

# Media Release

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### **Green Flags fly high across Bridgend County Borough**

Eight green spaces across Bridgend County Borough have been awarded a prestigious Keep Wales Tidy Green Flag Award in recognition of their excellent visitor facilities, high environmental standards, and commitment to delivering high quality green spaces.

Coychurch Crematorium will fly high its Green Flag for an impressive 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, whilst Ogmere Vale Fire Station has become the first Fire and Rescue Station in the UK to achieve the coveted Green Flag Community Award.

As well as Coychurch Crematorium, 'Full Award' status was also achieved by Parc Slip Nature Reserve, Bryngarw Country Park and Maesteg Welfare Park, which is run by the council in partnership with Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park.

Meanwhile, Caerau Market Garden, Spirit of the Llynfi Woodlands and Tremains Wood in Brackla all joined Ogmere Vale Fire Station in receiving a 'Community Award'.

The Green Flag is a nationally recognised award which is presented to green spaces that meet objectives around strong community involvement, environmental management, biodiversity, landscape and heritage and for being a welcoming place.

**I would like to congratulate all winners of the Green Flag award and recognise the efforts of everyone who has played a part in maintaining green spaces across the county borough.**

**I recognise the importance of green spaces to local communities as they can be enjoyed by absolutely anyone. I would also like to strongly encourage residents to make the most of these special spaces as it's clear that they can play a key role in benefiting an individual's mental and physical health.**

**Cllr John Spanswick, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Environment**