

**Press Release**

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## **Sowing the seeds for learning**

The Gorseinon Cyd Coed project enters its final stages with work at Park Melin Mynach and on the land between Pontybrenin English and Welsh Primary schools creating outdoor classrooms for hands on environmental studies.

The project has seen the restoration of paths, bulb planting and woodland management on the historic Melin Mynach site. New interpretation boards' disabled wheelchair and pushchair access off the Cecil Road entrance are on order to complete the work making the site far more user friendly.

Local schools who have used the site for years will now find it easier for them to carry out local history and environment projects. Both Gorseinon infants and junior schools have already helped the project with litter picking and bulb planting and will be using the site as an outdoor classroom

Ysgol Pontybrenin and Pontybrenin primary will be helping with the planting of over 3000 trees shrubs and hedge plants on the land between the two schools helping to create this new wildlife haven which is also part of the project.

Christine Freeman Chair of Friends of Parc Melin Mynach said" involving young people is the key to protecting and enhancing our environment for the

future it is only by knowing what we have that we can protect it. This project provides spaces for young people to do this and at the same time helps raise awareness for our local history”

The Cyd Coed project is a partnership between the schools Friends of Park Melin Mynach, BTCV, Gorseinon Development Trust and the Forestry Commission and aims to create more public accessible woodland space for recreation and community use.

## **Information to editors**

**Cyd Coed funding is European funding obtained and managed by the forestry commission for the creation of community woodlands**

**Gorseinon development trust successfully bid for the money in 2006 in partnership with Friends of park Melin Mynach local schools and community groups**

**Friends of park Melin Mynach are an independent community group involved with the protection and enhancement of the Melin Mynach site new members are always welcome and they meet on the second Tuesday every month**

**Melin Mynach is the site of a historic mill initially established in the 12centuary**

**The Gorseinon Development Trust is a community owned and voluntary run company limited by guarantee that aims to play a key role in regeneration initiatives in the Gorseinon area.**

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