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## Tyfu Powys – Welcome Letter

Thank you for your interest in Tyfu Powys, a new Social Farms and Gardens project, and for taking part in initial conversations to help us understand the needs of your project.

We would like to welcome you to join the project, by sharing the following information:

- About Tyfu Powys
- Tyfu Powys Activities and Support
- Terms & Conditions of Support
- Your Interests
- Acceptance Declaration

We look forward to working with your group and building a supportive community of gardens and growing spaces across Powys. For further information about Tyfu Powys please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

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## About Tyfu Powys

Tyfu Powys is an exciting new project to help community gardens and growing projects across Powys to develop and grow. Led by Social Farms and Gardens. The project is funded until December 2024.

### Tyfu Powys – support for community gardens and growing projects in Powys

- \* Join a new Powys Community Growing Network
- \* Share your knowledge, experience and skills together
- \* Extend your garden outreach and welcome new volunteers
- \* Apply for funding towards on-site infrastructure
- \* Receive Orchard Leader training
- \* Enjoy events, including Have a Grow 2024
- \* Enjoy GIS mapping tools and training
- \* Support health and wellbeing in your community
- \* Encourage planet friendly growing

[www.farmgarden.org.uk/your-area/wales](http://www.farmgarden.org.uk/your-area/wales)

## What we can offer you and how

### Join the Network - Powys Community Growing Network and Gatherings

One of the main aims of Tyfu Powys is to create a supportive network of community gardens and growing spaces across Powys, for sharing skills, ideas, local growing events, workshops and even equipment. Join us for online **Gatherings** and by visiting each other's gardens and growing sites. We hope the network will be guided by active members, led by your ideas, and will grow and strengthen over time - with a legacy that carries on far into the future beyond the scope of Tyfu Powys. We want to support a range of organisations and sites, from large to small, from Ystragynlais to Llanfyllin - to share their successes and support on their challenges. Please join our [Facebook group](#) and connect with each other online. Open to any Powys based community growing group.

### Apply for Funding - for on-site, capital infrastructure

Tyfu Powys has funding available for twenty sites in Powys to improve the physical infrastructure of their growing sites, to a value of £2450 per site. This will be awarded following completion of a successful grant application process, by completing a separate Tyfu Powys grant application form.

Application process to award 20 sites with £2450 each for capital equipment to support your site's development.



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### Find a Mentor - Development Support

Tyfu Powys is also offering funded 1:1 support from Mentors who will share specialist advice and knowledge based on the needs of your specific site. Let us know what area of specialist support your group are interested in receiving (e.g. gardening skills, attracting wildlife, working with nature/soil/water, site construction, project administration, promotion, fundraising, lease agreements, other). We will also arrange site study tours as part of this strand of work.

Open on on-going basis to Powys based community growing groups to December 2024 and whilst funds allow. Contact us for a discussion: [wales@farmgarden.org.uk](mailto:wales@farmgarden.org.uk) or [jane@farmgarden.org.uk](mailto:jane@farmgarden.org.uk)

### Sign up for Free Training

Tyfu Powys is offering the following training for free:

- **Orchard Leader** – guidance on how to manage and maintain your community orchard, delivered by [The Orchard Project](#).

Application process, time specific (planning over summer, planting/pruning Dec 2024)

- **GIS Mapping** – find out how to put your project on the map and be part of a network of community growing spaces in Powys, Wales and across the UK, delivered by [Digital Commons Co-operative](#).

Open on on-going basis to Powys based community groups: webinars and support.

### Funding for Events

Host themed community events, and welcome new volunteers and support to your site.

Funding available to design and run a community event at your site, provide volunteer opportunities and reach out to new attendees, focused on:

- **Eat Well!** – learn together about growing, buying and eating seasonal food.
- **People & Planet** – run workshops and activities about planet-friendly growing.

and follow-up with attendees, volunteers and visitors on their planet-friendly growing and eating well journey, either at your site or in their own lives. We'll help you with marketing materials and travel too and support via the network. We'd like to help link you to groups of participants you may not have seen on your site before: young people, mens groups, welsh speakers, those divergent from 'norm'.

Application process, time specific (undertake events over summer). £1500 for People & Planet events (paid in three instalments) and follow up x 10 sites; £1300 for Eat Well! Events x 10 sites (paid in three instalments) and follow up.

### Have a Grow (1 – 9 June 2024)

Have a Grow Day is our national celebration of all things community growing, held annually by Social Farms and Gardens. It's a fantastic opportunity to shout about what you do, and to bring new faces along to your space to get involved and have a grow! Choose a day to celebrate!

Provide giveaways for the public! Show them how they can get involved in your site!

Any community growing site can take part in Have a Grow – limited edition physical packs available for Powys based groups, register your event early. We have funding of £200 each for



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20 x Powys community growing sites to put on an event for Have a Grow. Your contribution should be telling us about the volunteering opportunities enabled by putting on the event and doing some of your own local marketing (with our support). You will also receive a physical publicity pack and be asked to take part in future annual Have a Grow days.



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## What we ask from you

### General

Tyfu Powys is a Social Farms and Gardens project, funded until December 2024. Tyfu Powys has received £203,610 from the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Supported by Powys County Council. We hope that one of the legacies of the project will be thriving community gardens and growing spaces across Powys, supported by each other through an active Powys Community Growing Network. In addition, Social Farms and Gardens will offer gardens support through our wide range of other UK projects, and our free membership scheme:

[www.farmgarden.org.uk/join-us](http://www.farmgarden.org.uk/join-us)

### Active Participation

As a commitment to our funders, Social Farms and Gardens offers support in good faith that you will actively participate in Tyfu Powys activities during the timeframe of the project (e.g. training, events, network activities, site visits). We also ask that you engage with Tyfu Powys staff, fieldworkers, mentors and network members positively, welcoming them to your site when required.

### Caring for People and Planet

We support community gardens and growing sites who have a commitment to manage their land in ways that benefit nature and encourage biodiversity. We also support those who work collaboratively with their communities, recognise the benefit of growing activities for health and wellbeing, and are welcoming and inclusive of all people, for who they are, without discrimination.

### Capital Expenditure, on-site infrastructure process and record keeping

To receive funding for on-site infrastructure, you will need to complete a separate Tyfu Powys grant application form. On it you will need to list the type of items you would like and how and why they would be useful to your group. Social Farms and Gardens will then make a purchase of equipment on your behalf. If you have been awarded funding for on-site infrastructure you may not dispose of, transfer or sell any equipment and/or materials purchased with this support for 3 years after purchase, without the prior written consent of Social Farms and Gardens. For this strand of work, we will also need to see landowner permission for the work to take place and commitment to the assets being looked after for a minimum of 3 years, or your ownership/lease/licence document for that period of time. If you are struggling with this, Social Farms & Gardens can help through our Community Land Advisory Service, just get in touch: [wales@farmgarden.org.uk](mailto:wales@farmgarden.org.uk)

### Publicity

We hope you are proud to be part of the Tyfu Powys project. We encourage you share



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this news with your local community and promote and acknowledge Tyfu Powys support. Tyfu Powys runs until December 2024, after which any logos or information related this project should be removed from your publicity materials. A separate Tyfu Powys Publicity Pack will be made available to you.

### Evaluation

As a commitment to our funders and you, we will measure the progress of community gardens and growing sites who receive support from Tyfu Powys. This process will be led by independent evaluators, Partneriaeth BRO. As recipients of Tyfu Powys support we would ask you to participate positively and proactively in this process, completing surveys, sharing photos and stories and welcoming evaluators to visit your site if required. Recipients are expected to promote and acknowledge Tyfu Powys with respect to this support. We aim to illustrate the positive impact of community growing in Powys and for you and us to make use of evaluation findings.

### Cymraeg!

As part of Tyfu Powys, we are keen to increase the use of Welsh. If you have a Welsh speaker amongst your staff or volunteers, we'd like to make sure they attend our sessions. If you don't have a Welsh speaker within your number, please let us know and we'll support you in bringing our beautiful national language, so intrinsically linked with landscape, to your group.

### Evidence

You will be required to demonstrate the appropriate and intended use of any funding or support your community garden has received from Tyfu Powys, by showing evidence through short reports, photographs, videos, signing-in sheets and noting which of your attenders have not visited your site before. We'll help you through this!

### Consent

When sharing stories, information and photographs from your group, please ensure you have adequate consent from participants to collect and store personal data. You can find advice about your [GDPR obligations here](#). We will provide photo consent forms. Perhaps getting someone to chat to your attenders to get these filled out could be a volunteer opportunity?



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## Tell us what you're interested in

Tell us which Tyfu Powys activities or areas of support your community garden or growing space are interested in – **TICK and COMPLETE the boxes below:**

Tyfu Powys Support	Qualifying Criteria (complete where applicable)	Tick
<b>Join the network</b> - Powys Community Growing Network	Free to join - active participants welcome: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Join online and face to face gatherings at garden sites</b></li> <li>• <b>Join our closed Facebook group, here:</b> <a href="http://www.facebook.com/groups/powysgrowingnetwork/">www.facebook.com/groups/powysgrowingnetwork/</a></li> </ul>	
<b>Funding</b> – for capital infrastructure	Apply for funding of up to £2450 to develop the infrastructure of your site. <b>Complete a separate Tyfu Powys Grant Application Form</b>	
<b>Find a Mentor</b> - Development Support	Would you like to receive funded 1:1 support from a mentor? <b>Tell us the one main area of knowledge/skills/advice your community growing group needs?:</b>	
<b>Free Training</b> - Orchard Leader	Does your site have a minimum of 5 existing fruit trees: <b>Complete: YES / NO</b> <b>Briefly tell us about your orchard area, either existing or planned:</b>	
<b>Free Training</b> - GIS Mapping	Put your project on the map and be part of a network of community growing spaces.	
<b>Funded Events</b> - Eat Well	Funding available to design and run a community event at your site focused on growing, buying and eating seasonal food, and following your attenders (volunteer and / or visitors) on their own Eat Well! Journey	
<b>Funded Events</b> - People and Planet	Funding available to design and run a community event at your site focused on planet-friendly growing and following your attenders (volunteer and / or visitors) on their own People & Planet Journey	
<b>Event</b> - Have a Grow	Sign up for the Social Farms and Gardens annual celebration day. Opportunity to apply for £200 towards an event + physical publicity pack.	





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## Sign me up!

I would like to join Tyfu Powys. Please send me more information about the support I can receive through this project, and how I can get involved in activities and events.

Project Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Closest Powys town: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact tel: \_\_\_\_\_

Cymraeg status: We are a first language Welsh site / we are learning Cymraeg / we usually use English (please delete and add further info if necessary)

Please sign and return this agreement form by email to [jane@farmgarden.org.uk](mailto:jane@farmgarden.org.uk)