

Building Resilient and Coordinated Communities

During 2020-21 **1300** additional volunteers came forward to help their communities **3rd** highest in Wales

4444 people were supported over the year including

- 721 Shopping
- 2993 Prescriptions
- 225 Food Security
- 312 Telephone Befriending
- 1126 Shielding Checks

446 Volunteers were supported with training

- 119 Telephone befrienders Trained
- 29 Age Cymru Morgannwg Volunteers
- 102 Shopping Support Volunteers Trained
- 30 Shielding Visit Volunteers Trained
- 73 Pharmacy Volunteers Trained
- 21 Foodbank Support Volunteers Trained
- 50 Pen pal Writing Scheme Participants
- 20 Emergency List Volunteers (Multi areas)
- 2 Dog Walking Volunteers

In a survey of **214** recipients of support

99% were happy with the support and sign post advice

98% took up the support offered

Complexity
Over the year the complexity of need increased including, mental health, anxiety, financial security, alcohol and substance misuse and reduced mobility/ frailty

3rd sector partners
Increase from 56-77 3rd sector partners supporting local people through referrals.



Key findings from the Community Impact Assessment by Bridgend and Cwm Taf PSB's and Regional Partnership board for Cwm Taf Morgannwg



Between April and September 2020, Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Local Health Board saw **16,000** hospital admissions, **17%** of which were COVID-19 related.



Between March and July 2020, **460** COVID-19 related deaths occurred in Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil.



Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the number of unpaid carers in Wales has increased by **40%**, taking the total number of unpaid carers to around **683,000**.



68% of parents and carers of children with special educational needs reported that they struggled to educate their children at home during the COVID-19 pandemic, and **28%** felt their school provided a good level of support.



The prevalence of self-reported mild or severe **depression** doubled during lockdown.



As at 30 June, almost **58,000** people across the Partnerships were furloughed; **31%** of all eligible employments.



£1.8 million in emergency assistance payments (EAP) and individual assistance payments (IAP) were made in Bridgend, Rhondda Cynon Taf and Merthyr Tydfil.



For those in assisted living or managed housing, **mental health** issues increased.



Crimes dropped substantially in April 2020 but, by June 2020, had returned to similar levels as the same period in 2019.



According to Bridgend Public Services Board's 'Green and open spaces' survey, **52%** of respondents accessed green and open spaces more frequently during lockdown than before.



The 3 boards will focus recovery on:



Mental Health and Emotional wellbeing
dealing with the impact of loneliness and isolation, the longer term impact from domestic violence and on children and young people, building on the remarkable community resilience shown during the pandemic



Vulnerability and Inequality
recognising that some groups are more affected or at risk including carers, people with dementia, BAME, people with a learning disability, young people



Climate change
capturing increased interest in green space and nature, sustaining increased physical activity and working towards net zero carbon.



Some examples of PSB activity from 2020-21

Long term

- Supporting the Bridgend Urban Buzz project with Buglife to create a network of habitats for insects and bee motorways
- Working with BCBC on the Infrastructure Development Plan to identify future opportunities for shared sites within the Local Development Plan
- Taking part in Circular Economy Innovation Communities on decarbonisation

Collaboration

- Working with partners across Cwm Taf Morgannwg area on procurement practices to support the foundation economy
- Securing funding for Cwm Taf Nature Network programme to develop 20 high quality green spaces
- Delivering common messages for staff, citizens and service users on safe behaviours and vaccination
- Rehousing over 200 homeless people in safe accommodation during lockdown
- 149 high risk victims of domestic violence supported to be safe in their own homes

Involvement

- Green spaces survey of citizens identifying how green spaces have been used and valued during lockdowns
- Developed a resource pack for volunteers, families, individuals and community groups in using and improving green spaces
- Creating a multi-purpose wildlife survey for use by schools, community groups and families
- Engaging 350 young people in activities to reduce anti-social behaviour

Prevention

- Tree feasibility stakeholder workshop to identify the best sites for tree planting
- Bringing partners together to support Bridgend College in their 60,000 trees project
- Mapping support for staff with mental health and emotional wellbeing
- 124 staff trained to recognise and address far-right extremism

Integration

- working with BCBC on a decarbonisation strategy for the Bridgend area
- Working with V2C on delivery of their resilient communities' strategy to improve local areas for tenants and residents.
- Working with community connectors to help local people to use green spaces and facilities to improve their wellbeing.
- Sharing approaches to support services and staff in working differently during the pandemic

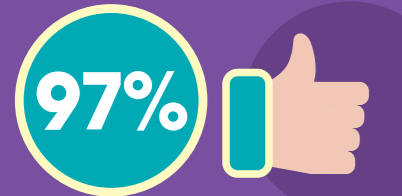
Bridgend Community Safety Partnership

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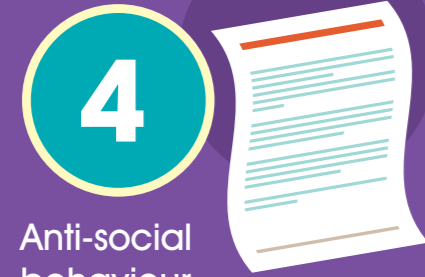


Anti-social Behaviour (ASB)

2007 ASB referrals, down 15% from 2360 in 2019-20



97% of ASB incidents were successfully addressed at stage 1



4 Anti-social behaviour contracts issued



13 partner organisations working together to reduce ASB



3 operations – ASB in Maesteg, Vehicles, Off Road Bikes



12 ASB hotspots monitored by the mobile CCTV camera



350 young people engaged with positive activities



50 young people at skateboarding sessions in Pencoed



37,364 people had emails containing community safety messages



Bridgend Community Safety Partnership

We will work together to improve community cohesion so that people in communities get on well together and differences are respected and tolerated



85 social media posts in English and Welsh promoting community Cohesion with 220 Comments, reactions or shares and 1,901 clicks through to the webpage



14 email articles promoting community cohesion



124 staff from CSP partners trained to recognise and address far right extremism



8 email articles about scams and rogue traders



5025 views of the hate crime awareness week webinar with 206 likes, comments and shares



31 staff attended an EU Settlement Scheme info session



EVERY household received information on applying for the EU Settlement Scheme.



60 radio ads broadcast about applying for the EU Settlement Scheme.



2100 people made EU settlement scheme applications from 17 different nationalities

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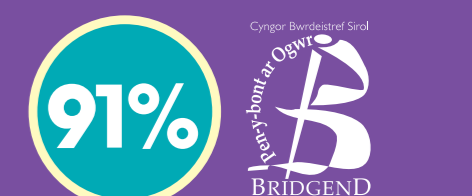
We will work with neighbouring local authorities to implement the Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence Strategy



423 high risk victims of domestic violence supported to stay safe



149 high risk victims of domestic violence supported to be safe in their own homes



91% of BCBC staff trained to recognise the signs of domestic abuse and sexual violence



74 employees trained to signpost victims of domestic violence into support in their area



105 English and Welsh social media posts reaching 180,611 people with 876 shares, likes and comments



32 social media campaigns including, live fear free, Make yourself heard,



9 email articles published about violence against women and domestic abuse'

