

**The Environment (Wales) Act 2016**  
**The Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty**

**HENLLANFALLTEG COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

The Environment (Wales) Act 2016 introduced an enhanced biodiversity (the variety of plant and animal life) and resilience of ecosystems (An ecosystem is a large community of living organisms plants, animals and microbes) in a particular area.

The s6 duty requires that public authorities 'must seek to maintain and enhance biodiversity so far as consistent with the proper exercise of their functions and in so doing promote the resilience of ecosystems'.

Henllanfallteg Community Council falls within the definition of a public authority under the terms of the Act and therefore it is required to comply with the section 6 duties.

**Awareness Raising**

HCC have encouraged members of its community to volunteer in the context of natural, green spaces such as clearing and maintaining Right of Way Footpaths.

Raised awareness of Ash die back.

Encouraged planting of trees.

HCC very much favour clear skies policy and less night pollution and have restricted street lighting by installing part night cells where possible.

**Cascading funding criteria**

Delivered a carbon reduction project funded by 106 monies (Community contribution).

One hundred and twenty-five households throughout the community used vouchers to purchase LED bulbs for their homes. The bulbs have exceptionally longer life spans (60,000 hours), a significantly lower energy consumption (90% more efficient) and reduced maintenance costs.

Invested in shares in two wind turbine schemes for the benefit of The Playing Field Association, our free-to-use local charity. The dividends from the turbines should help underpin the fixed running costs of the Playing Field going forward.