

List of transactions 08/11/2023 TO 04/12/2023

Transactions List:

Transaction date	Bank reference	Type of payment	Customer reference	Amount (GBP)	Additional Info
28/11/2023	NOV 23 SALARY	Standing Order	SALARIES	-270.4	SALARIES
28/11/2023	Xmas props	Faster Payment	Magical Moment Eve	30.0	DONATION CHRISTMAS FAYRE RESOURCES
28/11/2023	NOV 23 SALARY	Standing Order	SALARIES	-910.04	SALARIES
28/11/2023	NOV 23 EXPENSES	Standing Order	CLERK	-61.55	EXPENSES
27/11/2023	BTCC NOV 23	Standing Order	RCT PENSIONS	-298.39	PENSION NOV 23
27/11/2023	Bedlinog Com Counc	Standing Order	Hayley Thomas	-60.0	FACE PAINTER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE
27/11/2023	Bedlinog Council	Standing Order	Hayley Thomas	-60.0	FACE PAINTER - CHRISTMAS FAYRE
27/11/2023	4988243005002468 CARD	Purchase	2468 BEDLINOG CONV	-8.0	CHRISTMAS FAYRE RESOURCES
24/11/2023	Nadine Heath	Faster Payment	HEATH NS	50.0	COM CENTRE INCOME
24/11/2023	4988243005002468 CARD	Purchase	2468 HOME BARGAINS	-1.38	CHRISTMAS FAYRE RESOURCES
23/11/2023	120PM004511582408	Standing Order	HMRC	-349.1	HMRC TAX
22/11/2023	4988243005002468 CARD	Purchase	2468 AMZNMktplace	-161.73	CHRISTMAS FAYRE RESOURCES
20/11/2023	HELLO GOOD PIE	Faster Payment	HELLO GOOD PIE LTD	5.0	CHRISTMAS FAYRE RAFFLE INCOME
17/11/2023	4988243005002468 CARD	Purchase	2468 AMZNMktplace	-575.2	CHRISTMAS FAYRE RESOURCES
17/11/2023	4988243005002468 CARD	Purchase	2468 AMZNMktplace	-75.94	CHRISTMAS FAYRE RESOURCES
16/11/2023	MTCBC	BACS Credit	MERTHYR TYDFIL CR	25.0	COM CENTRE INCOME
15/11/2023	Allot Nant Llwynog	Standing Order	KARL EVANS BUILDER	-1852.0	ALLOTMENT IMPROVEMENT GRANT

10/11/2023	PNET3924606-1	Direct Debit	PNET3924606-1	-39.36	MONTHLY BROADBAND CHARGES
09/11/2023	77813 3311643	Standing Order	MTCBC	-0.2	RECYCLING & WASTE CONTRACT
08/11/2023	778133316543	Standing Order	MTCBC	-60.0	
08/11/2023	6H0KS9D8- BRIGHTPAY	Direct Debit	STRIPE	-7.2	PAYROLL SOFTWARE

A Member Biodiversity Champion for the Community Council was appointed in September 2023. The role involves highlighting the importance of biodiversity and ensuring the subject is taken into account when developing policy or making decisions; it also involves engaging with external bodies working in the area; other members in relation to the role; and relevant community groups. I have reported the appointment to the MT Biodiversity Partnership and LNP, and Borough Council Biodiversity Champion.

Nature recovery

A *Nature Recovery Action Plan 2023-2026* sets out actions aimed at reversing the decline of biodiversity and addressing human impacts on the environment. This has been produced by Welsh Government in collaboration with NRW. *The State of Nature 2023* report shows nature is continuing to decline at an alarming rate across the UK, which is one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world. Local LNP work on *et al* restoring ancient woodland, protecting grassland habitats, wetlands and heathland.

Wildlife enhancement

There is follow-up work from several 2020 projects. I will be visiting Bedlinog community school, with KWT and also the Wildlife Development pack installed at Bedlinog Community Centre. The aim is to see how both packs have matured and to see what community involvement is still being given to the project. We will see if there are necessary works needed to fix items that have not stood the test of time, and there may be options available to add or extend the project and ensure better involvement.

Gelligaer

Gelligaer Community Council has taken on the services of a Caerphilly Project Officer contracted for works with Keep Wales Tidy, over a 3-year period for approx 10 hours a week. The CC is paying Keep Wales Tidy for this service. The officer will be doing biodiversity works throughout the Community Council area. He has already done some bulb planting, tree planting and some wildflower areas. There may be scope for considering some sort of link or joint working across the Bedlinog and Trelewis area.

Litter Free Zones

All primary schools throughout Merthyr have signed up to be LFZs as a way of raising public interest in the local environment. Besides agreeing to help keep the school grounds clear of litter they also adopt an area beyond the school grounds. It links up well wider conservation issues. This could be public rights of way around the school, or a local playing field or park. Four secondary schools also signed up.

Welsh Water

There is a project being undertaken at the Shingrig estate in Trelewis by Dwr Cymru to replace or upgrade the storm overflow drain network. As a trial they have asked Keep Wales Tidy to consult with the residents of the estate to see what type of biodiversity works they would like to see on 3 arranged areas of the estate. This could include a growing garden, or wildlife area, wildflower meadow or small orchard. It will help soak up any water runoff in the area and help to engage with the community there.

Nant Llwynog Park

This site in Bedlinog is a priority open space and SINC, and is a *Green Flag Award* winner. A number of school visits have been held this year and planned in 2024, as well as a Welsh language tour. I also gave a slide presentation to the *Geographical Association* in October, and could repeat this for members. The Park Friends has promoted bird nesting sites in 2022/23 and plans more for next year. Bat boxes have been installed as well as a hedgehog den, courtesy of the Borough Council, and a bug hotel with the CC.

Local Places for Nature

LPN packs are available now and local sites can apply for a *Nature Food Growing Pack*. Three kinds of packs are available on the website and could include an orchard with trees, and greenhouse and tools. These are approved by Natural Resources Wales and have already started producing worthwhile results.