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MONTHLY
REPORT**

03/04/2022

Martin started as Grounds Person

We have a new grounds person! Yey! Martin has started his role as Grounds Person. We hope that he brings life to all the green spaces we manage as MCC. I am sure you will all meet him at our volunteer days throughout the year. We wish him all the best in his role.

04/04/2022

Lanes meeting

Martin and I attended a meeting with Amanda Evans, who put forward the lanes project. A number of concerned residents also attended. We had a walk around the lanes and discovered some really lovely signs detailing the historical and natural importance of the lanes. Unfortunately, these signs were a little rotten and would benefit from replacing. Many of the lanes would benefit from a litter pick and some planting. The main concern is the tarmacking of the lanes, that has caused flooding in previous years. Actions from this meeting included Amanda and the residents group organising a litter pick with the support of myself and Keep Wales Tidy. Amanda has also been advised to look into a grant from Mumbles Community Council to purchase plug plants etc... if needed. We will support them with volunteers when they are needed. Meanwhile I will attempt to find out who owns the lanes and what rights the residents have.



06/04/2023

NNR volunteer day

One volunteer attended the volunteer at Norton Nature Reserve and Community Gardens today. We continued to clear the bramble on the bank to allow the trees space to grow and to keep control of the bramble. We focused on cutting back the bramble that was encroaching on the fence so that we can eventually remove the damaged fence and replace it with a more biodiversity friendly dead hedge.

15/04/2023

NNR Volunteer Day

This was Martin's first solo volunteer day as Grounds Person. 6 volunteers attended this day. The day was activity packed, with volunteers taking down the dilapidated fence surrounding the woodland area to create more space. They also gathered wood from the surrounding woodland to build up the dead hedge. The results look brilliant and provide a really nice natural border to the woodland.

20/04/2023

Skatepark Rain Garden Planting Volunteer Day

7 volunteers attended this volunteer day, including Sara Keeton and Amy Beuse (Area Coordinator for Mayals, West Cross, Oystermouth and Newton). Amy is in contact with a number of people in search of support and volunteering opportunities in the local area. A number of people under her support attended the volunteer day. At least 5 people stopped to chat when walking past with positive comments to make about the rain garden and people seem genuinely impressed by the progress made! Adding practical and beautiful planting areas is obviously having a positive impact already 😊



23/04/2023

Councillor litter picking training.

Three of our fabulous councillors attended a litter picking training day with Phil Budd from Keep Wales Tidy. As part of our obligations as a Litter Free Zone, and as part of our journey to becoming a Litter Picking Hub, we are holding regular litter picks in a different ward each month. Having our councillors trained will be so useful and mean that they can answer any litter picking questions and provide expert knowledge during these regular events.

Phil is extremely knowledgeable on all things waste. It is so important that we dispose of our waste properly to support a circular economy and ensure that we recycle as much as we can. But of course, our fight is to not have to deal with rubbish at all. The three Rs: Reduce. Reuse, Recycle. It's all about the conscious decisions we make when we enter a shop. Do I really need this item? Is there an option that produces less waste? Is there an option with reusable packaging? Is there an option with recyclable packaging? These are questions that we, as individuals, but also suppliers need to be asking. Time to buck the trend and reduce our waste.

We were also joined by two wonderful ladies from The Parish Church of the Holy Cross. They have taken it upon themselves to keep their parish tidy with regular litter picks. It is great to see this community involvement.

