for providing wider role in meeting local needs and opportunities.

Identifying and overcoming obstacles to the hubs
developing an enhanced long term sustainable role in supporting the quality of life for their surrounding areas.

A range of community based projects will be practically supported resulting from the analysis to overcome obstacles and develop opportunities.

Our Partners

This is a partnership project between PLANED, Pembrokeshire County Council, PAVS, One Voice Wales, Pembrokeshire Association of local Councils, town and community councils, community forums, community groups and local business groups, linking local community planning to statutory Community Planning.

Currently, **Area Development Plans** are being drafted for each area which identify common ground themes, which includes ideas for:

- Community activities, facilities & Communication (including youth)
- Environment
- Energy & Recycling
- History, Heritage & Culture
- Employment, Business & Tourism
- Healthy Living & Wellbeing
- Housing & Services
- Transport & Traffic

Hub Area Meetings A meeting will be arranged for each area inviting key stakeholders in each



Jane Howells, Kirsty Williams AM and Steven Alderman

of the communities in the area to discuss and amend the draft area development plan and to investigate how to put the plan into practice

The aim of this meeting is to identify ways in which local people may be able to meet local needs and opportunities, and produce a plan that will not only feed into but will influence local planners
The draft Area Development Plan and invitation to the meetings will be sent out nearer the time.

If you would like further information about this project please contact PLANED 01834 862101 or Email information@planed.org.uk



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Datblygu Gwledig: Ewrop yn Buddsoddi mewn Ardsloedd Gwledig
The European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development: Europe Investing in Rural Areas



Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru
Welsh Assembly Government

Your Area Development Plan - Progress So Far

Area Development Plans are designed to be evolving documents pulling together common themes. They take into account information that has already been gathered by PLANED through its Community Action Plans, Area Plugging the Leaks reports and from past projects partner organisations have also made available their planning information for each area.

Here are some examples of the projects being developed so far.

Community Facilities Audits

Following the Hub meetings, representatives from communities have been interested to know where and what condition the village halls of the area are in so that they can support each other for bids for funding. PLANED is gathering the information for these Audits and thanks those who have provided information. A survey of other community facilities including play areas and recycling facilities will also be included in the report with a view to looking at services and gaps in provision.

St Davids Hub

At a recent meeting in Solva, businesses considered ways to increase activity by organising various events throughout the year. Events like the Beer Festival in August draws visitors from far and wide, it is hoped that similar events will have the same level of success. If you would like more information regarding business in the St.Davids Peninsula, please contact Kathryn Bradbury on 01834 862113 or email kathrynb@planed.org.uk

Crymych Hub

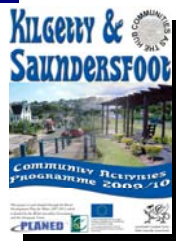
The first Preseli Walking Festival



was piloted with support from PLANED in May 2008. Now in its third year the Festival involves four major events taking place between May 1st & 31st in the Preseli area: Newport Bay Spring Festival, St Dogmaels Arts Festival, Maenclochog Festival and Fishguard Folk Festival. In addition, walks organised by *Walkers Are Welcome In Cilgerran Area*, *Steps 2 Health* and *Pembrokeshire Ramblers* will be included. If you are interested in joining the Festival Team or would like further details, please contact Kate 01834 862109 email kated@planed.org.uk

Saundersfoot & Kilgetty Hub

A project to encourage greater use of the wide array of community facilities is well underway. As part of that project, a Community Activity programme has been researched and published giving details and contact information for the wide range of activities that many locals enjoy. The activity programme was distributed as widely as possible in the area. For more information, please contact PLANED.



Cymdeithas Cleddau Ddu

Businesses in the area have been campaigning for better broadband connection to help them continue to work in their rural community. Following the Hub meeting, the community wishes to undertake a market research study to identify black spots in the area that cannot receive broadband or has a very

poor service, and to research options to provide / improve it. It will ensure that the community is in the best position to take up funding and assistance from the emerging WAG proposals for better broadband provision, and to be able to liaise more effectively with BT.

Neyland & Johnston Hub History at Your Feet!

This project is looking at a network of community footpaths linking heritage and nature, and so linking the villages. The project aims to give local communities a sense of place and to share information. Research is needed to identify missing links in Right of Ways; identify work priorities and circular/ linking hub routes as well as to identify natural and heritage interests along these routes. The work will compile existing heritage and nature publications for the area and will consult existing community groups such as Ramblers, U3A, nature and heritage groups and individuals.

The Havens & Dale

Are planning a **Wildlife on Your Patch Rocky Shore** event after school, one afternoon in Havens Festival Week (28 May – 4 June), or during Biodiversity week (7-13 June), dates to be confirmed. This event will explore the shoreline in Broadhaven, looking at the smaller creatures that hide in rockpools.



Celebrating a Sense of Place: Experience Pembrokeshire

This project encourages and helps local people to value, enhance and celebrate the culture and 'sense of place' of Pembrokeshire. It encourages greater participation by local people in local cultural activities and links these to the development of festivals and events. The Pembrokeshire Preseli Walking Festival is supported by PLANED. It links together and promotes the events and festivals taking place across north Pembrokeshire during May, starting with the Newport Bay Spring Festival and ending with the Fishguard Folk Festival.



This project aims to add value to community activities and therefore local distinctiveness, which can

contribute to economic benefits for rural communities.

As part of this project PLANED has arranged 'nature' and 'heritage' days to increase people's understanding of what is on our doorstep. Through heritage groups local people are encouraged to research and learn more about the history of Pembrokeshire; the military history group has completed a four part guide for the County and an enthusiastic group have formed the Industrial Past study group. Study talks and tours have also been arranged on topics including the Castles of Pembrokeshire and 'Shedding Light on the Dark Ages'.



www.experiencepembrokeshire.com

Experience Pembrokeshire is a web portal which has been developed to increase the enjoyment of both visitors and local people by helping people discover more about the County. Experience Pembrokeshire aims to bring together in one place and make more accessible information about our heritage and environment. It aims to celebrate and promote lesser known features of Pembrokeshire and link to partners websites where more detailed information can be found.

The Experience Pembrokeshire web portal was launched by the TV presenter Iolo Williams at a Marine Nature Day in Fishguard. For more details contact Sarah Gerlach sarahg@planed.org.uk



Community and Skills Hub (CASH)

This project is about meeting the skills gaps in rural areas by providing training in a variety of skills, including hedging, coppicing, garden maintenance, vegetable growing and book keeping. The need for these skills has been identified by communities and so far around 450 training places have been taken up across the County.

Feedback from participants has been enthusiastic with many returning to do a second course. The project aims to increase the sustainability of communities. At Kilgetty our heritage restoration skills course will help build a replica tunnel to celebrate the area's industrial past.



Other courses on offer include gate making, fencing, personal confidence and Train the Trainer.

For further information contact Liz Thomas (01834 862113) or email lizt@planed.org.uk



Developing a Rural Skills Resource

The aim of diversifying the rural economy by providing support to farming families to diversify into non agricultural activities is at the heart of this project. PLANED is working in partnership with the Pembrokeshire Machinery Ring to run a pilot rural skills ring to help farming families obtain off-farm income. This pilot will provide local people with access to those with the particular skills they require.

Enterprise Hub

In supporting the Pembrokeshire Business Network (PBN) this project helps to develop networking opportunities for businesses across the County.

Working with existing Business Groups and Chambers of Trade as well as helping to set up new groups, the Enterprise Hub project runs seminars and workshops on important topics for the business community, including combating e:crime, the

Supporting Sustainable Agriculture

The Pembrokeshire Sustainable Agriculture Network, which is supported by the Sustainable Development Fund was established by PLANED. PSAN aims to bring farming/environmental organisations and farmers in Pembrokeshire together to identify, discuss and take forward new ideas and opportunities e.g. renewable energy, recycling, climate change and biodiversity, linked to sustainable agriculture. Nine well supported seminars have taken place on topics including 'Planning for Renewables', 'Anaerobic Digesters' and 'Community Supported Agriculture.'

Enhancing our Rural Heritage

This project has assisted with funding for a range of projects across the County including restoration work at Angle Lime Kilns and the construction of a boardwalk at Freshwater East nature reserve. At Llangloffan Fen funding has been provided for improved access, with car parking and a bird hide. At Llawhaden PLANED helped with new information panels telling the story of the village, the castle and hospice. And at Nevern support was given for a Community Liaison Officer to encourage local people to actively participate in an archaeological dig. More information from Bethany Lloyd bethanyl@planed.org.uk



use of social media for marketing, customer service, sales negotiation and runs clinics for signing up to Google maps.

The project supports the ongoing development of the Pembrokeshire Enterprise

Network (PEN) to encourage collaboration among the business support agencies within and outside the County.

For further details please contact Kathryn Bradbury 01834862113 or email lizt@planed.org.uk

Community Action Plans

Does your community have an up to date Action Plan? PLANED continues to support communities to prepare Action Plans through its Towards One Planet Living (TOPL) project

and has funding to enable local people to look closely at their community and identify opportunities for working together on a variety of projects. If you would like any more information about this please contact Darren 01834 862110 or email darreng@planed.org.uk

