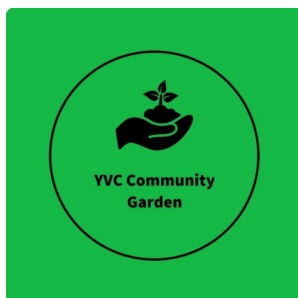




**YSTRAD
RECYCLING**



ANNUAL REPORT 2022/2023/2024

CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION
REG. No: 1160733



Introduction

Our Annual Report highlights the differences we have made to the community of Ystradgynlais and neighbouring communities across Powys and Neath Port Talbot during the year 1st April 2022 to 31st March 2024.

Who we are

YVC is a registered charity. We work with volunteers and the third sector to improve the wellbeing of people in Ystradgynlais and neighbouring communities. Together we aim to build a rich and vibrant community through our work in volunteering and recycling.

Collaboration

We know first-hand that for voluntary organisations to meet the challenges of the future we must work together, to organise and look ahead to prepare for the future. We continue to collaborate and connect with local people, organisations and services through strong partnerships.



Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament

Some of Our Working Partners/Memberships

PAVO
Job Centre Plus
Probation Service

NPTCVS

SCVS
Remploy

Western Valleys Communities First
Powys County Council
Community Repaint
People Plus



South Wales Stick Makers

We continue to provide a resource to our partners to facilitate activities at the centre - for example workshops for people who want to learn the craft of stick making.

Trustee's Report

Welcome to YVC Annual Report for 2022-2023-2024

As trustees we would like to offer our thanks to the staff and volunteers for their ongoing commitment and dedication to the Centre.

There have been many new developments over the past twelve months or so. For example, Ti a Fi Café has become well established attracting new customers as well as regular return visitors. The Christmas lunches were a great success as was the craft fair. The Mens Shed is now unrecognisable after refurbishment and public workshops have taken place there. New signage and graphics have been installed bringing a strong identity to the centre. We have received grant funding from PAVO and Coalfields and the Food Bank was supported by the sum of £500 from the town council.

The activities of the Centre is offering opportunities to develop relationships with new partners and strengthen our relationships with existing ones for long terming sustainable projects. Going forward, we are making available professional development courses to our staff and are looking at the possibility for Lottery funding to upgrade the building. We are also looking into buying a new van and the community garden being transformed into allotments. As always, the Board is seeking new members and volunteers to help carry forward all the good work being undertaken by Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre.

This brief highlight of a selection of activities and developments is to show the overall health and vitality of the Centre and its contribution to the life of the town. There are many more things I could list but I feel the most important is many thanks for all the incredibly hard work and commitment from staff and volunteers. You should all feel justifiably proud of everything you're achieving.

Thank you!

Paul Emmanuel



Volunteering

A vibrant and enriched community is where every person feels connected to their community through active participation in volunteer related activities - YVC promotes the value of volunteering and enhances the range and quality of volunteering opportunities and experience.

Our Achievements

The diversity and support that volunteers provided to local business and community projects has made a real difference.

2022/2023

2023/2024

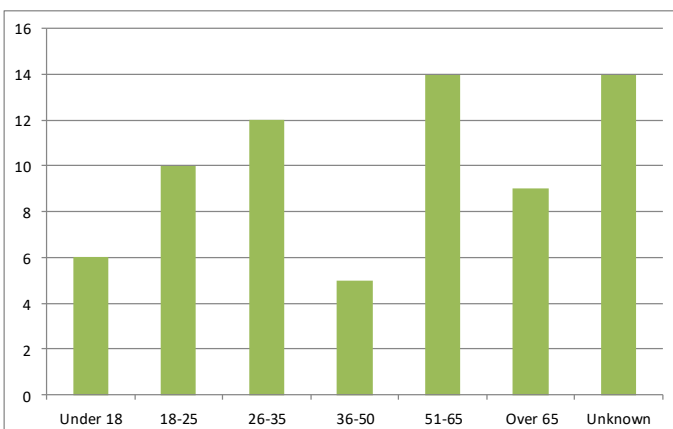
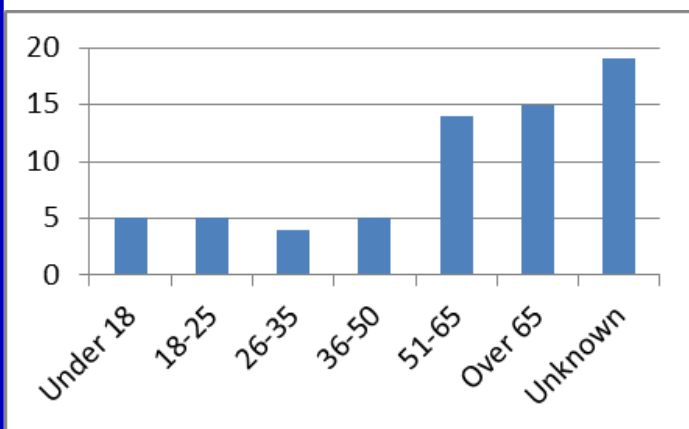
New volunteers placed

67

69



Ages of volunteers placed

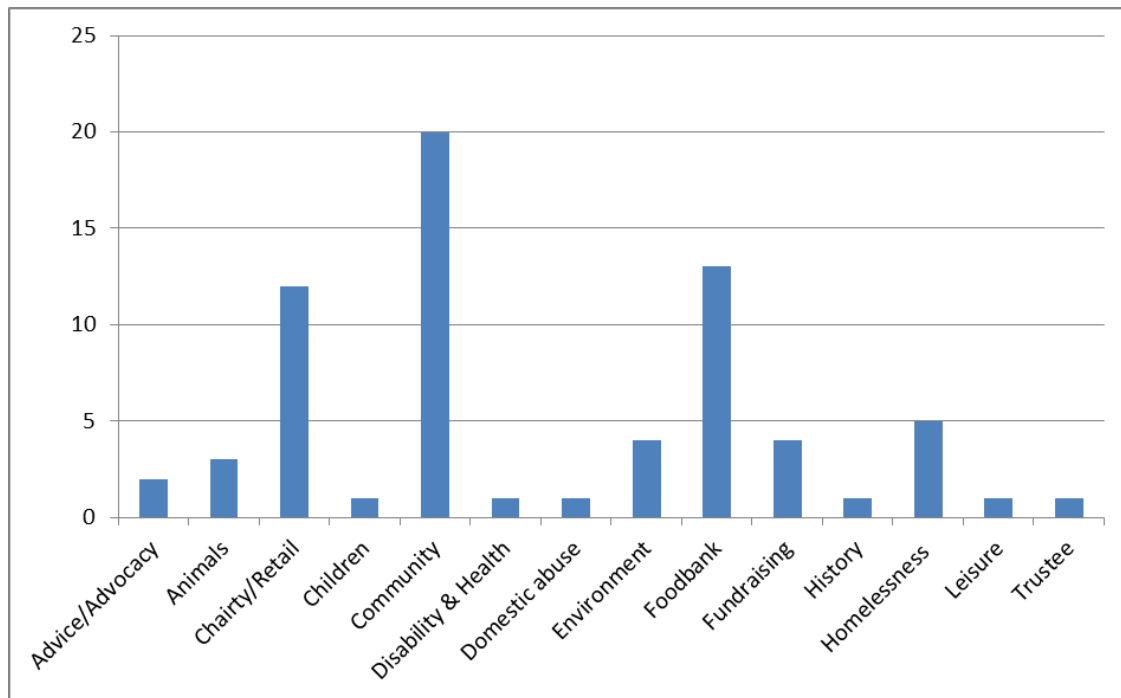


Volunteering

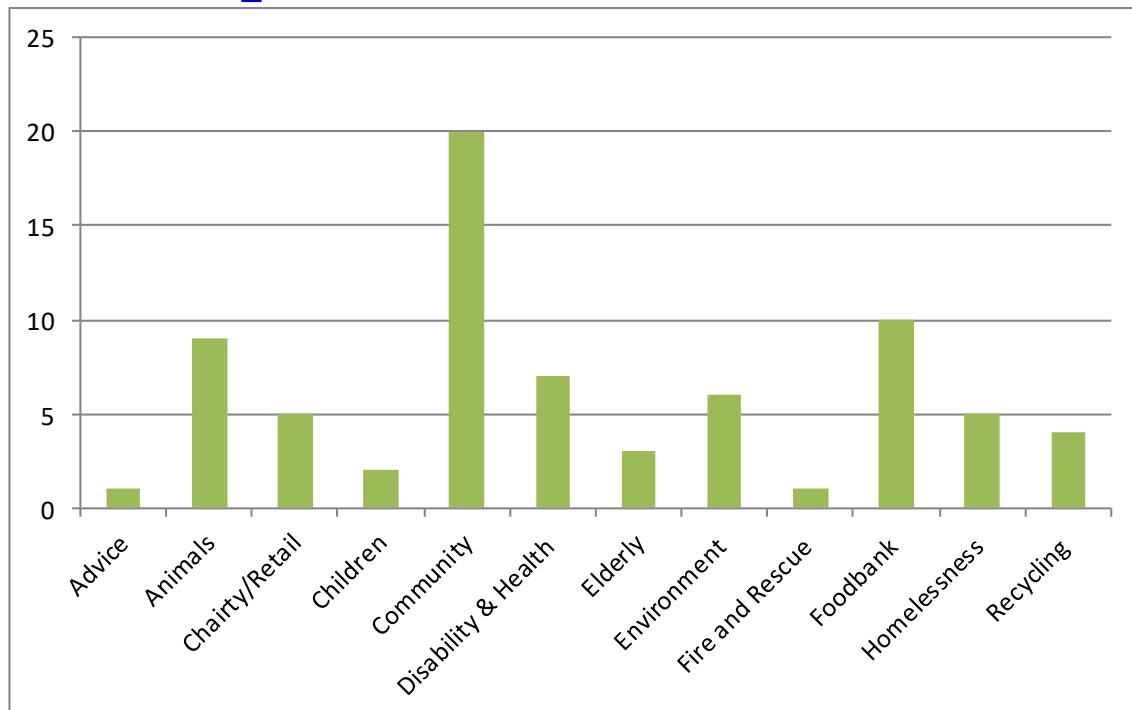
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Areas Volunteers Placed

April 2022—March 2023



April 2023—March 2024



Recycling

Working with our communities to value the importance of the three 'Rs' to protect our environment - reduce, reuse and recycle

- to promote and educate the environmental and economic benefits of reduce, reuse and recycle
- to conserve and protect the physical and natural environment through the reduction of waste and the promotion of sustainable waste management
- to re-purpose household and other goods for sale or use in the community

Our Achievements

Total amount saved from landfill

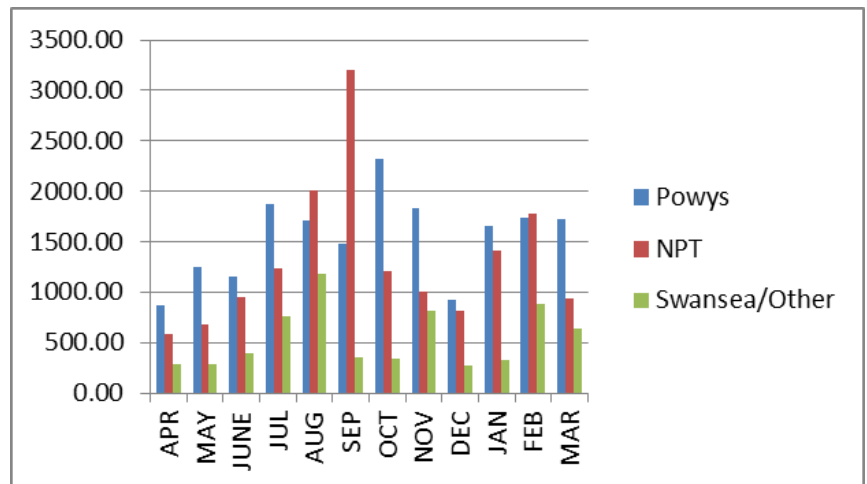
April 2022 – March 2023

40,918 Tons

Powys
18,538

Neath Port Talbot
15,818

Swansea & Other
6562



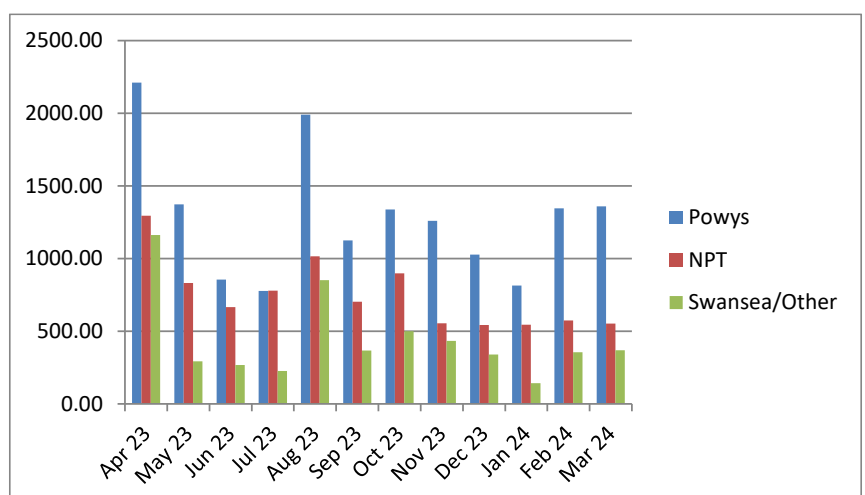
April 2023 – March 2024

29,737 Tons

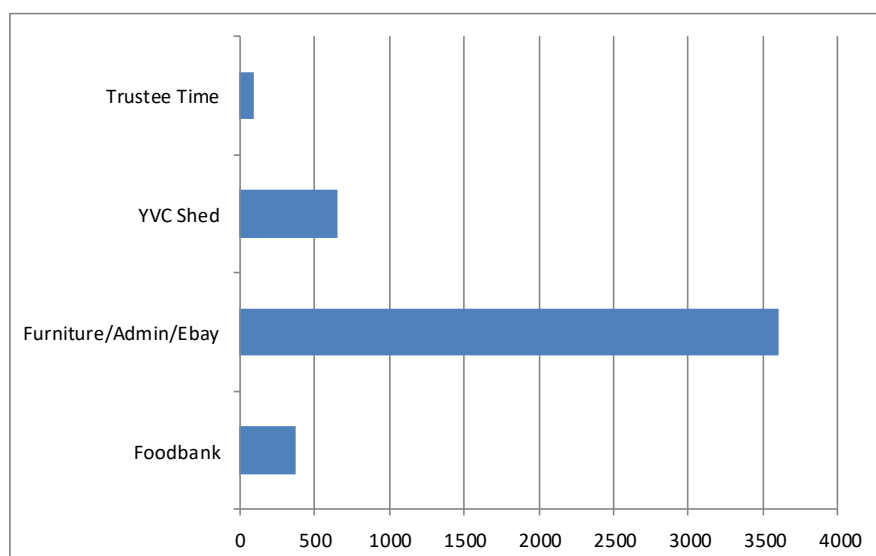
Powys
15,475

Neath Port Talbot
8958

Swansea & Other
5303

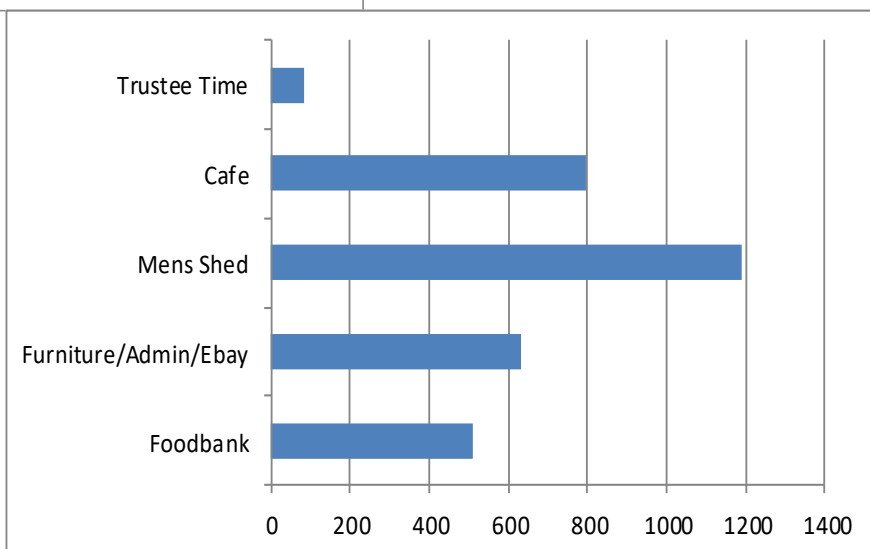


YVC Volunteer Hours



April 2022 –
March 2023

April 2023 –
March 2024



April 2022 –
March 2023

52
YVC
volunteers
contributed



5455
hours



£51,822
Monetary benefit

April 2023 – March 2024

43
YVC
volunteers
contributed



3400
hours



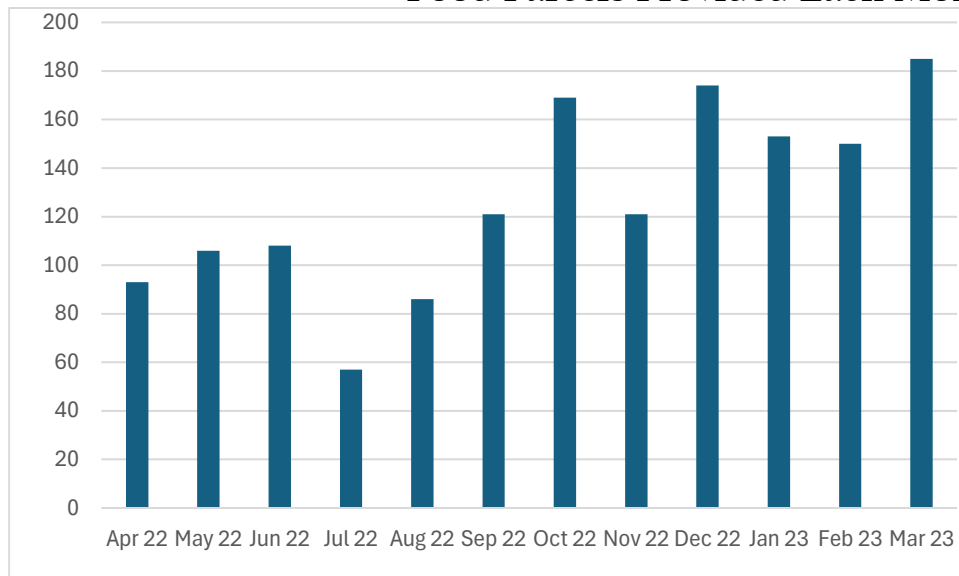
£35,428
Monetary benefit



Ystradgynlais Foodbank

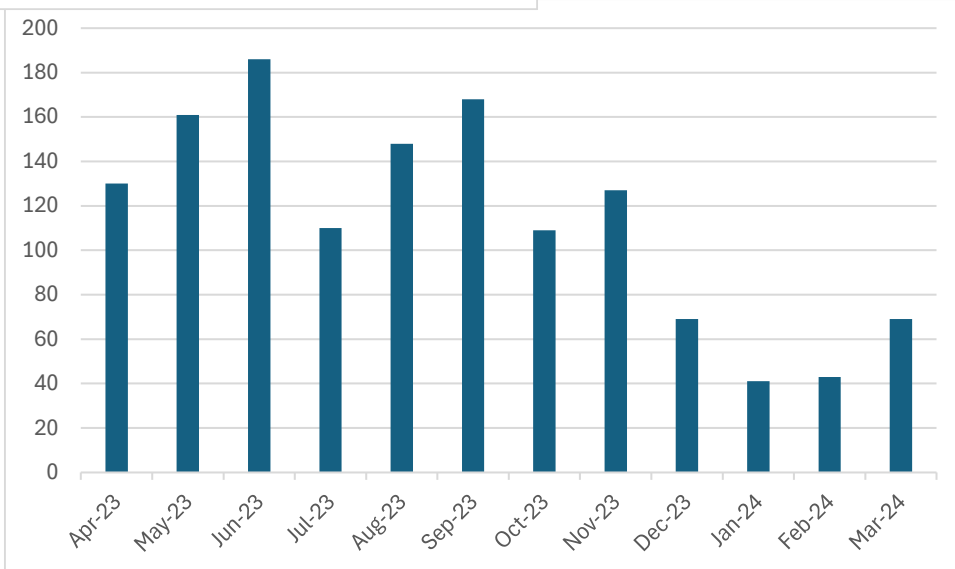
Our foodbank service helps people and families in need facing financial and other hardship. The Foodbank is based at Ystradgynlais Volunteer Centre.

Food Parcels Provided Each Month



April 2022 –
March 2023

April 2023 –
March 2024



YVC Community Garden

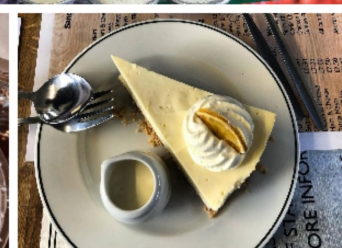
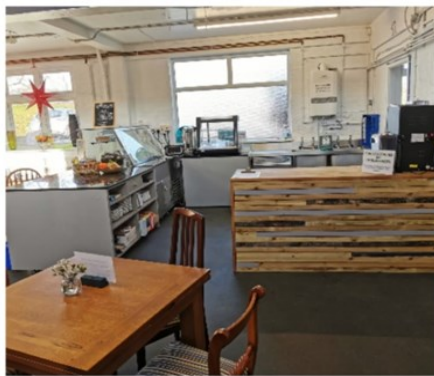
The Community Garden is an excellent facility that offers the opportunity to plant and grow a variety of fruit and vegetables. Last year we had a brilliant crop of various fruit and vegetables.

Unfortunately, this year we have not had any volunteers to manage the plot so we have had to temporarily close it down, we hope to reopen the garden as soon as possible.



Ti A Fi Cafe

Our Community Café is a fantastic place to come and relax as well as meeting new friends. There is always a warm welcome from our superb Staff and Volunteers. The café serves amazing food and drinks at reasonable and affordable prices. All our food is freshly prepared and cooked on site.



YVC Shed



We received a grant in April 2023 from The National Lottery for £10,000 to set up the YVC Shed which we are still in the process of developing. Our volunteer numbers are growing on a weekly basis. The YVC Shed gives the opportunity to both male and female volunteers to come and try their hand at new skills or offer their expertise to others. A few ongoing initiatives are making Welsh love spoons, bird boxes and repairing and upcycling furniture.

Beyond the practical aspects of building and creating, the YVC Shed is also a social space. Members can chat and share stories over a cup of tea or coffee, or participate in social activities like outings and events.

Overall, it is a place where people can find companionship, purpose, and a sense of community. It provides an opportunity for men and women to connect with others, share their skills and knowledge, and make a positive contribution to their community.



Buying Social - Ethical & Sustainable

Ystradgynlais Community Recycling is proud to be a Social Enterprise.

Social Enterprises are changing the world for the better. Our aim is to create positive social change. When you buy from a social enterprise you are choosing to spend your money with a business that is giving something back. A social enterprise helps to create employment, helps to improve peoples life chances, provides training and employment opportunities, support communities and helps the environment.



Helping those in most need

We are regularly called on to support social services and community partners in rehousing a cross section of people from families in crisis, to those needing emergency new housing because of; domestic violence or eviction, to people who are destitute and have had to flee their homelands (immigration) so as to avoid persecution. Over the year we have helped many families in need through the provision of household furniture, bedding, clothing and other support. We also ensure families are signposted to other agencies and support groups for financial and other help. We also make a valued contribution to assist integration of people into the community.

Ethical & Sustainable Purchasing - Buying Preowned Items

We promote conscious purchasing choices to encourage consumers to make environmental choices.

Saves Money

Preowned items are a lot more affordable than purchasing the same or similar product new.



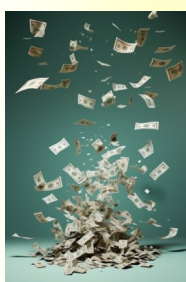
Helps the Environment

Choosing to purchase items that may have ended up being thrown away, even though the item is in perfect condition prevents the amount of waste that reaches our landfill.



Getting more for your money

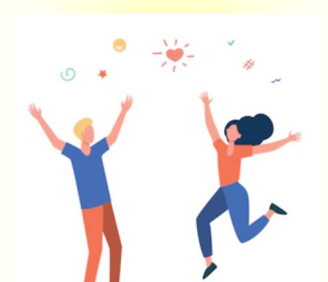
Taking the time to have a look and explore will allow you to have a wider choice and you may find an item that may be just as good



quality or even better.

Excitement

Everyone loves finding a bargain. It may require a little more time and effort, but nothing beats the feeling of finding an item for a fraction of the price.



Management Committee

2022/2023	2023/2024
Trustee Chairperson: Paul Emmanuel	Trustee Chairperson: Paul Emmanuel
Treasurer: Gabe Thomas	Treasurer: Gabe Thomas
Minutes Secretary:	Minutes Secretary:
Trustee Members: Hywel Joplin Steve Rose Paul Hibben	Trustee Members: Steve Rose Paul Hibben
Accounts: Fergusons and Peters	Accounts: Fergusons and Peters
Human Resources: Mr D Williams	Human Resources: Mr D Williams

YVC Staff

2022/2023	2023/2024
Keiron Burke - YVC Manager	Keiron Burke - YVC Manager
Josie Bailey - Recycling Manager	Josie Bailey - Recycling Manager
Elizabeth Davies - Volunteer/Client Coordinator	Elizabeth Davies - Volunteer/Client Coordinator
Carol Gordon - Volunteer Outreach Coordinator	Karl Lewis - Recycling Van Driver
Karl Lewis - Recycling Van Driver	Aidan Wilcox - Recycling Technician
Aidan Wilcox - Recycling Technician	Caroline Burke - Café Manager
Caroline Burke - Café Manager	Aidan Radjenovic - Café Assistant
	Howard Betsworth-Informal Volunteering Officer

Antur Ystrad Directors 2022/2023/2024

Keiron Burke



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Information

Website / Promotion & Publicity is managed and monitored between staff & volunteers



Our Website: <http://www.ystradgynlaisvc.org.uk>



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<https://www.facebook.com/ystradgynlaisfoodbank>



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We promote volunteering opportunities with the all Wales volunteering website at <https://volunteering-wales.net/>

