**Cyngor Tref Pontyclun Town Council**

# Volunteering opportunities from Pontyclun Town Council

The following are the current volunteering opportunities available from the Council.

In addition, we are happy to accommodate people wanting to do other activities and can make reasonable adjustments to suit people with varying abilities.

Most of these opportunities can be done at the volunteer’s leisure and at a time suitable for them. We can provide equipment and training if needed.

If you are interested in any of these, or want some more information please contact us on 01443 238500 or via email to community@pontyclun-cc.gov.wales

## Litter picking.

The council is a litter picking hub and we regularly get asked how people can get involved. We have opportunities for -

* Groups
* Individuals
* One off litter picks or regular looking after an area long term are possible.

## Countryside rangers

We own and or manage a number of public outdoor spaces. Ivor woods and/or Riverside Walk and/or Pontyclun Park could have support from residents to manage. This could include: -

* + Litter pick.
  + Manage balsam.
  + Help with cutting back overgrowth.
  + Report issues for Council action.

We also look after all the footpaths in our area and people could volunteers to look after one or more paths, litter picking, clearing vegetation, signage and reporting issues.

## Floral planters

We have small planters at a number of locations, which over the years we have stopped looking after due to resource constraints.

Volunteers could adopt one or more of these and help bring them back to “life”.

These are at –

Talygarn (2)

Miskin (2) near to All Hallows Church

In addition, people could volunteer to help expand our floral offering by helping build new planters and look after them or our existing ones.

## Maintaining land as a wildlife garden

The Council owns a piece of land in Miskin behind the church. This is approximately 20m long and 5m wide.

Whilst this is used by the public as a cut through from the estate into the church grounds there is still plenty of space here to have a wildlife garden which a volunteer or group of volunteers could look after

## Online museum curator

Our website has an online museum with the history of the area, local groups and notable individuals.

We would welcome the support of a volunteer (or volunteers) to act as a curator to update the materials and improve the site.

## Celebrating the 175th Anniversary of Pontyclun

Over the next 15 months, the Council will be looking to arrange a number of activities to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Pontyclun and will need people to help with that. This will include.

* Admin support
* Marketing support
* Organising events

## Adopt an asset.

The Council owns several items of street furniture such as benches, bus shelters bins etc.

If people wanted to adopt one or more and help, look after them by cleaning and reporting issues then this can be arranged.

## Community events

The Council arranges many Community events each year. For each we need stewards on or around the day to help with

* Setting up
* Managing public safety on the day
* Waste management.
* Putting everything away afterwards

## One off activity

There are one-off activities which can be arranged. These may be finished quickly or potentially take a few days.

These are some examples: -

* Repainting bridge over river at Ivor woods
* Installing benches
* Clearing vegetation
* Repainting street furniture
* Preparation of leaflets and information boards

## Bulb planting day

In the autumn of 2024 (and hopefully annually thereafter) we will be holding a bulb planting day.

This will focus on planting bulbs across the area, such as blue bells and crocuses, which can support early pollinators.

Details will be published on social media ahead of the event.

## Developing leisure and active travel opportunities

The Council wishes to improve the leisure and active travel opportunities across the community.

To help aid this we are looking for people with some IT or design skill to help us create and develop some additional opportunities. These include: -

1. Slow ways, in particular developing and promoting routes from
   1. Pontyclun to Miskin
   2. Miskin to Groesfaen
   3. Pontyclun to Llanharry
   4. Pontyclun to Talbot Green
2. Local cycling routes
3. Local running routes
4. A set of short circular history trails in
   1. Groesfaen and Mwyndy
   2. Miskin
   3. Brynsadler and Talygarn
   4. Pontyclun

## Helping coordinate community wide engagement initiatives

The Council is looking for volunteers to help support a number of local initiatives which help make Pontyclun a beautiful, resilient and sustainable place. This involves working with individuals, groups and local businesses. These initiatives include: -

1. Crisp packet recycling
2. Litter free zones
3. Refill scheme
4. Adopt a station scheme
5. Local places for Nature
6. Community Green flag awards
7. Bee friendly designations
8. Decorating BT boxes