

# **Supporting Community Action Fund Round 8**

## **Community Warm Spaces Fund**



### **Impact Summary Report 2024 - 2025**

**Full version report also available**



**Photo of Cyngor Cymuned Clydau's  
Warm Room Sessions Project**



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### **❖ Overview**

- **Supporting Community Action Fund (SCAF)** is managed by **PAVS** and delivered in partnership with **Pembrokeshire County Council**, using **Welsh Government funding**.
- **SCAF Round 8 Community Warm Spaces Fund**, launched in September 2024, addressing:
  - **Loneliness & Isolation**
    - **37** projects positively impacted on loneliness and isolation.
  - **Providing a Warm Community Space**
    - **37** projects provided a warm community space
  - **Supporting unpaid carers**
    - **19** projects supported unpaid carers.
  - **Improving Mental/Physical health and wellbeing**
    - **36** projects improved mental/ physical health and wellbeing
- Total funding distributed: **£112,329.31** to **43 projects**
- **£157,479.06** of funding requested by **55 applications**

### **❖ Funding and Promotion**

- Total Fund Pot: £79,650 + additional £33,679.31 (Welsh Government's Cost of Living Discretionary Fund via Pembrokeshire County Council)
- Grants up to **£3,500** for revenue costs
- Promoted via websites, social media, newsletters, forums and outreach
- Open and inclusive advertised application process with clear guidance and assessment process

### ❖ Key Outputs

- **4,266 people** benefitted
- **542 volunteers**, contributing **16,733 hours** (valued at £204,309)
- **£18,971.11** in additional funds contributed to projects
- **1,408 warm space sessions**
- **13,592 hot meals served**
- **21,958 session attendances** (including some repeat attendees)

### ❖ Beneficiary Focus

Projects targeted:

- **Older people, children & youth, people with disabilities, unpaid carers, those with mental health challenges and socially isolated individuals.**
- Inclusive outreach, intergenerational events, flexible formats, dementia-friendly settings, and volunteer-led support ensured broad participation.

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### ❖ Special Moments

Some examples of positive impact were:

- New friendships formed
- Isolated individuals found purpose and connection
- Volunteers gained confidence, with some moving into paid work
- Improved emotional wellbeing, especially for carers / those living alone



## Hook Community Forum



## Canolfan Llywnihirion Brynberian

## Tea Dewi Carers Support Group



## Hubberston and Hakin Friendship Club



### ❖ Key Challenges for Funded Projects

- **Time and budget constraints** due to short delivery window
- **Engagement difficulties** with carers, elderly and certain demographics
- **Logistics**, such as food planning and inconsistent attendance
- **Volunteer burnout** and **facility limitations** (heating, access, etc.)

Groups responded creatively with adaptive planning and delivery.

### ❖ Achievements & Good Practices

- **Food as engagement**: Free meals, food draws and co-produced menus
- **Community visibility**: Shift from isolated use to meaningful involvement
- **Collaborations**: New local partnerships enhanced service delivery
- **Innovation**: Flexible events, surplus food use and tailored formats
- **Volunteer development**: Young and disabled volunteers included

### ❖ Future Planning

Groups plan to:

- Expand engagement (esp. under-represented groups)
- Continue food provision and informal drop-ins
- Offer year-round activities, not just in winter
- Improve volunteer training and planning
- Seek future funding and improve communication

### ❖ Conclusion

- Round 8 demonstrated strong community need and engagement
- Small, accessible grants had a **significant local impact**
- The fund model proved effective, with **scalable, inclusive delivery**
- A further round of funding (2025–26) has been confirmed, launched July 2025 **Deadline 1st September 2025 at 12 noon**

**Access the Fund Application Pack & view Full Report at [PAVS Website](#) (opens external webpage)**