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Awards for local parks and green spaces

Nine of Bridgend County Borough's most beautiful parks and green spaces have bagged themselves prestigious Green Flag awards.

Three sites maintained by Bridgend County Borough Council – Wilderness Lake in Porthcawl, Maesteg Welfare Park and Coychurch Crematorium – have all earned the right to fly the coveted flag, which is awarded by Keep Wales Tidy.

A Green Flag award recognises how welcoming, safe, clean and well-maintained each space is. The award also assesses how appropriately conservation and heritage features are managed, community involvement in maintaining each area, sustainable management of resources, and how effectively each area is marketed.

Bryngarw Country Park and Glanrhyd Hospital also picked up the main Green Flag Award this year, while Green Flag Community Awards were won by the Caerau Market Garden, Spirit of Llynfi Woodlands, the Wilderness Allotment Association and the Badgers Brook Allotment in Bridgend.

Councillor Richard Young, the council's Cabinet Member for Communities, said "It's absolutely fantastic that so many of our local parks and green spaces have earned prestigious Green Flag Awards this year.

"I extend special congratulations to Coychurch Crematorium on successfully retaining their Green Flag award for the tenth consecutive year. The grounds and gardens of the crematorium create a comforting environment of peace and tranquillity where visitors and mourners can sit and quietly reflect.

"I'd like to commend all of the workers and volunteers for the dedication they put in to maintaining these beautiful green spaces and parks."

Lucy Prisk, Green Flag Co-ordinator for Wales commented: "I would like to pass on our congratulations to every single park receiving the Green Flag Award 2019/2020. Keep Wales Tidy is extremely proud that so

many parks and green spaces in Wales have reached the high standards necessary to achieve Green Flag status. I'd encourage everyone to get outdoors this summer and enjoy the incredible parks and green spaces we have on our doorstep."

To find out more about the Green Flag awards, please visit the keep wales tidy website.
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