

WELCOME TO THE RCT TOGETHER COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TEAM NEWSLETTER

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SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AND RESIDENTS TO THRIVE



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For all things new in **2025-2026**, watch out for regular updates on the ‘What’s New Page’

[What’s New - RCT Together | Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council \(rctcbc.gov.uk\)](https://rctcbc.gov.uk)



RCT Sustainable Food Strategy Consultation

We seeking YOUR views to ensure the strategy reflects the opinion of as many people as possible in RCT – get involved and have YOUR say!



RCT Community Toilet Scheme

We are delighted to announce the launch of the scheme and the development of a new interactive map

Community Toilet Scheme

If you know a community group who would like to be included – get in touch – rcttogether@rctcbc.gov.uk



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Community Resilience Hubs, Neighbourhood Networks and Resident Support.





Neighbourhood Networks

66 Neighbourhood Networks were held during this year attended by **587** voluntary and third sector partners.



Resident Support

1879 requests for information or support. 

1379 new residents accessing the service. 

392 Supermarket Vouchers Issued. 

67 Fuel Vouchers Issued. 

I didn't know where to turn to, chatting to you today has really helped and been a huge support

I didn't know about all the services that are available, and I have found our conversation really helpful

You signposted me to a community facility, I now attend regularly, if I didn't attend, I would be stuck in the house on my own and I wouldn't see or speak to anyone, it's great to come out and meet people.

If you find yourself in need of support or need information, please complete the online form - Resident Support

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Community Asset Transfers (CAT)



This period the team:

- received **93** enquiries for general support
- supported **82** organisations, with a total of **102** meetings or contacts made (supported **159** organisations during the year)

The Council has transferred the following Asset's to community organisations this year:

Successful Community Asset Transfers

- Cambrian Avenue Community Centre, Gilfach Goch (Gilfach Goch Community Council)
- Perthcelyn Community Centre – ASD Rainbows
- Bryncae Community Centre – Llanharan Community Council
- Riverside Social Centre- Pontypridd Foodbank
- Muni Arts Centre Awen Cultural Trust
- Treorchy Paddling pool – Friends of Treorchy Park
- Graig Community Centre Pontypridd Town Council
- Treherbert Community Education centre Welcome to our Woods (Tenancy at will)

Tonyrefail Blue Monday FUNday

Continuing collaboration work with Interlink RCT, local Housing Associations, Tonyrefail Chamber of Trade and Tonyrefail Community School, local community groups had the opportunity to pitch for Funding.

9 community groups pitched and received a combined total of approximately £9000.

Watch out for the celebration event taking place in the Summer recognising all the hard work and dedication of the community groups and organisations.



Funding Support Session

The team held a **UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund RCTCBC Community Grant** community sessions with the support of Interlink RCT, which 100 individuals representing community organisations attended.

The team also provided specific funding support sessions for CAT organisations with 4 groups attending



During this year, with support from the CAT Team, community organisations have secured grant funding totalling = **£345,447**



FUNDING AND RESOURCES

The Community Development Team manage **9 Community Grants**:

- UK Government Shared Prosperity Fund RCTCBC Community Grant
- UK Government Shared Prosperity Multiply Grant
- WG Period Dignity in Communities Grant
- Unpaid Carers Short Breaks Community Fund
- Community Asset Transfer Fund
- Neighbourhood Network Fund
- RCT Food Support Fund
- Dementia Prevention Fund
- Winter Hardship Fund



Total number of awards made to community groups **641**



Total Funding awarded to community groups **£3,542,689.00**

I wanted to take time to thank you so very much for your support and help in accessing this funding.

Getting this funding would not be possible without your constant advice and support, we are forever grateful and appreciate all your hard work.

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Age Friendly Communities

Working with colleagues from the **Frailty Nursing Team** in the Taff Ely GP Cluster a number of outreach sessions have been held for local groups and in local accommodation schemes. These sessions have been positively received with older residents benefiting from this proactive approach. During sessions a number of healthcare concerns have been identified and addressed, preventing potential deterioration and progression of conditions with earlier support put in place.



Following the success of **Pontypridd Men's Shed** being awarded Shed Partnership of the Year at the recent Men's Shed Awards, we spent time with members of the Shed to hear and record their stories. Work is now underway to develop video content which will showcase the important support the Shed provides to local men in the Pontypridd area.

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Sustainable Food Places



Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council are pleased to present the first RCT Sustainable Food Strategy: Taith Bwyd 2025-2030 and are seeking your views to ensure that the strategy reflects the opinions of as many people as possible in RCT.

The vision of Taith Bwyd is that every person in RCT can access nutritious affordable and sustainable food.

The strategy builds on the work of the award winning RCT Food Partnership over the last two years, which brings together third sector organisations, public bodies, businesses and individuals brought together around a passion for good quality local food and a thriving food economy in RCT that is also good for the planet.

The Sustainable Food Strategy: Taith Bwyd 2025-2030 sets out the areas of focus for the RCT Food Partnership to work on over the next 5 years. **Click [HERE](#)** to view the consultation, it closes on 6th May 2025.





And don't forget you can contact any member of the team 😊

Get in touch with the team

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