**Llandre Community Garden**

**Case Study**

**July 2023**

A aerial view of a neighborhood

Description automatically generatedSet up in March 2021, this is a narrow strip of unfenced land running alongside the main road through Llandre, a village near Bow Street, Ceredigion. The land is owned by Ceredigion County Council and the site is managed as an amenity for local residents by a handful of volunteers.

The space is divided into three areas: a raised bed with fruiting shrubs and herbs, a tapering section towards one end which has been planted with fruit trees, and a grassed area which is managed for wildlife, and includes a park bench.

With this combination of lawn and raised bed the Garden aims to be a peaceful green space where people can use simple gardening skills to grow food and meet people.

A bench in a grassy area

Description automatically generated A tree with fruit on it

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The volunteers put in a request for just two items: a system to harvest and store rainwater off a shed roof in an adjoining plot owned by the community council, and a wooden hand-carved signboard to identify it as a community garden. The total cost was £780.

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| A sign in the grass  Description automatically generated | A building with a metal fence  Description automatically generated |

By June 2023 the works were complete and the garden was looking good. Mown paths take the visitor past apple trees, fruit bushes and grassland rich in wildflowers.

Although only a few volunteers maintain the site, they report that local residents regularly come and use the seat and walk through garden.

A plant with berries on it

Description automatically generated“A boy came into the garden the other day and took a strawberry. I pointed out the gooseberries – which he had never seen or heard of before - and invited him to taste one. He then ran home and came back with a plastic tub to collect more, and said they were going to cook them for tea” – *Volunteer*

They have further plans to construct a more formal garden with herbs and flowers at one end, and are talking to the County Council about other gardening opportunities in the village.