

# Canolfan Wirfoddol Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre

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2009-2010  
ANNUAL REPORT**



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## Our Social Enterprise and Trading Arm -

Antur Ystradgynlais Enterprises Limited Based at: Wind Road, Glanrhyd, Ystradgynlais, Swansea Valley, Powys, SA9 1AF
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Rhif y Cwmni/Company No: 7157972  
Incorporated 15 Feb 2010

Registered Office at:  
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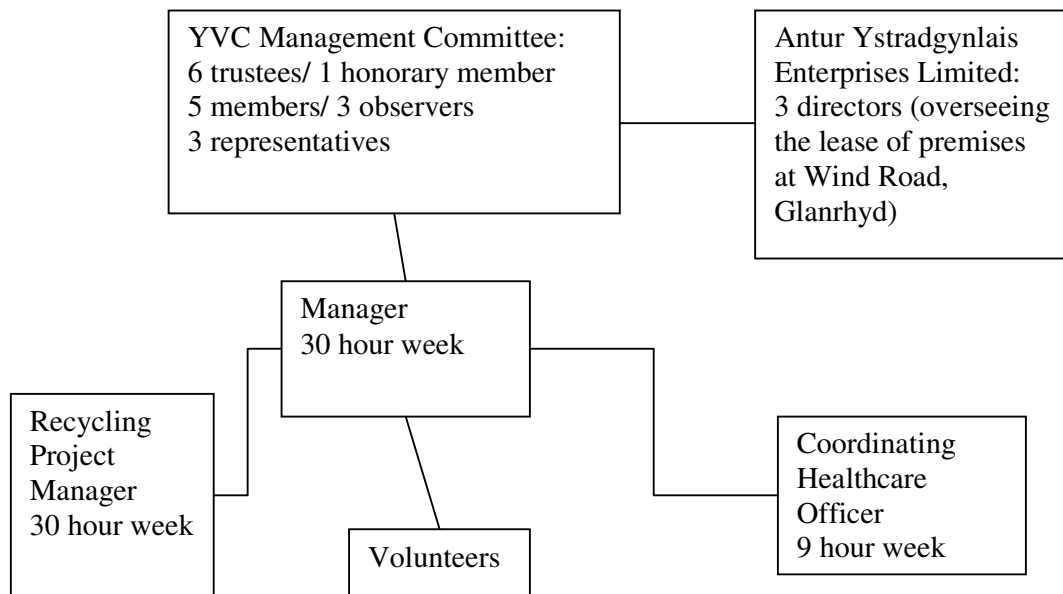
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## Management Committee Members 2009-2010

<u>Chairperson:</u>	John Steadman
<u>Vice Chairs:</u>	Carolyn Bell
<u>Treasurer:</u>	Barbara Buoy
<u>Minutes Secretary:</u>	Jon Davies
<u>Honorary Member:</u>	Barbara Gates
<u>Trustee Members:</u>	John Steadman Carolyn Bell (resigned Oct10) David Harris Christine Bend Joyce Thomas Robert Battenbough Hywel James (Retired July 10)
<u>Members:</u>	Eleri Thomas                      Karen Bayliss Margaret Thomas                Suzy Davies Adele Evans
<u>County Council Rep:</u>	Councillor Susan McNicholas
<u>Town Council Rep:</u>	Peter Trayler (resigned Oct09) Replaced by Geraint Roberts (wef Feb10)
<u>Independent Observers:</u>	Judy Webb    Elaine James    Daniel Jenkins
<u>Staff Rep:</u>	Caroline Bull
<u>Project Staff For Information:</u>	Colin Boulton (to July10) Ceri Richardson (Jun09-Jun10) Gerald King (wef May09)
<u>For Information and Consultation:</u>	
<u>County Council:</u>	Catherine Quarrell, PCC Social Care Sces, Llandrindod Wells,
<u>Social Services:</u>	Liz Upcott, Adult Care Sces, Social Services, Ystradgynlais
<u>Health Services:</u>	Carol Jones, Administrator, Ystradgynlais Community Hospital

### Structure Chart @ 31/7/10: Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre



The Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre is an independent registered charity and an unincorporated association. It was first registered with the Charity Commissioners as such in March 1984. 2009 was our 25<sup>th</sup> Year.

The Management committee meets each month with the Manager to review the previous month's activities, with projects, within the office environment and discuss anything necessary for the forthcoming period. Decisions are made collectively here but the Manager can call on trustees for assistance at other times if necessary. Sub committee meetings are held by smaller groups as deemed useful by the Manager to deal with any specific issues or incidents as they arise. There are Sub committees for:

Building and Maintenance	Personnel and Policy
Finance and Funding	Recycling
Fundraising Activities and Events	

In most cases, the Manager has the authority to make invoice payments, order equipment and stationery within reason, co-sign cheques to run projects, and organise promotional and fundraising activities and events, as well as recruit and support the volunteers who assist with all these.

**The Aims and Objectives of the YVC are:**

- To recruit, train, place and support volunteers, and where possible match with local clients in need
- To promote volunteering opportunities through the Centre, for local projects and other groups locally, further afield and through the Wales wide website- [www.volunteering-wales.net](http://www.volunteering-wales.net)
- To provide resources for community use, including room hire, promotion of activities and events, photocopying, fax, laminating, PC and some admin assistance
- To assist with initiating new ideas and projects for the benefit of the local community

Many of the necessary and most obvious policies and statements are in place from Health & Safety, Vulnerable Persons, Reserves, and Risk Assessment to Environmental, Grievance, Confidentiality and Data Protection. These are reviewed at least annually and we work with other volunteer bureaux, and community supports within the Powys Network to assist in keeping these up to date and relevant.



## **Report by the Chair Person:      1April 2009 – 31 March 2010**

This is now my second year as Chairman and I would like to give a special thank you to our Manager Caroline Bull and a big thank you to all the staff and volunteers for the hours they have given and also their hard work.

We have had a mix of ups and downs this year but we have also had a lot of partnership working. I feel that we have taken a new direction and supported and helped many people in the wonderful work which is carried out.

The recycling project has continued to grow, and we have moved into the old Remploy. We are doing very well with the tool project at the rear of the centre. We have been fortunate to have new funding to continue the support of the Volunteer Centre and Antur.

We have again spent a lot of time with funded administration and completing funding bids, which I would like to give another vote of thanks to the office staff for.

I look forward to another year which is already most of the way through but I know that it will be a very successful and changeling year,

County Councillor John Steadman J.P  
17<sup>th</sup> November 2010

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### **Annual Report April 2009-2010**

#### **Funding for the YVC and it's Projects:**

Between core, running and project costs, restricted and unreserved funding, the following have helped to support us (and are listed in no particular order):

WCVA/PAVO- Volunteering in Wales Fund	) <b>Joint Partnership</b>
Powys Local Health Board	) <b>Funding for Core</b>
Powys County Council- Social Care	) <b>Volunteer Work</b>

#### **Project Grants:**

Lloyds TSB Foundation	PAVO/WCVA – Job Centre Plus Brokerage
PAVO Health & Well Being	PAVO Continuing Healthcare
Ystradgynlais Police	PAVO Spirit II
Digital Outreach	Yapp Charitable Trust
Laura Ashley Foundation	

#### **Recycling Project specific:**

Environment Wales	Welsh Assembly Western Valleys
Cylch Charity Bank	PCC Future Jobs Funding

**Donations/contributions:**

The YVC continues to support Ystradgynlais Family History Group by promoting and selling local photographic views on magnets, keyrings and coasters for a donation. Several individuals have kindly made various donations to the YVC through the year in recognition of various assisted community services. A Giftaid claim is also made annually.

All donations made are listed as received and kept on file within the office.

We gratefully acknowledge and thank all the Trusts, Charitable Funders, clients and others who have given their support and had faith in us this year.



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**Highlights-**

Presentations Made To: \_\_\_Ainon Chapel; Maesydderwen School 6<sup>th</sup> Forms;

Portable Appliance Testing Checks and/or Criminal Record Bureau Checks  
Undertaken for:

<b><u>PAT Testing Checks</u></b>	<b><u>CRB Checks</u></b>
Beulah Chapel	MIND
Healthy Living Centre	Glantawe Players
MIND	Ystrad Welfare Hall
Ty Croeso	BIBBS
Brecon Volunteer Bureau	Brecon Credit Union
Dulwich College Field Centre	Ystrad Media Trust
Community Car Scheme	
Swansea Valley Bible Church	
Merlins	

Room Hire: We have been offering long term and ad hoc room hire to various groups active in the Ystradgynlais area, and we have been fortunate to have spare rooms upstairs available for use. Some have included the Youth Offending Team; Nightingales Domiciliary Care, Brecon & District Credit Union, DIY Futures (wef July09), Age Concern, Communities First, Powys Challenge, MIND, Powys Carers, Barnardos, Cartrefi Cymru, Victim Support, Larches MH Team and Transition Towns.

### Highlights- Activities/ Events Held:

<b>EVENTS INVOLVED WITH -</b>	3 days Libanus Mountain Centre BBNPA
coffee morning with art & crafts 7/4/09	Sennybridge show
Glantawe Lions Easter fete Clydach 11/4/09	Ystradfellte show
National Volunteers Week in June	Owain Glyndwr Festival
Plant Sale Cwmtwrch 16/5/09	Caerphilly Big Cheese 25/7/09
NPT Soroptimists, Aberafon shopping mall collection	National Reuse Day Cylch event in Newtown 14/7/09
Digital Switchover coffee morning Aug09 with 51 visitors	Environment Wales event Aberafon 26/11/09
Arts & Crafts event 21/11/09	TFSR national group visited us 17/7/09 + 12/3/10
Heritage Day event 22/11/09	National Youth Week 3/11/09 24 youths at Woodstore
Glynneath Training Centre visit 6/11/09	Green Fayre Swansea 6/12/09
Glynneath TC xmas fair 28/11/09	nailcutting project pictures in Brecon & Radnor 2/5/09
BHF coffee morning 26/2/10	PAVO funding surgery
PAVO High Sheriff award for nailcutting proj 16/3/10	Health & Wellbeing event 25/9/09
Nailcutting Project launch 28/9/09	Transition Towns awareness day
Communities First conference Swansea	Carols & mulled wine at Welfare 21/12/09
Careers Talk Llandrindod re recycling 21/10/09	PAVO Volunteers Day Llandrindod Jan09
International Womens Day event 8/3/10	Volunteer training lunch at Ynyscedwyn 28/1/11

### Some Working Partnerships/ Groups Supported:

Glantawe Lions;	Victim Support
Youth Offending Team;	Maesydderwen 6 <sup>th</sup> Form;
British Lung Foundation;	Powys Probation Service;
Powys Training;	Ystradgynlais Family History Group;
TFSR Cymru & Nationally;	Nightingales Domiciliary Care;
Cartrefi Cymru;	Ystradgynlais & District Transition Towns;
Spill Media;	PAVO; NPTCVS; SCVS;
Brecon & District Credit Union;	Powys Carers;
Ystrad MIND;	BIBBS;
NPT Soroptimists;	Welfare Hall Ystradgynlais;
Communities First	A4E Pathways/ Tydfil Training
Age Concern Powys	Sleeping Giant Foundation
DIY Futures	Larches MH Team
Job Centre Plus	NPT Sandfields IT Centre
Powys County Council	Play Supply
Community Garden Project	DOVE
Penrhos Youth Centre	National Community Wood Recycling;



## **Projects:**

### **Arts and Crafts**

The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual November event was again very successful with over 250 people and 35 stalls. It is now a set diary date and a good promotional and fund raising day for the Centre as well as for local artisans with their crafts. Thanks again to those clever crafty volunteers who have continued to support us with time and energy on this project.

### **Work Experience:**

We continue to assist with short term work based placements when we can through Powys Training, Maesydderwen School and the Job Centre. This year we have successfully worked as part of the Job Centre Plus Brokerage Scheme with WCVA and JC+ through PAVO. This has resulted in 32 referrals to us (at 31/3/10) of which only 7 were a no show. We have also been working with Tydfil Training and A4E to assist with work placements.

### **Millennium Volunteers Programme:**

We again worked with the new input of 6<sup>th</sup> Form at Maesydderwen School from September 2009. We interacted with and recruited young volunteers who signed up to the *Millennium Volunteers Programme* this year. Several have gained certificates for various hours given (they are issued in 50, 100 and 200 hour denominations). This project has proved advantageous for the school, the students, the community and the Volunteer Centre.

### **Promotion/ Website Development:**

A dedicated volunteer has continued to develop our own website to promote and showcase the YVC, see [www.ystradgynlaisvc.org.uk](http://www.ystradgynlaisvc.org.uk) and we continue to trade on eBay as another form of fundraising. With a PAVO CAN DO grant we have updated our display tables, bought a digital camera and display board/banner for the centre. We also had a great new leaflet produced and printed this year promoting the Centre and our services clearly and colourfully. We have also attended 6+ summer events which have enabled us to promote our services, volunteering opportunities and offer sales of tools and timber products. We have also started a website for Antur and this can be seen with our recycled products at <http://ystradgynlaisenterprises.com/>

### **Hospital Trolley Service:**

Starting Jan05 and with the help of the *Yapp Charitable Trust* until June09, a mixed team from Social Services Day Services run this at the community hospital on Tuesday and Thursday when a carer works with adults with learning disabilities. Between them all we offer a friendly face for some long term patients as well as providing confectionery, toiletries and snacks. All funds raised are passed back to the Friends of the Hospital who run the shop within the hospital.

### **'Scootabout' Mobility Project**

YVC has two 4 wheel battery powered scooters for hire around the community. Our first member joined on 20/3/06 and we now have 43 recorded members at 31/3/10. We proudly announced we were the first scooter scheme in Powys, and have since joined Shopmobility Wales. We are often asked to assist clients through enquiries about scooter maintenance and purchase choices. Some clients

have gained in personal independence and confidence and since bought their own scooter. We also offer the hire of a manual or self propel wheelchair for holidays or weekend use, and can signpost towards other aids and adaptations when asked.

### **COPD- Lung Disease Project**

Thanks to a PfizerUK Foundation grant we have been able to raise awareness, share news and signpost others locally who suffer with COPD (Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease). There are an estimated 500+ people with some form of lung disease in the area registered at the local practise, and we have been liaising with the Respiratory Nurse and the Neath Valley Breathe Easy Group to try to raise awareness of the disease and enable people to access more helpful information. It has been an uphill struggle, and slow progress, but we are continuing with the project.

### **Nail Cutting Service**

Started in Nov08 this working partnership project is shared between the Local Health Board, PAVO, Communities First, Octopus Project, and Age Concern Powys. The Volunteer Centre is supporting volunteers with insurance, CRB checks and a volunteer offering admin support involved to make this a success for the community who need more of this type of basic skilled service which will also relieve some of the local pressures on the Health Service for local elderly and disabled. The South Powys Footcare Service is now seen as a model which could be rolled out around Powys and other areas as it proves successful & sustainable. All volunteers are trained and certificated by the Health Board before they work with clients. This spring the group was awarded a High Sheriffs Award for its community involvement at a ceremony held in Builth Wells.

### **Recycling Projects**

The YVC aims to recycle as much as we can where possible, from plastic, card, paper, and glass within the office; old spectacles, used ink cartridges, batteries, postage stamps, and mobile phones; to scrap metal on the tools project and more recently unwanted timber for reuse. We also work in partnership with JLA Palleg (The recycling & landfill company) who hold their scrap tools and usable pieces of timber for us to collect and reuse, thus saving more items from landfill. All weights are recorded for monitoring and statistical purposes. Our service level agreement (since Nov07) with *Powys County Council* enables us to claim recycling credits each month at £35 per ton. The YVC also holds a Waste Carriers Licence issued by the Environment Agency. Through our initiatives we aim to improve awareness of the benefits of recycling to the wider local community and offer some skill building training to those involved.

Training for volunteers and staff has included:

Competency to Use Power Tools and Equipment for 1staff/1volunteer 25/3/10

Portable Appliance Testing for 7 volunteers in Apr09

Manual Handling with St John Ambulance for 12 people 8/4/10

Energy conference (Green Communities) Swansea for 1trustee/1volunteer Jan10.

### **TFSR Ystrad/ Tools Project**

Although we started in a small way (in June 2004) as a 4<sup>th</sup> branch to the TFSR Cymru group based in Crickhowell, we have grown considerably. We continue to receive many donations of tools to sort, clean, and refurbish. Some tools and many more sewing machines are taken to Crickhowell for storage before being shipped to Tanzania each spring in a 20 ton container. Many of our tools are refurbished by volunteers and sold locally as we now have no hardware shop, and more recently we have been able to offer a local key cutting service and a blade sharpening and rehandling service too.

We are fortunate to have Tony Care managing TFSR Cymru at Crickhowell who have also assisted us with training and encouraged us to visit them on occasion offering advice and guidance, for which we are very grateful. Our volunteers gain in self confidence and awareness, improved social skills and make new friends whilst in the workshops, and we have many varied volunteers who enjoy the mix of activities. The tool store is based in the building at the rear of the Volunteer Centre where we are open for volunteer activity every Thursday/Friday between 9am and 1pm. In this last year we have concentrated on securing our own future a bit more than usual but hope to work more in true partnership fashion from now on.

We, and Tony whilst visiting, has given presentations on our project and the artisans work in Tanzania, to other community groups in and out of Powys, and gained even more donations of mixed tools in return. We have also attended several agricultural shows and festivals to further promote our activities. Some tools are unsuitable to send abroad so we have refurbished them to sell locally which has been good for the local economy and helped raise funds to further assist with project costs.

### **Ystrad Wood Store**

Our Woodstore started timber recycling in April08 with 2 staff and a pickup to collect and deliver the timber. Unwanted wood is collected to save it from landfill, cleaned and sorted, and made into new and recycled items to sell. From planters, garden furniture, bird boxes and tables, wheelbarrows and bespoke items, many different items have been made and showcased at promotional events around our valley.

The Woodturning group is still running successfully with their own equipment and accessories. With a membership of around 14 they meet each Wednesday between 6.30-8.30pm at the new Antur premises. This is a social as well as a skill learning group.

The woodstore was at unit 205 until the end of March 2010 but we have now moved into our new and much larger premises – leading to our highlight of the year mentioned further on.

**Recycling Project** - We have worked with youngsters, adults with disabilities, the retired and unemployed, some probationers and young offenders, and all have expressed their enjoyment, learning ability, team spirit, and the opportunity to do something different in a practical workshop environment.

We have made birdboxes, bird tables, garden furniture, trinket boxes, rabbit and chicken hutches and runs, trugs, wheelbarrows and shaped planters. We can make other items to order and also offer minor repair and refurbishment work in wood.

Antur Ystrad is the base for the recycling projects -The Wood Store and the Toolstore - is based at The Old Remploy Building, Wind Street, Glanrhyd, Ystradgynlais, SA9 1AF, and is open between 8am -1pm Monday-Friday. They can be contacted on 01639 845475.

The recycling project through the YVC are members of:

- *Tools For Self Reliance*, Netley Marsh, Southampton- to further the project, share members insurance cover, and receive newsletters keeping us informed of the artisan projects and happenings abroad.
- *TFSR Cymru*, at Crickhowell - for local advice and support, and to pass some of our tools and sewing machines on for transportation to Tanzania.
- *Clych*- for access to a Development Worker, support, guidance, funding, and national tonnage figures database for Wales.
- *National Community Wood Recycling Project*- one of 20 British timber projects feeding timber statistics into a national database to assist with Government waste figures. For good practice assistance and guidance.
- *Environment Wales*- who assist us with development and training and project grant funding, and with advice and guidance through project outcomes and expectations.

**Volunteer time spent with the Wood and Tools projects specifically:**

*1514 hours* at the *Toolstore* by 27 volunteers, and  
*7267 hours* at the *Woodstore* with 36 volunteers.

This totals **8781 hours work** shared between 44 different volunteers as some have enjoyed spending time on both the projects.

*Tonnage Collected* through donations to the tools and timber projects from householders totalled 16.680 tonnes

*Tonnage Recycled* (and therefore not disposed of) through both tools and timber projects throughout the year totalled 30.123 tonnes



**Antur Ystradgynlais Enterprises Limited** – incorporated 15 Feb 2010.  
Company number 7157972 and registered to the Volunteer Centre address.

This was set up as a limited company and social enterprise, as a trading arm of the Volunteer Centre, but allowing the YVC to take on the lease of new premises to house both the recycling projects within one site, and give us more space.

With 3 directors and a company secretary to start with, this has allowed the YVC to take on the former Remploy factory in Wind Road, Glanrhyd. With the help of a Welsh Assembly Western Valleys grant we have been able to refurbish and upgrade the fabric of the building before we moved in and opened to the public in April 2010. The old Remploy was empty for 3 years and it took us a year of negotiation to enable us to undertake a 3 year lease at a peppercorn rent to start with.

The future aim is for the wood and tools recycling and other activities to be based at this site where the public can call in and learn more about sustainable living, recycling and recycled arts and crafts. There is room for a working area, storage and display areas, as well as offices, and canteen. We have lots of exciting ideas for the future and just need this year to continue to prosper and grow to prove we can become a sustainable enterprise for the benefit of the local community.

### **YVC GENERAL:**

The Volunteer Centre is also members of :  
WCVA – Wales Council for Voluntary Action  
PAVO – Powys Association of Voluntary Organisations  
SCVS – Swansea Council for Voluntary Services  
NPTCVS – Neath Port Talbot CVS  
Peninsula Business Services Ltd – legal helpline for employers

### **YVC Training:**

Various courses offered and taken up by staff, trustees and volunteers this year through CVCs, WVCA and other bodies include:

How To Tender Workshop (1)  
Basic Accounting Course (1)  
Welsh Assembly Government Work Force Planning & Devt (1)  
Economic Participation WCVA Cardiff (1)  
Community Support For Network Powys (1)  
Community Asset Transfer Workshop (1)  
Customer Care Course With Credit Union (3)  
Community Development Course Swansea CVS (2)  
REGEN Sustainability and Regeneration For Community Groups (2)

## **Manager's Review:**

This has been a hectic year of very big ups and downs, pulls and pushes, juggling of funds, resources, people and projects. I don't know whether we are really winning or losing but as it constantly changes it also moves the goalposts.

I won't even think of the downs but some of the ups have included a charity run through Wales that was televised showing Eddie Izzard in Ystradgynlais; our own dvd project with Spill Media and some 6<sup>th</sup> formers explaining their volunteer work which really made me proud of my job, and a film crew for S4C at the Woodstore filming the boys for an advert something to do with Volunteering at the Olympics for 2012. So our volunteers are stars in their own right in many ways!

I have also been introduced to Robert Parker who is working with YVC through a Welsh Assembly initiative called the Workforce Development Programme. He brought £1,000 training budget with him which we have used to assist with Manual Handling, First Aid, Competency to Use Power Tools and some management work, and has helped organise and mentor me through the maze of processes necessary to set up the recycling project at new premises and establish it as a social enterprise.

Antur Ystradgynlais Enterprises Ltd was incorporated on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010 and is a little step that took a long time towards my vision of a community recycling centre that can offer lots of different activities and recycled themed demonstrations and events under one roof. Remploy have kindly agreed to us using their building under a lease arrangement for up to 3 years which gives us time to consider purchase of the site. With the help of Communities First and the Welsh Assembly, a Western Valleys Initiative grant helped us undertake a lot of work to bring it up to workable standard, and we are now working well within its cavernous walls. Our official opening was a brilliant culmination of working together and attracted well over 100 people, from WAG representatives, funders, volunteers, staff, family and friends who brought it all together on the day – even with a water leak on the new carpet tiles on the morning. The next big hurdle is to try to heat it before it freezes us out!

Although at times I take on too much and if you know me, I hate to admit it, but I appreciate all the support I get from volunteers, staff and trustees alike – and other people within my regular working community who are always there for me and help me out in many different ways, as do my family again and as usual.

PAVO staff have this year helped me in several ways and I want to say thank you to them for their input – from the nailcutting (John), social enterprise information (Jon), funding advice (Clare and Yvonne), healthcare project working (Trish) and confidence and support from Richard.

Our new leaflets are great, our legal employment cover helps a lot more than I thought, and at the end of March10 we are starting to use the Future Jobs Funding scheme for up to 6 new short term staff posts. These are with the recycling project and YVC itself. To date they have worked brilliantly.

Onward and upwards with a hope for some security in the future both with funding, and project aims. Thank you, *Caroline Bull, Manager* and Company Secretary of Antur Ystrad.

## **History:**

Powys is the largest and most rural county in England and Wales with the highest number of volunteer bureaux and community support offices. The network group of Managers of these Centres is the envy of other areas, especially as networking is extremely important for the voluntarily sector growth, serving isolated areas of the community.

Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre was one of the first to be established in Powys in 1984, and has developed since to where we are today. YVC is one of a network of 12 volunteer bureaux and community support offices in Powys, which operate under individual management committees.

## **The Centre:**

The Volunteer Centre serves an approximate 5 miles radius around Ystradgynlais, which is home to a population of around 13,000. Although we have a Swansea based postcode, we are at the southern most tip of Powys, our perimeter crosses the borders of Neath Port Talbot, and we also creep into the edge of the Brecon Beacons National Parks area. We have our own website at [www.ystradgynlaisvc.org.uk](http://www.ystradgynlaisvc.org.uk)

## **Support to Others:**

All local voluntary groups, clubs and workers are able to use our facilities, leave leaflets, and place posters in the window, etc. We are happy to advertise information for other national, educational, charitable and voluntary organisations. We also offer access to the internet, enabling us to gain information, and to communicate by email with other bureaux and organisations in and around, as well as outside of Powys, very quickly and at a nominal cost. We also have a local slot in the Wales wide volunteering website at [www.volunteering-wales.net](http://www.volunteering-wales.net) where we post our volunteering opportunities.

## **Networking:**

The Powys Network of Bureaux and Community Support office have continued to work together as a team to share experiences, policies, and standard procedures. The Manager of the Centre also sits as a committee member on several local groups where voluntary and community input is an important part of the remit, and where networking can further benefit the volunteers and the community. The YVC produces a Network News directory at approximate 18 month intervals which is distributed to around 175 organisations, voluntary and statutory groups who have local input.

## **Registered Volunteers:**

At 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 173 volunteers were registered, and after deletions we started at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 with 152 carried forward. We ended the year on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 with 211 so throughout the year we gained 59 new volunteers.

Volunteers have been active in some of YVC's own events and activities, including:

Organised Sales, Promotions, monthly and Annual Arts & Crafts Events,  
Reception Cover/ Regular Coffee Morning Helpers/ Hospital Trolley/  
Tools and Wood Store Project/ Network News Production /  
representation at Committee Meetings

*Some Volunteers help at more than one activity*

AGE	No.	Status	No.	
<18 years old	=12	Disabled	=31	Welsh speaking = 36
Aged 18-25	=21	Employed	=21	Needing extra
Aged 26-34	=12	Unemployed	=38	Support = 5
Aged 35-50	=37	Non employed	=18	Non British = 3
Aged 51-65	=35	Students	=26	Male = 66
Aged 65>	=19	Retired	=35	Female = 70

Volunteer Hour Referred By:	
Individuals	= 214
Social Services	= 270
Health Authority	= 254
Voluntary Organisations	= 528
Volunteer Centre	= 1672
Wood Store Volunteers	= 7267
Tool Store Volunteers	= 1514
Nailcutting project	= 192
<b>Total Volunteer Hours</b>	<b>=11911</b>

Over the course of this year, **211 volunteers** gave a total of **11911 hours** to their local community. This equates to around **56.5 hours** volunteering time per registered volunteer in the Upper Swansea Valley area. At minimum wage (**£5.80**) this equates to a total of **£69,083.80** in monetary benefit to the community through volunteering



**Banking:**

The Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre holds several accounts locally although the financial statements include everything as one total. We have-

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|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Treasurer Account HSBC          | - | Day to day use                |
| Business Money Manager HSBS     | - | Holding for day to day use    |
| Community Account Lloyds TSB    | - | Fundraising Money Only        |
| Savings in Alliance & Leicester | - | Reserves/Building Maintenance |
| Community Account Barclays      | - | Recycling Projects specific   |

Thanks are offered to Barbara Buoy who assists the accounting as Treasurer at YVC; and again thanks are offered to Lindsay and our accountants Messrs Harvey, Peters & Co, of Pontardawe, who have worked with us to independently examine the accounts as attached.

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# **Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre**

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## **You Can Visit The YVC For:**

Key Cutting

PAT Testing

Room Hire

Laminating

Fax

Photocopying – COLOUR coming soon

Internet Use

Card Sales For All Occasions

Bric a Brac

Small stationery

## **You can Volunteer, to:**

Fill spare time

Meet new people

Make friends

Learn new skills

Have fun

Get out and about

Make yourself useful

Keep fit

Add to your CV

## **You can visit Antur Ystrad for:**

Recycled items to order ie.

Bird boxes

Bird tables

Wheelbarrows

Trugs

Trinket boxes

Shelving

doors

Garden furniture ie.

Benches / tables / chairs / trellis / planters

Firewood and kindling sticks

Good Quality Furniture at affordable prices