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Tenant power in action:

A transformational year at Trivallis



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At Trivallis, tenant involvement isn't something we do – it's the way we do everything. Tenants are partners on a shared journey, alongside staff and Board at Trivallis. This report is just a snapshot of the difference tenants make for the benefit of all.

As we move on our journey, we are constantly looking to strengthen this relationship. As a large local employer, we also have many tenants employed across our teams, meaning the passion and knowledge for our communities is embedded in our organisational DNA.

This year, tenant involvement has deepened across Trivallis, with more tenants taking leadership roles, shaping strategic decisions, attending Board and contributing to our committees.

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Thank you for believing in me. Not only was I known as the 'two-person visit' and 'trouble maker' but I had a bad reputation within Trivallis. Being able to give back to my community really has helped my mental health. Starting a new project from scratch is hard work but I love it. The highlight for me was visiting the local school and holding a meeting... seeing the head teacher again after all these years... A real pinch-me moment that I've done well for myself.

– Tenant Leader, Community Project Volunteer



This quote is a powerful reminder of what tenant involvement can achieve when individuals are empowered to lead. It exemplifies the transformation at the heart of our work: from stigma and struggle to pride and participation. Our commitment to involving tenants in shaping their communities is beginning to spark meaningful change - socially, environmentally, and personally.

From neglected neighbourhoods to vibrant community spaces, this report outlines how we are not just delivering services but co-creating solutions with the people who live them every day.

The past year has seen the Tenant Action Panel (TAP) reenergised, working groups empowered, and local leaders emerge from within our homes and streets.

Driving impact through involvement

This year, involved tenants at Trivallis gained national recognition at the TPAS Cymru Awards; credit to the amazing team of involved tenants and dedication of outgoing chairperson, Emma Nicholas.

Involved tenants also worked together with staff to organise T-Fest, a celebration and appreciation of over 120 tenants who are giving their time, energy and skill making a difference to Trivallis or their communities.

In January, Eloise Hinkinson and Martin Barraclough were elected Chair and Vice Chair of our Tenant Action Panel. Under their leadership, a new Terms of Reference and guide to involvement were finalised, building on openness and accessibility. Early results show a rise in new members.

Tenants actively influenced recruitment, procurement, contractor selection, and service improvement, embedding meaningful involvement at every level, including the appointment of two Directors.

A fresh brand, **Tenants Together**, is currently in development, with a recruitment campaign set to scale.

Working group highlights

Neighbourhoods and estates working group

- Inspired 8 Great Estate Days across our communities bringing Trivallis, the local council and most importantly, local residents to work together to improve areas. These events have become catalysts for community-led action.
- Advised on reducing patch sizes of housing officers and moving towards a more personable service.

Complaints group

- Tenant advice helped increased satisfaction
- Improved appointment reliability by 3%

Repairs group

- Tenant advice helped reduce the repairs backlog, so we are now one of the most improved repairs services in the country and still improving
- Advocated for increasing missed appointment compensation for tenants from **£5 to £15**

Recharges task group

- Introduced fairer charging policies for misuse of emergency repairs

Community grants panel

- Allocated **£32,903** to **42 tenant-led initiatives**

Assets group

- Piloted **tenant involvement in contractor selection**
- Developed tenant-informed contractor performance reviews

Anti-social behaviour group

- Being restructured alongside the Neighbourhoods Team

Solar panel group

- Investigating historical agreements around solar installations in sheltered housing

Sheltered housing

- Working with staff, tenants planned and delivered the winter of wellbeing which provided a range of services and activities to combat social isolation.



Tenants also played a strategic role in recruiting new staff and procuring new contracts.

Community development – from transaction to transformation

Our community development approach is spearheading a shift from transactional service delivery to strength-based community building.

Cae Fardre

Residents now lead a local hub offering food pantries, mental health services, and family activities, fostering long-term safety and resilience.

Cwmbach

We worked with communities to create community ownership of environmental spaces which improved issues with fly tipping and made better use of nature for leisure.

Library Court

Residents have taken over management of community facilities at the scheme to deliver activities that promote wellbeing.

Maes y Deri

Community-led action has turned neglected spaces into a thriving, clean environment and a place where local residents have reported feeling much safer and more connected.

Miskin

Strengthened community ties through benefit schemes.

Pen Dinas

Residents have taken ownership of a youth programme previously led by Valleys Kids.

Penrhys

Collaborating with community leaders to involve local people in working with architects and planners to shape their own redevelopment. Sessions introducing local young people to trades training and employment opportunities. Revival of local nature area

St Andrews Court / Hawthorn / Penywaun / Glyncoch / Pant y Cerdin

Tenant-led improvements following Great Estate Days.

Tonyrefail

Revitalised town centre with local business support.



These quotes give a flavour of what this kind of action means for local people:

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The community needs this. So many people are struggling that this will help them not only with food but to meet new friends and get them out of the house!

– Tenant

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Even though I suffer with my mental health, doing this at the moment is actually giving me something to get up for each day. I don't work as I have joint pain amongst other things so this is like a job to me and gives me routine. We have so many ideas it's a great chance for us to help the community.

– Tenant

Rise Strong project

We received funding from the Welsh Government's Child Poverty grant scheme to work between September 2024 and March 2025 with families in three areas:

- **Penrhys**
- **Caradog Primary School Catchment, Aberdare**
- **Cae Fardre, Church Village**

Over six months the project:

- **Involved 597 people in community activities**
- **Strengthened three community-led groups to develop their role in meeting community needs, building confidence, skills and networks**
- **Supported the development of sustainable relationships between community groups, schools, voluntary organisations and other services in each of the three areas**

The independent evaluation of the project highlighted some features that are indicative of the power of strength-based, community development:

- Attractive activities build community. People will come together because they want to do something that sounds fun. Once that coming together has built relationships and confidence, it becomes possible to also address other needs, such as debt.
- Projects usually require people to describe what they will do and with whom, before they get started. Giving people the freedom to experiment with approaches allows a completely different way to work. In each area the work was focused on reaching out to new people, taking a risk with a new way of doing things.... and in each case, it paid off. In Caradog school, for example, they said that they had tried to involve parents before but it had never worked. Now local families are sharing skills and people who were previously isolated are much more connected.
- Although a short-term project, the work supported is sustainable and everyone involved has learned something.

Looking ahead

All team members have now trained as trainers with **Cormac Russell** in Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD). We will continue to build on and embed a strength-based transformation approach across Trivallis.

We are recruiting a Community Benefits Partner to maximise our social value impact over the next year and beyond.



One voice, one street, one hub at a time — our communities are rising stronger.



This year has shown just how powerful tenant involvement can be. We've seen real changes driven by the voices of people who live in our communities. It's been inspiring to work alongside so many passionate tenants — proving that when we come together, we really can make a difference.

– Eloise Hinkinson, Chair of the Tenant Action Panel

Tenant involvement in 2024-25

Activity	Total participants (conversations and volunteering together)	Number who are tenants
Maes Deri Great Estates Day and Monthly Follow Up Meetings	28	22
Rise Strong Project incorporating Cae Fardre, Aberdare and Penrhys	592	300
Penrhys redevelopment conversations and nature garden	110	85
Pany y Cerdin Great Estates and follow up	12	12
Penywaun	55	35
Heol y Mynydd Event / support	35	35
Cardiff Bay event	75	50
Too Good to Waste partnership	40	40
Cwmbach community event	45	25
Pen Dinas community group support	7	7
Gilfach events and work	5	5
Sub total	1004	616
Grants issued to 42 community groups	210	210
Total with grants	1214	826

Cynnwys tenantiaid yn 2024-25

Mae eleni wedi dangos pa mor bwerys y gall cynnwys tenantiaid fod. Rydyn ni wedi gweld newidiadau go iawn wedi'u llywio gan leisau pobl sy'n byw yn ein cymunedau. Roedd yn ysbrydoleddig gweithio ochr yn ochr â chymaint o denantiaid angerveddol – gan brofi y gallwn ni wneud byd o wahaniaeth trwy ddod at ein gilydd.

Edrych i'r dyfodol

Un llais, un stryd,
un ganolfan ar
y tro – mae ein
cymunedau ar
! tynny



Datblygu cymunedol – o'r trafod i'r trawsnewid

Mae ein dull datblygu cymunedol yn arwain newid o ddarparu gwasanaethau trafodaethol i adeiladu cymuned yn seiliedig ar gryfder.

Cae Fardre

Mae trigolion bellach yn arwain canolfan leol sy'n cynnig pantri bwyd, gwasanaethau iechyd meddwl a gweithgareddau teuluol, gan feithrin diogelwch a gwydnwch hirdymor.

Cwm-bach

Buom yn gweithio gyda chymunedau i greu perchnogaeth gymunedol o fannau amgylcheddol a oedd yn gwella problemau gyda thipio anghyfreithlon ac yn gwneud defnydd gwell o natur ar gyfer hamdden.

Library Court

Mae trigolion wedi cymryd drosodd rheolaeth cyfleusterau cymunedol yn y cynllun i gyflwyno gweithgareddau sy'n hybu llesiant.

Maes y Deri

Mae camau gweithredu dan arweiniad y gymuned wedi troi mannau wedi'u hesgeulso yn amgylchedd glân a ffynianus, gyda'r trigolion lleol yn dweud eu bod yn teimlo'n llawer mwy diogel a chysylltiedig.

Meisgyn

Wedi cryfhau cysylltiadau cymunedol trwy gynlluniau buddion.



Pen Dinas

Mae trigolion wedi cymryd perchnogaeth o raglen ieuencid a oedd yn arfer cael ei harwain gan Valleys Kids.

Pen-rhys

Cydwethio ag arweinwyr cymunedol i gynnwys pobl leol wrth weithio gyda phenseiri a chynllunwyr i lywio eu hailddatblygiad eu hunain. Sesynau'n cyflwyno pobl ifanc lleol i grefftau, hyfforddiant a chyflleoedd cyflogaeth. Adfywio ardal natur leol

St Andrews Court / Y Ddraenen Wen / Pen-y-waun / Glyn-coch / Pant y Cerdin

Gwelliannau dan arweiniad tenantiaid yn dilyn diwrnodau 'Great Estates'.

Tonysrefail

Wedi adfywio canol y dref gyda chymorth busnes lleol.

Mae'r dyfyniadau hyn yn rhoi blas o'r hyn mae'r mathau hyn o gamau gweithredu yn ei olygu i bobl leol:

“ Mae angen hyn ar y gymuned. Mae cymaint o bobl yn ei chael hi'n anodd, bydd hyn yn eu helpu nid yn unig gyda bwyd ond i gwrdd â ffrindiau newydd a'u cael nhw allan o'r tŷ!

- Tenant

“ Er 'mod i'n dioddef gyda fy iechyd meddwl, mae gwneud hyn yn creu pwrpas i mi godi o'r gwely bob dydd. Dwi ddim yn gweithio gan fod gen i boen yn y cymalau, ymhlith pethau eraill, felly mae hyn fel swydd i mi ac yn rhoi elfen o arferiad i mi. Mae gennyf ni gymaint o syniadau, mae'n gyfle gwyb i ni helpu'r gymuned.

- Tenant

Prosiect 'Rise Strong'

Cawsom gyllid gan gynllun grant Tlod! Plant Llywodraeth Cymru i weithio rhwng mis Medi 2024 a mis Mawrth 2025 gyda theuluoedd mewn tair ardal:

• Pen-rhys

• Dalgilych Ysgol Gynradd Caradog, Aberdâr

• Cae Fardre, Pentre'r Eglwys

Dros chwe mis, mae'r prosiect wedi:

- Cynnwys 597 o bobl mewn gweithgareddau cymunedol
- Cryfhau tri grŵp dan arweiniad y gymuned i ddatblygu eu rôl o ran diwallu anghenion cymunedol, gan fagu hyder, sgiliau a rhydwdeithiau
- Helpu i feithrin cysylltiadau cynaliadwy rhwng grwpiau cymunedol, ysgolion, mudiadau gwirfoddol a gwasanaethau eraill ym mhob un o'r tair ardal.

Tynnodd y gwerthusiad annibynnol o'r prosiect sylw at rai nodweddion sy'n arwydd o bŵer datblygu cymunedol sy'n seiliedig ar gryfder:

- Mae gweithgareddau deniadol yn creu cymuned. Bydd pobl yn dod at ei gilydd am eu bod eisiau gwneud rhywbeth sy'n swno'n hwy. Unwaith y bydd pawb wedi dod at ei gilydd gan feithrin cysylltiadau a magu hyder, mae'n bosibl mynd i'r afael ag anghenion eraill hefyd, fel dyled.
- Mae prosiectau fel arfer yn gofyn i bobl ddisgrifio beth fyddan nhw'n ei wneud a chydau phwy, cyn dechrau arni. Mae rhoi rhyddid i bobl arbrofi gyda dulliau yn caniatáu ffordd hollol wahanol o weithio. Ym mhob ardal, roedd y gwaith yn canolbwyntio ar estyn allan at bobl newydd, mentro gyda ffordd newydd o wneud pethau.... ac, ym mhob achos, fe dalodd ar ei ganfed. Yn Ysgol Caradog, er enghraifft, dywedon nhw eu bod wedi ceisio cynnwys rhieni o'r blaen, ond yn ofer. Nawr mae teuluoedd lleol yn rhannu sgiliau ac mae pobl a arferai fod yn ynysig yn teimlo'n llawer mwy cysylltiedig.
- Er mai prosiect tymor byr oedd e, mae'r gwaith a gefnogir yn gynaliadwy ac mae pawb sy'n cymryd rhan wedi dysgu rhywbeth.

Yn Trivallis, dydy cynnwys tenantiaid ddim yn rhywbeth rydyn ni'n ei wneud – dyma'n ffordd ni o wneud popeth. Mae tenantiaid yn bartneriaid ar daith ar y cyd, ochr yn ochr â staff a Bwrdd Trivallis. Dim ond cipolwg yw'r adroddiad hwn ar y gwahaniaeth y mae tenantiaid yn ei wneud er budd pawb

Wrth i ni symud ymlaen ar ein taith, rydyn ni'n ceisio cryfhau'r berthynas hon yn gyson. Fel cyflogwr lleol mawr, rydyn ni'n cyflogi llawer o'r tenantiaid yn ein timau hefyd, sy'n golygu bod yr angerdd a'r wybodaeth am ein cymunedau wedi'u hymwreiddio yn ein DNA fel sefydliad. Eleni, mae cynnwys tenantiaid wedi dwysau ar draws Trivallis, gyda mwy o denantiaid yn cymryd rolau arwain, yn llywio penderfyniadau strategol, yn mynychu cyfarfoddydd y Bwrdd ac yn cyfrannu at ein pwyllgorau.

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Dioch am gredu yno! Yn ogystal â chael fy adnabod fel rhywun oedd yn dipyn o lond llaw ac angen 'ymweliad dau berson', roedd gen i enw drwg o fewn Trivallis hefyd. Mae gallu rhoi rhywbeth yn ôl i 'nghymuned wedi helpu fy iechyd meddwl. Mae'n waith caled dechrau prosiect newydd sbon, ond dwi wrth fy modd. Yr uchafbwynt i mi oedd ymweld â'r ysgol leol a chynnal cyfarfod... gweld y pennaeth eto ar ôl yr holl flynyddoedd... Eiliad 'pisia fi' sy'n profi fy mod i wedi gwneud yn dda.

– Arweinydd Tenantiaid, Gwirfoddolwr Prosiect Cymunedol



- Tai gwarchod**
- Gan weithio gyda staff, cynlluniodd a chyflawnodd tenantiaid y gaef llus a ddarparodd gwasanaethau a gweithgareddau i frwydro yn erbyn unigedd cymdeithasol.

Mae'r brand **Tenantiaid Ynghyd** wrthi'n cael ei ddatblygu, gydag ymgyrch recriwtio ar y gweill.



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Blwyddyn drawsnewidiol yn Trivallis

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