

CAR SCHEME



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# Volunteer Drivers Needed!

Our volunteer drivers help people that need to get to medical appointments, without the high cost of a taxi.

Abertillery and Llanhilleth Community Council are working in collaboration with the Blaenau Gwent Car Scheme to support their important work in the area.



## How to get started:

Send us an email at [clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@abertilleryandllanhilleth-wcc.gov.uk) if you have any questions or to register your interest.

We will arrange a briefing with the coordinator of Blaenau Gwent Car Scheme to tell you all you need to know.

## How does it work?

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- Our Car Scheme offers total flexibility - you can contribute as much or as little time as suits your schedule. Even dedicating just one hour a week can have a significant impact.
- You must be able to drive and have your own vehicle.
- All drivers receive free advice and training.
- Participating in the scheme should not impact your insurance premium.
- Passengers pay the cost of their journey to the Car Scheme, and drivers claim back mileage expenses. The Car Scheme takes care of journey arrangements, and drivers typically receive a minimum of 5 working days notice for upcoming trips.
- To join, you'll need to provide your driving license, MOT certificate, and motor insurance certificate. You will also undertake a DBS check, funded by the Blaenau Gwent Car Scheme.

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Blaenau Gwent Car Scheme is part of the Bridges Centre in Monmouthshire, a not-for-profit organisation focused on community connections.

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Our drivers go beyond merely providing transportation; they offer support and companionship too. Volunteers are never expected to exceed their comfort levels. Some may choose to wait while passengers attend appointments or assist them in entering buildings—our approach is entirely flexible.

The National Forest for Wales has shared information on a new round of funding, which is opening on 21 February, closing on 8 May. The scheme will be offering grants of between £10k and £40K for each forest site (up to £250k for multiple sites). It is suitable for organisations, communities and individuals who want to create new small woodlands managed in collaboration with the local community. The planting, ground works and training are funded then an organisation/community group need to maintain and monitor their Coetir Bach on an on-going basis. The scheme will be administered on their behalf by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. More information on the Coetiroedd Bach scheme can be found at: [Coetiroedd Bach \(Tiny Forests\) | GOV.WALES](#)

Coetiroedd Bach are designed using the methods developed by Dr Akira Miyawaki using the following principles:

- They are densely packed, small areas of fast-growing native woodland trees (approximately 25 species) which are planted and managed in partnership with local communities.
- Each forest should be about 200m<sup>2</sup>, which is roughly the size of a tennis court.
- The planting method encourages accelerated forest development and uses no chemicals or fertilisers.
- They are low management and maintenance requirements after the first two years.
- They provide rich biodiversity, capable of attracting over 500 animal and plant species within the first 3 years.
- They are a nature-rich accessible green space and outdoor classroom for people to reconnect with nature.
- Coetiroedd Bach sites will automatically become part of the National Forest for Wales

More information on the Tiny Forest approach can be found at the following link: [Tiny Forest \(earthwatch.org.uk\)](#)

## **Coetiroedd Bach, Tiny Forest funding is open! 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – 8<sup>th</sup> May**

We are pleased to announce the latest funding round for Coetiroedd Bach, Tiny Forests in Wales is now open.

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- The scheme will be administered on Welsh Government's behalf by the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

**Interested in applying? Find out more here:**

[Coetiroedd Bach: Tiny Forests in Wales | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

**Want to know more, ask questions? Come to a webinar or open day, dates and times below – follow the links below to book your place.**

Webinars

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March - 10-12pm

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/d32a7e16-364c-4d26-8069-07beede3083d@242ef33d-ef18-4a01-b294-0da2d8fc58e3>

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – 12-2pm:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/1821f6f6-cc7f-4563-b8de-12d630e51ec6@242ef33d-ef18-4a01-b294-0da2d8fc58e3>

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> April – 4-6pm:

<https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/e2ef8543-67fa-4c93-9722-944cfc552eb5@242ef33d-ef18-4a01-b294-0da2d8fc58e3>

Open Days

12<sup>th</sup> March – 10.30-12.30

Coetiroedd Bach - Holyhead Town Park - <https://forms.office.com/e/6dtPEaLrES>

21<sup>st</sup> March – 10.30-12.30

Coetiroedd Bach – Pencoedtre Park, Barry - <https://forms.office.com/e/ePJqnMnWaf>



**Cyngor Bwrdeistref Sirol Blaenau Gwent**  
**Ceisiadau a Dderbyniwyd yn Wythnos 09 (26-Chwefror-2024)**  
**Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council**  
**Applications Received in Week 09 ( 26-February-2024)**

Development Management  
The General Offices  
Steelworks Road  
Ebbw Vale  
NP23 6DN

Rhif Cais/ Math Application Number / Type	DyddiadCofrestru Date Registered	Lleoliad/Cyfeiriad Location / Address	Disgrifiad o'r Datblygiad Development Description	Cyfenw Ymgeisydd Applicant Surname	Cyfenw Asiant/ Ymgeisydd Agent Surname / Company	Dyddiad 8 Wythnos 8 Week Date
C/2024/0043  Full Application  Sophie Godfrey	23/02/24	4 Morton's Farm Brynmawr Blaenau Gwent NP23 4HS  E: 318,161.55 N: 211,732.83	Two storey rear extension and porch.	Miles	Mr Adrian Drew	18/04/24
C/2024/0044*  Discharge of Conditions  Joanne Clare	22/02/24	Land off Dukestown Road Tredegar Blaenau Gwent  E: 314,384.28 N: 209,904.15	Application for Discharge of Condition 2 (details of footpath between the points x-y on the approved site plan) of planning permission C/2021/0016 (Construction of 1 no. 2 bedroom bungalow with associated works).	Wild	Mr Stephen Traves	18/04/24
C/2024/0045  Full Application  Joanne Clare	26/02/24	42 Stonebridge Road Rassau Ebbw Vale Blaenau Gwent NP23 5SN  E: 315,416.72 N: 211,843.87	Single storey rear extension including internal alterations, rear dormer extension within roof area.	Jones	Danielle Jones	21/04/24
C/2024/0046  Full Application  Helen Hinton	26/02/24	Nant-Y-Graig Cottage 1 Woodland Terrace Cwmtillery Abertillery Blaenau Gwent NP13 1LB  E: 321,922.06 N: 205,763.94	Three & two storey gable extension and off street parking hard stand.	Bancroft	Mr Adrian Drew	21/04/24



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C/2024/0047  Full Application  Sophie Godfrey	26/02/24	Abertillery BG RFC Abertillery Park Glandwr Street Abertillery Blaenau Gwent  E: 320,831.93 N: 204,908.93	Two storey extension to the north side of the grandstand to provide 2 additional function/community rooms and balcony.	Wilkins	Clear Cut Drawings	21/04/24
C/2024/0048  Advertisement Consent  Sophie Godfrey	27/02/24	Land adjacent to KFC off Waun Y Pound Road Ebbw Vale Blaenau Gwent NP23 6PY  E: 315,810.00 N: 210,904.00	Signs associated with drive-thru coffee including facia signs to building, totem signs, vehicle height restriction, menu boards, free standing direction boards, banners signs & Mesh banners.	Montagu Evans	Montagu Evans	22/04/24
C/2024/0049  Full Application  Joanne Clare	28/02/24	11 Cefn Parc Tredegar Blaenau Gwent NP22 3PH  E: 314,067.54 N: 208,188.73	Extension with balcony and patio to rear of property. Internal layout changes to include conversion of garage to study & cloakroom. Relocation of kitchen also converting living room area and dining room area to open plan. Extending bedroom which will include relocation of bathroom.	Thomas	Mr David Thomas	23/04/24
C/2024/0050*  Non Material Amendment  Helen Hinton	29/02/24	Former Quarry adjacent Graig House Nant Y Croft Rassau Ebbw Vale Blaenau Gwent  E: 315,007.29 N: 211,616.24	Application for Non-material amendment of planning permission C/2021/0366 (Submission of Reserved Matters for approval in relation to layout (47 no. units), appearance, scale, landscaping and associated works pursuant to outline planning permission C/2018/0205) for replacement of the pair of patio doors on each of 3 bed semi-detached properties, with a single larger aperture with sliding doors on plots 2,3, 11, 12, 13, 14, 31, 32, 40, 41, 45 and 46.	Timson	NP22 ltd t/a Gwent Properties	27/03/24

\* Please note: “discharge of condition” and “non-material amendment” applications are shown for information only.

If you wish to view any documents, they can be made available electronically. Please email your request to [planning@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:planning@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) . Any comments in relation to the applications should be submitted in writing to the Service Manager Development & Estates at The General Offices, Steelworks Road, Ebbw Vale, NP23 6DN by 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024 or via email to [planning@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:planning@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk)

\*Dylid nodi y caiff ceisiadau “rhyddhau amod” a “diwydiad ansylweddol” eu dangos ar gyfer gwybodaeth yn unig.

Os dymunwch weld unrhyw ddogfennau, gellir eu darparu yn electronig. E-bostiwch eich cais at [planning@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:planning@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk) os gwelwch yn dda. Dylid cyflwyno unrhyw sylwadau yng nghyswllt y ceisiadau i'r Rheolwr Gwasanaeth Datblygu a Stadau yn y Swyddfeydd Cyffredinol, Heol Gwaith Dur, Glynebwy, NP23 6DN erbyn 25<sup>th</sup> Mawrth 2024 neu drwy e-bost at [planning@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk](mailto:planning@blaenau-gwent.gov.uk)