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FUNDING PRIORITIES

The 'Have Your Say!' campaign ran from January to May 2025, aiming to identify the top five funding priorities for the three Communities' Choice areas. **1062** responses were received across the areas.

These priorities were established based on community engagement and data and informed the funding decisions made in round 1 of the Communities' Choice PB grants, awarding £99,212.00 to 17 new projects across the three areas.

March 2026 sees a second opportunity for Expressions of Interest to be received to run projects in our three key areas to address local priorities and access the remaining PB fund of **£231,088.00.**

Area	Revised Project Costs (£)	Budget Remaining (£)
(BLN) Blaenavon	£24,580.00	£48,870.00
(TUC) Thornhill & Upper Cwmbran	£35,288.00	£46,562.00
(TPS) Trevethin, Penygarn & St Cadocs	£39,344.00	£135,656.00
Total spend	£99,212.00	£**231,088.00**

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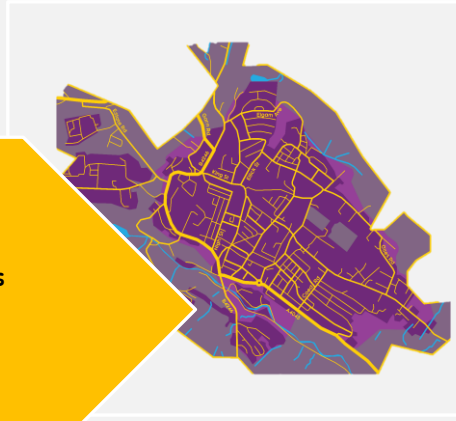
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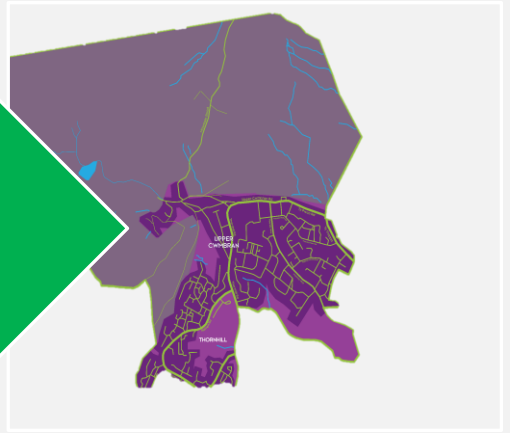
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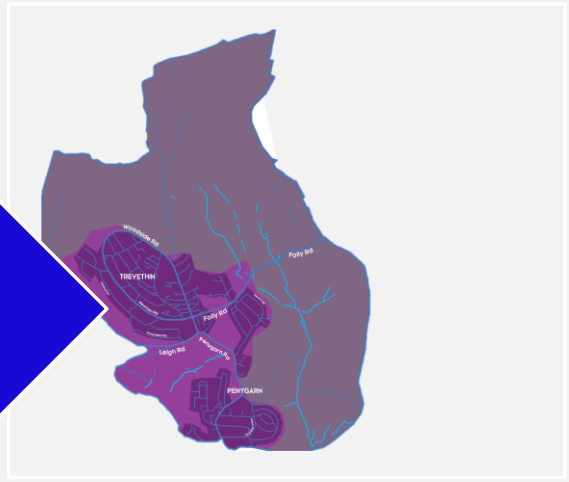
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Trevethin, Penygarn & St. Cadocs

- Environment & Place
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- Older Peoples Activities
- Crime & Community Safety
- Education & Skills Development



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Priorities in Each Area

Characteristic	Blaenavon	Trevethin, Penygarn & St. Cadocs	Thornhill & Upper Cwmbran
Antisocial Behaviour	Yes	No	No
Youth Services & Activities	Yes	Yes	Yes
Transport	Yes	No	No
Heritage & Tourism	Yes	No	No
Arts & Culture	Yes	No	No
Environment & Place (Maintenance)	No	Yes	No
Health & Wellbeing	Yes	Yes	Yes
Crime & Community Safety	No	Yes	Yes
Older Peoples Activities	No	Yes	No
Environmental Sustainability	No	No	Yes
Education & Skills Development	No	No	Yes

Blaenavon

Top Funding Priorities and Recommended Initiatives:

1. Youth Services & Activities

Initiatives including after-school clubs, mentorships, sports, skill-building workshops, neuroinclusive projects, support for Young Carers, projects to promote responsibility, equitable opportunities for young people experiencing poverty.

2. Transport

Community-driven transport schemes, shuttle services, infrastructure enhancements, and initiatives that improve safety and reliability of local transport links.

3. Antisocial Behaviour

Suitable initiatives include community patrols, enhanced CCTV, youth diversion activities, and neighbourhood watch schemes.

4. Health & Wellbeing

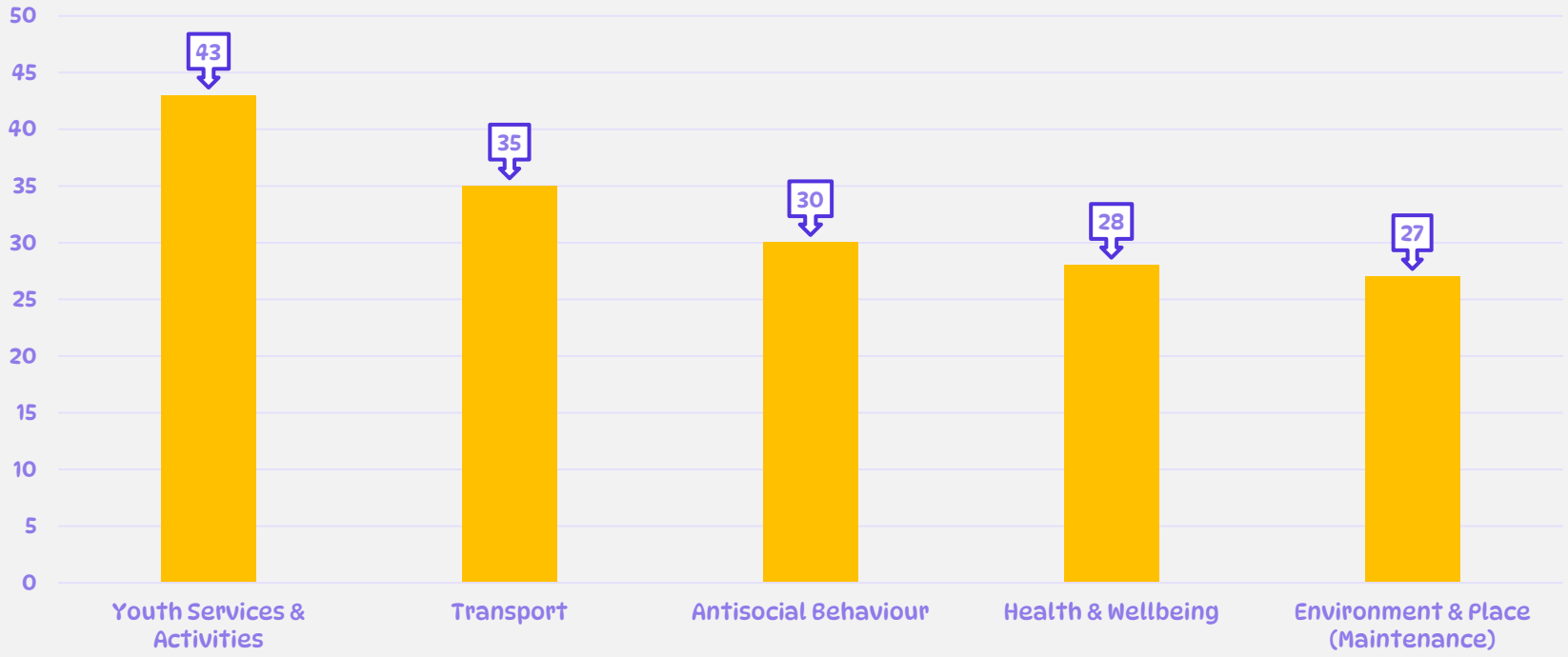
Projects including mental health support groups, community fitness sessions, nutrition and healthy eating education, and accessible wellness services for all age groups.

5. Environment & Place (Maintainance)

Projects to promote care and pride in the oca environment, including parks and public spaces, improving pathways, lighting enhancements, and promoting community gardening initiatives and preserving nature.

6. Heritage & Tourism

Initiatives preserving local history, promoting tourism, or offering visitor engagement through guided experiences and activities.



Thornhill - Upper Cwmbran

Top Funding Priorities and Recommended Initiatives:

1. Health & Wellbeing

Initiatives supporting mental health, community fitness, nutrition education, gardening and food projects, and wellness activities accessible to all.

2. Youth Services & Activities

After-school clubs, Youth mentoring schemes, Youth Clubs offering later-evening spaces and support, Sports and events, Projects offering meaningful experiences or skill-building, neuroinclusive initiatives and projects to support Young Carers and those experiencing poverty.

3. Environmental Sustainability

Community-led initiatives promoting environmental responsibility, sustainability practices, gardening projects, recycling, and local conservation efforts.

4. Building Stronger Communities

Activities and events that foster community cohesion, such as festivals, local clubs, intergenerational projects, and initiatives encouraging pride and connectivity among residents.

5. Antisocial Behaviour

Initiatives addressing antisocial behaviour through community education, outreach programmes, conflict resolution support, youth engagement in sports, creative workshops, and skills-building activities promoting safer, harmonious neighbourhoods.

6. Education & Skills

Lifelong learning opportunities including digital literacy workshops, adult education tailored to local needs, employability training, entrepreneurship support, mentorship schemes, and initiatives preparing residents for evolving career opportunities.



Trevethin, Penygarn & St. Cadocs

Top Funding Priorities and Recommended Initiatives:

1. Environment & Place (Maintenance)

Projects focused on community clean-ups, maintaining parks and public spaces, improving pathways, lighting enhancements, and community gardening initiatives.

2. Youth Services & Activities

After-school clubs, youth mentorship, sporting activities, skills training, neuroinclusive projects, educational trips, and events specifically supporting young people and young carers.

3. Health & Wellbeing

Mental health interventions including qualified therapy sessions, targeted support for vulnerable groups, therapeutic animal initiatives, nutritional education, and wellness services accessible to all community members.

4. Older People's Activities

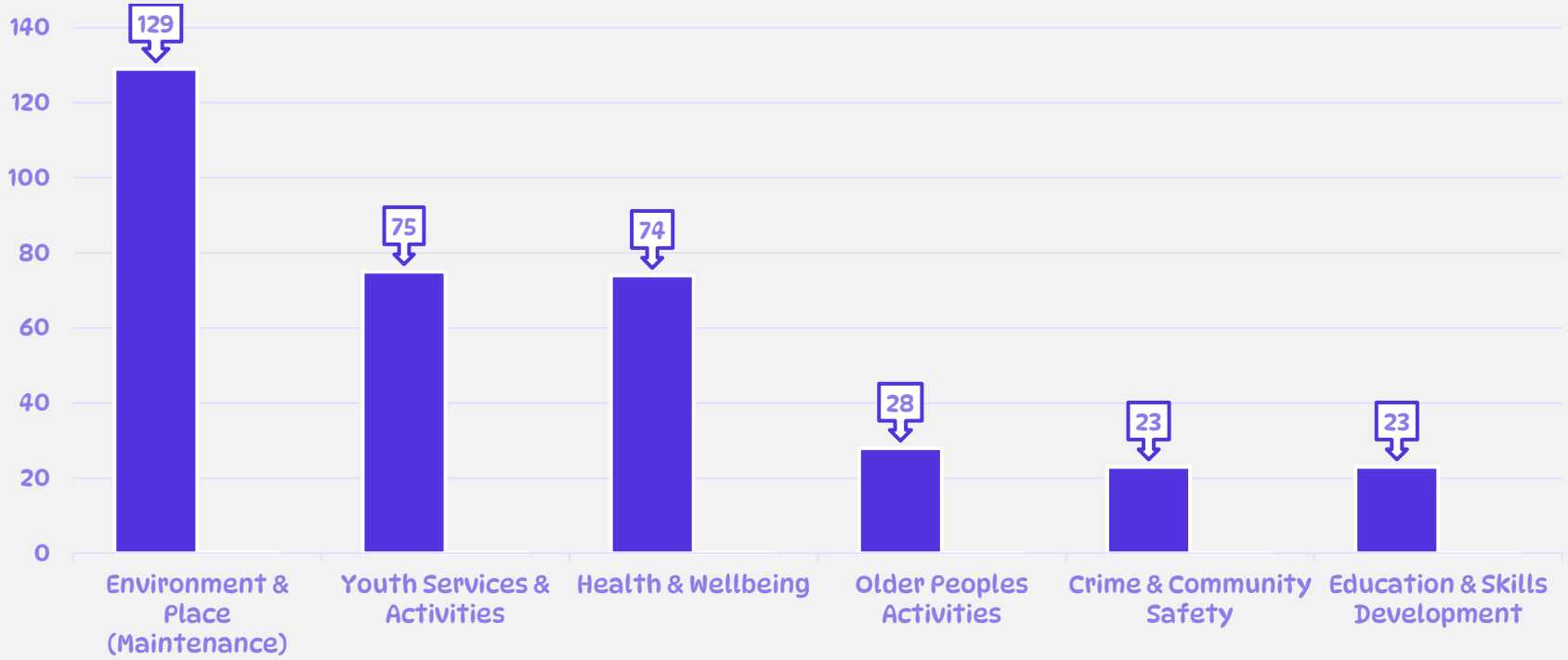
Activities designed to reduce isolation among older residents, including social clubs, befriending services, mobility support, and affordable social outings.

5. Crime & Community Safety

Community patrols, CCTV enhancements, neighbourhood watch schemes, and youth activities designed to divert individuals from antisocial behaviours, ensuring safer community environments.

6. Education & Skills Development

Projects promoting lifelong learning and skill-sharing, including community-based classes on digital skills, cooking, gardening, practical repairs, creative workshops, employability training, skill-swap initiatives, and environmental education workshops addressing local concerns like littering and fly-tipping.



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Communities' Choice Funding Application Process

Round 2 Application Process Timeline

