**Acoustic guitar music.**

**On screen:** Shots of woodland with volunteers which continue throughout the video.

**Text on screen:** Bridgend Tree Ambassadors.

**Emma Barwick, Tree Ambassador, Bron y Wawr:** What’s going on behind us right now is Gerald Davies has come in to dig up all of the ground so they’re going to lay a load of soil down. It would have taken us forever to do this.

**Kaz Locke, Tree Ambassador, Bron y Wawr:** It’s changed from somewhere that’s a dumping ground for people to throw out their rubbish to somewhere where hopefully the kids can run and play and jump and scream and shout and we can all love it.

But the houses around, people have started to get attached to the trees as well, so he’s looking after those trees, and he’s looking after those trees, and he’s looking after those trees.

**Action on screen:** Kaz Locke runs up to a young tree and grasps it.

**Kaz Locke, Tree Ambassador, Bron y Wawr:** I’ve planted this tree. This is my tree. I have taken ownership of this tree. It is mine. I will look after it forever.

**Sasha Ufnowska, LlyG Capacity Building Officer:** So the tree ambassador project has worked with community members and individuals who care about trees to help train them to understand how to care about trees, how to monitor and survey trees. So a tree ambassador is then becoming an individual that looks after an area of either new planting that’s been part of the project or an individual tree that’s been identified within the community.

**Daborah Davis, Tree Ambassador, Badger’s Brook:** We were all excited the day the trees were delivered. It was a big thing. Sasha was here. And all of a sudden we were tree ambassadors. It was absolutely great.

**Mark Payne, Tree Ambassador, Tremains Wood:** I was born and bred in Brackla. I played in these woods since I was a boy, really, making bows and arrows with my brother. We’ve started to install wooden walkway bridges, and we’ve marked out a more circular path now around the woods. As a community and as a select few with myself, obviously we want to make sure it stays the best it can. It’s always been a coppiced wood. Since obviously the farmer stopped doing that and from the years before him, it never got done so it’s started to go a little bit out of control. So, yeah, on top of that we more than manage the woodland really, yeah.

**Rachel Legg, Tree Ambassador, Wilderness Park, Heol y Goedwig:** I’m Rachel Legg, and I’m a tree ambassador. Well, this tree, is called ‘Pig Aderyn’. So, that’s the variety. I planted it, and I’m keeping a careful eye on it.

**Sasha Ufnowska, LlyG Capacity Building Officer:** Those are rare Welsh apple varieties. The reason for choosing those trees is that they are resilient to this part of the world. They’ve shown as Welsh varieties that they want to be in Wales.

**Rachel Legg, Tree Ambassador, Wilderness Park, Heol y Goedwig:** The people who live opposite there, they’re keeping an eye on them, and they got excited as well – the council were actually prepared to invest in trees.

**Chris Jones, Tree Ambassador, Bryngarw Park:** So we’re now at Bryngarw Country Park, and we’ve been planting this orchard behind us which is apple trees and pear trees over a number of years now. I like planting trees. I’ve planted thousands of trees. The main thing is to increase the sustainability of our planet. So many trees have been disrupted. So many trees are ailing species or non-native ones that have come in. So we’re just trying to get back to our original species.

**Sasha Ufnowska, LlyG Capacity Building Officer:** So not only have we planted new trees, we’ve trained the group to learn how to propagate and grow their own trees. So they will be Bridgend provenance trees grown in Bridgend to be planted in Bridgend within the community.

**Leigh Foreman, Tree Ambassador, Bryngarw Park:** And what we’re hoping with the tree nursery is that we’re bringing on small saplings and planting seeds, nurturing them, and when they’re big enough they’ll get replanted back out into the park so we’ll get that succession of planting. A lot of the trees were planted about the same time so obviously they’re going to be dying at the same time. So what we’re looking to do is to bring in a succession so that we’re keeping it going, and keeping the legacy going for future generations.

**Sasha Ufnowska, LlyG Capacity Building Officer:** But it’s about supporting the community that wants to take ownership giving them the tools that they need to carry that out, and giving them the confidence that they need to carry that out.

**Daborah Davis, Tree Ambassador, Badger’s Brook:** The trees that we’ve planted, they’re the legacy for the future. I love that. Them personal trees will be here long after I’ve gone. I go and check them regularly. They’re my legacy for the future.

**Rachel Legg, Tree Ambassador, Wilderness Park, Heol y Goedwig:** Well obviously it’s good for the environment as in cleaning the air. But also I think it’s mentally good for us. Green space is so important for mental wellbeing.

**Emma Barwick, Tree Ambassador, Bron y Wawr:** The support of the council and Llys y Goedwig has been fantastic. Valleys to Coast has been absolutely fundamental in helping us, making sure we’ve got all the right tools, and just basically helping us push it forward, when nobody else believed that we should be doing it because everything gets wrecked. But if you don’t do it, if you don’t make the difference, then there’s no difference made.

**Leigh Foreman, Tree Ambassador, Bryngarw Park:** We’re a group of local people with lots of enthusiasm and some knowledge. Sasha brings her knowledge to us, and the council bring the funding and the support for that. The fact that we’ve got a tree nursery now, and we’re planting trees here today is all down to that. And Sasha is support for the volunteer group which is beyond this project.

**Sasha Ufnowska, LlyG Capacity Building Officer:** At the moment we have ten tree ambassadors that have all identified their own specific place and all own specific tree. I would hope that that project can expand, and certainly the tree ambassadors that we have in place now are already training other people and their understanding of trees and that’s the way it can be sustainable going forward.

**On screen graphics:** The logos of “Llais y Goedwig, the voice of community woodlands in Wales”, “Bridgend County Borough Council”, “Funded by Welsh Government”.