

# Media Release

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### **Coveted Green Flag status awarded to green spaces across Bridgend County Borough**

Nine sites 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 15th consecutive year, whilst Marlas Greenspace Community Garden has been awarded the coveted Green Flag Community Award for the first time.

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 in partnership with Friends of Maesteg Welfare Park.

Meanwhile, Caerau Market Garden, Spirit of the Llynfi Woodlands, Ogmere Vale Fire Station and Tremains Wood in Brackla have all once again been recognised with a 'Community Award' alongside Marlas Greenspace Community Garden.

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

**The standards required to achieve a Green Flag are very high and I would like to congratulate all the winners on their fantastic work.**

**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 both mental and physical health.**

**Cllr Paul Davies, Cabinet Member for Climate Change and the Environment**

Owen Derbyshire, Keep Wales Tidy Chief Executive said: “We’re thrilled to see a record number of 291 green spaces in Wales receive prestigious Green Flag and Green Flag Community Awards, recognising the hard work of all involved in maintaining these sites.

“In particular, we’re so proud to see Wales is home to even more community awarded sites, ensuring accessibility to high quality green space for everyone, with our sites playing such an important role in the physical and mental wellbeing of communities across Wales.”

A full list of award winners can be found on the Keep Wales Tidy website [www.keepwalestidy.cymru](http://www.keepwalestidy.cymru)