

Open Garden Day in Dolwyddelan, 21st August 2021

Due to all the Lockdown Restrictions of the last 18 months and the fact no local shows or fetes had been able to take place, fundraising ideas were sought that would enable villagers to get together out of doors; as a result an 'Open Garden Day' was suggested by Helen Chapman.

Money from the sale of tickets (incorporating a plan of the gardens, time they were open and Health and Safety notes) were available to purchase from St. Gwyddelan's Church and to whom this money was donated. Any other money raised by individuals could be donated to charities of the garden owner's choice. Just over £800 was raised in total.

A great deal of hard work and preparation, particularly by Sue Layland, meant the day was a resounding success. There was a good mix of local people as well as holiday makers exploring the gardens – despite the wet day!

A flower trail quiz was devised in which both parents and children alike participated and enjoyed.

Many of the gardens had stalls selling such things as: cakes, plants, Thai food, hot dogs, bric-a-brac and craft items. Ali the Physio had a stall selling Jane's cakes, the pub and nursery were also open as was Ellen's Castle Hotel later in the afternoon.

Since the event there has been growing interest by other villagers, who have said they would like to participate another time. Hopefully next year when different gardens may be open.

Thank you to everyone who participated, and all the work entailed in making this an enjoyable and worthwhile day.



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