



Usk Town Council Annual Report 2024-2025



INTRODUCTION FROM THE CHAIR

Cllr Kay Peacock: May 2024 - May 2025

Serving as your Mayor for the third time has been an incredible honour and a deeply fulfilling experience. Usk is a town rich in history and community spirit, and it has been a privilege to lead and serve its wonderful residents.

Of course, no year comes without challenges, but even in difficult moments, the strength of Usk Town Council has shone through.

I was one of five councillors, Cllr M Howells, Cllr A Ivin, Cllr D Harrison, Cllr B Thomas and myself, with the elections in July, Cllr D Richards and Cllr G Howells joined us. Together, we navigated these obstacles with determination, emerging stronger and more connected than ever before. With Ang and Damian joining 7 and 9 months ago as clerk and RFO respectively and doing a sterling job. Thank you for all your support and hard work over the last months/year

None of this would have been possible without the support and collaboration of our community whose dedication and enthusiasm have been the driving force behind Usk's vibrancy. I am deeply grateful for the chance to contribute to a town that is defined by kindness, resilience, and an unwavering sense of togetherness.

Through fundraising efforts, from a Ladies Cricket funday, Risca Male voice choir, Usk Singing club holding three events, come and sing to afternoon tea, then Christmas carols. Then my last event a 70s disco, with Drew Morton's band 400WHAT!

Again, I thank everyone for the support you've given me, we were able to raise £4800.00 and support causes close to my heart of Usk: The Ted Senior Foundation, Ty Hafan, Usk Brass Band, Usk Primary School Gardens, Usk Young Farmers, Usk Cricket Club, Usk Junior Rugby Club and the Pump Track. A lovely quite an emotional evening from me "no change there, sorry".

The success of our local school is down to the new Acting Head and Deputy stepping up, following the successful career of former Headteacher Mrs Evans. I wish her luck and enjoyment in her new post moving on to further her career after 14 years at Usk. Mr Beckett (Acting Head) and Mr Gregory (Acting Deputy) have brought a massive amount of energy and enthusiasm, with a lot of respect from their fellow staff, governors and not forgetting their pupils.

The evening of recognition for Sir Gerald Davies, Rob Denman OBE and of course Usk in Bloom, was a memorable occasion enjoyed by all.

VE Day celebrations, what a fantastic day! Afternoon Tea from Diane and her team, Angela singing war time favourites, World War II Jeeps, a tractor from 1943, Buskeleles performing in the court room, along with the Usk Singing Club and Usk

Brass Band. On the lawn, the ceremonial lighting of the Beacon by the Scouts brought the evening to a solemn and momentous conclusion as we sang 'I Vow to Thee My Country'.

Looking ahead, I am eager to continue working alongside you to build on our successes. There are exciting projects on the horizon that promise to bring even more opportunities and prosperity to Usk. Together, we will ensure that our town remains a place where heritage is celebrated, innovation is embraced, and every individual can thrive.

As we embrace the future, I encourage every resident to remain actively involved in our community's growth and development. Your participation is vital to our continued success, and together, we can achieve even greater heights.

Let us as a council continue to work hand in hand, fostering a town where progress and tradition coexist harmoniously 'most of the time' let's not dwell on or get down on the negativity and the hearsay and let's work on where every voice contributes to the symphony that is Usk.



Thank you again for your trust of serving as your mayor. Here's to a bright and prosperous future for our beloved town.

K Peacock

Kay Peacock

Mayor of Usk 24-25

An Introduction to the Report

The Annual Report from Usk Town Council sets out to inform Usk residents of the roles, responsibilities and activities undertaken by the Council during the period from May 2024 – March 2025.

I was appointed Town Clerk on 15th October 2024. My role is to advise and support the council, within the law.

I work alongside the recently appointed Finance Officer, Damian Nash, who is responsible for all financial records of the Council and the careful administration of its finances with the support of Cllr Alison Ivin.

I would like to give thanks to the outgoing clerk, Mrs Tracey Huxley and RFO Diane Richards who have served the town and council for many years.

My thanks also go to the councillors that kept the Sessions House Management and Town Council Business running during the months awaiting the replacement of clerk and RFO. Their tireless commitment to the town must be applauded.

Having spent 31 years teaching at Usk Church in Wales Primary school, I have many transferable skills which have enabled me to take on the duties of the clerk. I could not, however have managed as well without the support of the mayor, the councillors and the training I have received. Thank you all.

The following report has been compiled from councillor submissions

Usk Town Council hopes you find the report informative and welcomes any feedback.

Angela Morgan

Usk Town Clerk
Proper Officer

The Council

Usk Town Council (UTC) serves a population of just over 3000. It is currently made up of 6 elected members who represent the interest of the community and strive to improve the quality of life for the people of Usk.

There is a vacancy for one councillor which will be filled later this year.

Usk Town Council is led by the Mayor who, together with the Deputy Mayor, is elected by fellow members of UTC. This takes place at the Annual Meeting in May each year.

UTC meets on the second Monday of the month for a couple of hours (except for August when there's no meeting). There are also sub- committees within the council which meet periodically. All meetings are open to the public.

There is the opportunity for Councillors to undertake a small amount of training (usually, 2/3 hours training in an evening) provided by One Voice Wales; this enables councillors to develop their skills and knowledge on local government matters and to keep up to date with changes. The role of a Usk Town Councillor is a voluntary position.

Usk Town Councillors

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Cllr Ben Thomas	Retired from council April 2025	-----

USK TOWN COUNCIL



Cllr Merion Howells



Cllr Ben Thomas



Cllr Alison Ivin



Cllr Diane Richards



Cllr Gwyneth Howells



Cllr Kay Peacock (Mayor)



Cllr Dave Harrison

The Town Council has several committees of which the main ones are:

- ❖ Finance Committee - responsible for the running of UTC budget
- ❖ Planning Committee - although the UTC is unable to grant permission, it acts as a consultee and comments on all planning applications to Monmouthshire County Council
- ❖ Sessions House Management Committee - taking on the running and maintenance of the Sessions House building
- ❖ Tourism & Events Committee - responsible for organising community activities and events.

Council Surgeries

Since April 2025, Usk Town Council have been offering surgeries for residents of the town to attend. Councillors are available to answer questions and offer advice. Surgeries are at the Usk Community Hub on the 1st Thursday of each month, 12pm-2pm and the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Sessions House, 4.30pm – 6.30pm.

Usk Town Council welcomes you to drop in; no booking is required.

The Town Council's main responsibilities are.

- Street cleaning
- Providing and maintaining the Usk Park Toilets
- The provision of, and paying for, the dog waste bins to be emptied
- Providing the Christmas lights and Christmas Event
- Supporting local events and festivals
- Organising free events in the town
- Providing grants to local groups
- Maintenance of the Sessions House
- Planning advice to MCC

Apart from the above, UTC supports the community with the following.

- Noticeboards
- Digital Information Board
- Church grass cutting
- Factory Lane Allotments
- Defibrillators
- Usk Action Litter Group
- Remembrance Day Service
- Commonwealth Day Service
- Usk in Bloom
- Usk Open Gardens
- Fundraising for Charities

Usk Town Council Staff

Town Clerk/ Sessions House manager Mrs Angela Morgan

Responsible Finance Officer Mr Damian Nash

Sessions House Caretaker Mrs Lyn Wadley

Town Constable Mr Robert Hamar

County Council Representation

The Llanbadoc and Usk Ward is represented by two County Councillors



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The Sessions House – Home to Usk Town Council



The Sessions House was opened in 1877, having taken 20 years to complete. Built as the Quarter Sessions Court for the whole of Monmouthshire it is, in true Victorian style, perfectly symmetrical even to the use of a false door to ensure that symmetry.

Sadly, the building fell into disrepair and in 1998 Usk Town Council bought it for use, not only as Council offices, but as a community resource. The purchase was supported by the whole town with organisations and individuals raising funds, and successful applications to the Heritage Lottery and CADW raised grants of £90,000 towards the restoration. The restoration continues to date.

Today, the Sessions House continues as a home for Usk Town Council and is a prestigious base for local businesses and organisations. It provides meeting rooms, conference facilities, a concert venue and a stylish setting for parties and anniversaries. The building is now licenced for Weddings and Civil Partnerships, offering unique surroundings for those special occasions. The building plays an important role in the life of Usk.

USK TOWN FINANCE REPORT

Financial Planning & Setting the Budget

The financial year of Usk Town Council begins on 1st April and ends on 31st March the following year.

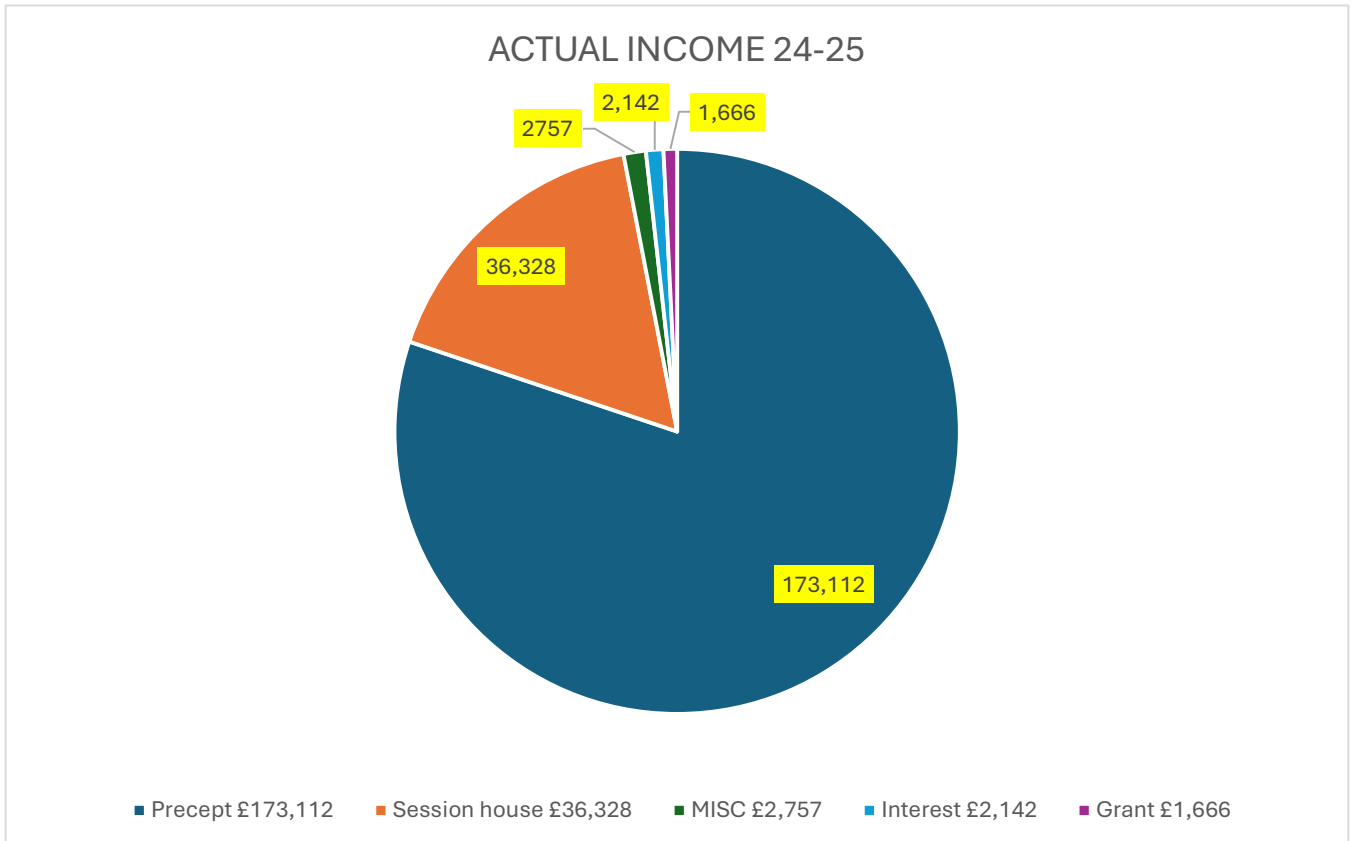
Each January, the Town Council plans ahead and sets a budget to determine the sum it needs to provide for services and deliver projects and events for the next financial year.

The tax is collected on our behalf from the residential properties within the town wards by Monmouthshire County Council as part of Council Tax. This money is known as the Precept. There is no other form of statutory income for the Town Council.

Income 2024-25

The Council's precept for the financial year 2024-25 was £173,112.00.

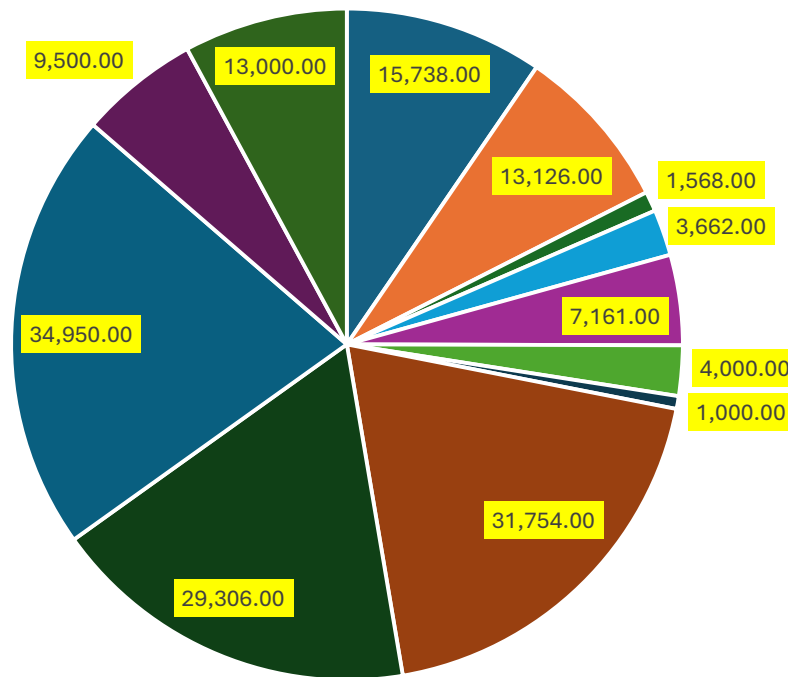
In addition to the annual precept, the Town Council also pursues grant funding, receives rental and room hire income from letting sessions house and allotment income.



Expenditure 2024-25

The Town Council delivers a wide range of services and community projects for the benefit of residents. The Council's total expenditure for 2024-25 was £164,765.00

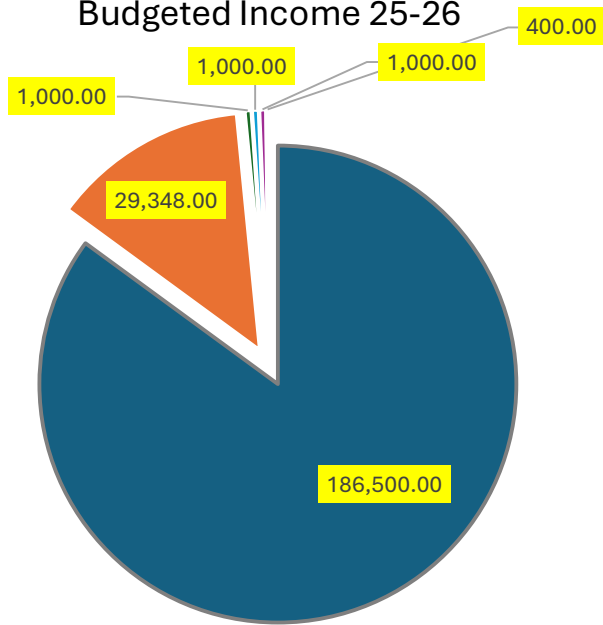
ACTUAL EXPENDITURE 24-25



- Admin £15,738
- Christmas £13,126
- Community Projects £1,568
- Gass Cutting £3,662
- Misc £ 7,161
- Post Office £4,000
- S137 Payments £1,000
- Sessions House £31,754
- Staff £29,306
- Town Cleaning Costs £34,950
- Usk in Bloom £9,500
- Usk Plan £13,000

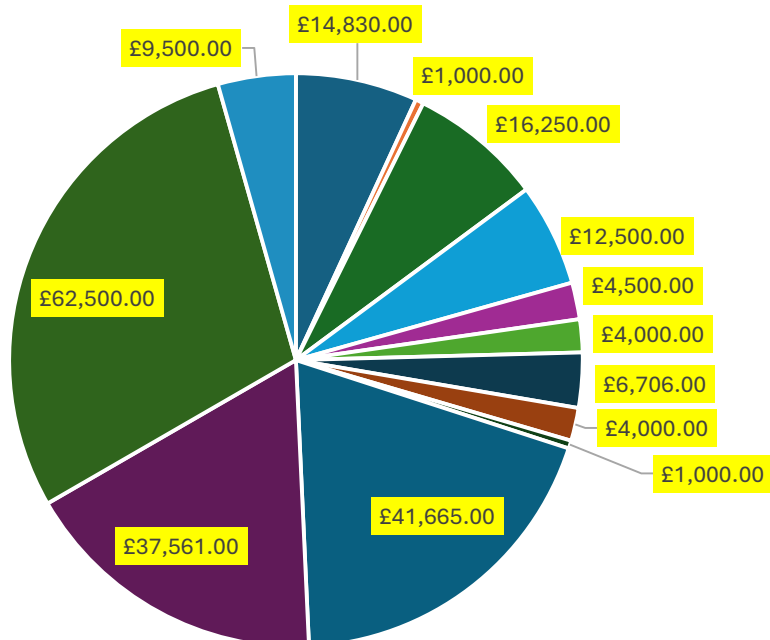
Income and Expenditure Budgets 25-26

Budgeted Income 25-26



- Precept £186,500
- Sessions House £29,348
- Allotment Rents £1,000
- Wedding Income £1,000
- Interest Received £1,000
- Digital Board £400

Expenditure Budget 25-26



- Admin £14,830
- Charity £1,000
- Christmas £16,250
- Community Projects £12,500
- Events £4,500
- Grass Cutting £4,000
- Misc £6,706
- Post Office Support £4,000
- Sections 137 £1,000
- Sessions House £41,665
- Staff £37,561
- Town Cleaning Costs £62,500
- Usk in Bloom £9,500

Reserves

The Town Council holds ring-fenced funds for specific future projects known as 'Earmarked Reserves' and General reserves, and these are reviewed regularly to ensure adequate provisions are in place. The Town Council General Reserves of £155,836 at the end of 2024-25.

It is good practice for a Town Council to hold and build general reserves of 12 months gross operating costs.

Grant Funding Donations

Usk Town Council is committed to supporting and strengthening the many networks and community groups that help to make a positive difference to the local area. The Town Council was able to support a number of local organisations and projects during 2024-25.

Financial Controls

Statutory responsibility for Town Council finances rests with the Council as a whole. Usk Town Council is committed to the effective management of the Town Council finances and recognise that it is vital to obtain good value for money and stewardship of public funds on behalf of local residents.

This is achieved through adopting a set of financial regulations and internal controls to govern the administration of Town Council finances and an annual internal and external audit.

The Town Council Finance Committee receives detailed financial information that is scrutinised and discussed at committee meetings and provided to Full Council for information.

Audit

At the end of every financial year the Council must prepare accounting statements which summarise the accounts and include an annual governance statement. This is done in the form of an annual return.

The Town Council's internal audit function is undertaken by JDH Business Services Ltd.

The Return forms are published and available to view online at: www.usktown.org

THE REPORT

Matters and Activities undertaken by Usk Town Council (UTC) during the year May 2024 – March 2025.

Park Toilets

The Usk Park Toilet remain a great asset to the children's park and all ongoing costs are met by Usk Town Council.

Allotments

There are currently sixty-two allotments situated in Factory Lane, Usk. Although the land is owned by MCC, Usk Town Council manages and covers the cost of running the site. The current fee is £25 per five perch per annum.

The Usk Post Office

UTC considers the Post Office an essential service and continues to work with MCC by offering support financially to ensure its opening. It is currently open Mondays and Thursdays 9.00am – 5.00pm and Saturdays 9.00am -12.30pm.

Street Cleaning

MCC is not obliged to provide a road sweeper. UTC considers keeping Usk clean and tidy an essential service. As a result, UTC pays MCC for this service. The Road sweeper is employed by MCC.

UTC has provided new and additional litter bins in the town and have funded two extra "dog poo" bins on the grounds of the Athletic Club.

Safer Roads

As you are all probably aware, Wales was of the first countries in the world and the first nation in the UK to introduce legislation to have a 20mph speed limit on roads where cars mix with pedestrians and cyclists.

The Senedd passed The Restricted Roads Order legislation in early 2022. This means that speed limits on most restricted road have been reduced from 30mph to 20mph from Autumn 2023. Ongoing studies show a positive reduction in pedestrian injuries and fatalities.

Former Usk Waste & Household Recycling Centre

The former recycling site is owned by MCC. The Co-operative will be leasing the site during the future refurbishment of their store until July 2025 when licence will pass to Usk Town Council for a further year. UTC are looking forward to putting the site to good use for the benefit of the town and will be planning its purpose in due course.

Digital Information Board

Usk Town Council own and run the Digital Notice Board that is located outside the Co-op. It provides information about places of interest, local businesses, accommodation, events, services, local news and current information. Businesses are charged to advertise to support the ongoing costs of this asset. Not-for-profit organisations and charity fundraising events may be advertised free of charge.

Events and Tourism

August Bank Holiday was celebrated with the closure of Bridge Street, a fantastic day was had by all with celebrations up and down the street enjoyed by residents, publicans and businesses.

On the back of that successful day Usk Town Council arranged a 'Christmas on Bridge Street' event supported by Usk Business Group. The event was a resounding success with town businesses benefitting from the increased trade. Many thanks to Diane Richards who organised and led the event and to all the councillors, businesses and stallholders that participated.

VE Day

A very special day was held at Sessions House on 8th May to honour 80 years since Victory in Europe Day. The Royal British Legion along with Diane Richards organised the event and thanks go to those involved.

The event would not have had such poignancy without the contributions from Mrs Prescilla Davies, CBE DL (Lord lieutenant of Gwent), Karin Spencer (Monmouthshire Armed Forces Liaison Officer) and the Usk Scouts. A special mention of thanks goes to the staff and yr6 pupils of Usk Church in Wales Primary for their songs, poetry and raising the flag, the Andrews family for the loan of their tractors and Henry Humphries and Alistair Scott for bringing their jeeps. Thank you also for the musical entertainment provided by Angela Morgan, The Buskeleles, Usk Brass Band and Usk Singing Club.

Many thanks to those that spent the day volunteering to make sandwiches and endless cups of tea to the very grateful community.

Dog Fouling Action Group

Since 2015 MCC has had a Working Group comprised of a number of members of Town and Community Councils (T&CC's) including officers from the Waste and Resources/Environmental Health sections.

The primary focus of the Group is to raise awareness of the anti-social nature of dog fouling and help develop a social conscience that dog owners should 'pick up' under the brand **Give Dog Fouling the Red Card.**

MCC has introduced a Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO) from 1st June 2024, to regulate dog control throughout Monmouthshire. Key rules include cleaning up after dogs,

carrying waste bags, keeping dogs on leads in certain areas and dogs are also banned from all playgrounds and sports pitches. For Llanbadoc & Usk this includes a dog exclusion area on the football pitch and playground on the Island Park. Failure to comply may result in a £100 fixed penalty notice or prosecution. Usk hosted a dog fouling awareness day on Friday 11th April where MCC officers were available to the community to answer questions. They also did a walk around the commonly reported sites for dog fouling in the town and demarcated faeces with chalk spray to raise awareness.

Full details and the county wide exclusion areas are available to view at www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/public-spaces-protection-order-2024-dog-control

Usk & Woodside Improvement Plan February 2025

report provided by Cllr Meirion Howells



Usk Town Council is continuing to make good progress in shaping the future of Usk and Woodside, working closely with Monmouthshire County Council and Llanbadoc Community Council. Meeting bi-monthly, we have developed a clear and ambitious vision for the area, with a seven-point action plan in place to drive positive change:

1. Enhancing Twyn Square – Creating a more welcoming and pedestrian-friendly space.
2. Revitalising Bridge Street – Improving the public realm to enhance its charm and accessibility.
3. Better Public Transport Links – Exploring additional routes to New Inn train station, the Grange Hospital, and Abergavenny.
4. Active Travel Improvements – Expanding and upgrading existing routes, including inclusive cycling proposals.
5. A Smarter Parking Strategy – Developing a town-wide approach to parking that works for everyone.

6. Traffic Data & Modelling – Using the latest insights to make informed decisions.
7. Green Corridor Projects – Transforming key locations like ARW Arboretum, Maryport Street North Car Park, Usk Hub, and Usk Island Park into greener, more attractive spaces.

To bring this vision to life, Roberts Limbrick Architects have been appointed to develop the initial designs for Twyn Square and Bridge Street, laying the groundwork for a future Welsh Government funding application for detailed design and construction.

Thanks to the Welsh Government's Transforming Towns fund, along with contributions from MCC and UTC, funding has been secured for the initial design work on Twyn Square and Bridge Street. Additional end-of-year funding has also allowed for ANPR traffic modelling, providing valuable data to inform the project.

The overarching goal for Twyn Square and Bridge Street is to create a safer, more attractive environment for all, prioritising pedestrians and vulnerable road users. These improvements will not only enhance the town's character but also encourage greater footfall, providing a boost to local businesses.

Roberts Limbrick expects to share the initial designs with the public for feedback once the traffic modelling is fully worked through. This is an exciting time for Usk, as we look to transform spaces that have remained largely unchanged since the 1970s. With collaboration, careful planning, and community input, we are moving towards a brighter, more vibrant future for all.

Usk in Bloom Annual Report 2024 provided by David Williams

2024 has been a year of extraordinary achievement and recognition for USK in Bloom. This year, we were honoured to receive not only the **Gold Award for Excellence in Community**

Engagement but also the prestigious title of **Best Large Village in Wales**. These accolades reflect our tireless commitment to transforming our village into a greener, more sustainable, and more vibrant community.

These milestones are a testament to the hard work of our volunteers, partners, and the entire community. Together, we've made tremendous progress in advancing environmental sustainability, fostering community spirit, and enhancing the quality of life for everyone in our village. We are proud of what we've accomplished and are more inspired than ever to continue our work in 2025.

Mission Statement

USK in Bloom is dedicated to cultivating vibrant communities through sustainable initiatives that empower individuals, enrich local spaces, and protect the environment for future generations.

Key Achievements in 2024

1. Winning the Gold Award for Community Engagement, Environmental and Horticultural displays

We were thrilled to receive the **Gold Award for Excellence in all the above categories** at the Wales in Bloom Awards event. This prestigious award recognizes our innovative efforts in transforming Usk and its surrounding areas into a thriving hub of green spaces and community-driven sustainability projects.

- **Award Criteria:** The award recognized USK in Bloom for its outstanding work in involving residents, businesses, and organizations in creating urban gardens, supporting biodiversity, and encouraging environmental responsibility.
- **Impact:** This recognition has helped us expand our network of supporters and collaborators, increasing awareness about the vital role of green spaces in improving urban life.

2. Best Large Village in Wales 2024

We were honoured to be named **Best Large Village in Wales** at the Wales in Bloom Awards. This prestigious title acknowledges the collective efforts of our volunteers, residents, local businesses, and organizations in creating a more beautiful, sustainable, and community-centred village.

- **Award Criteria:** The award recognized Usk for its outstanding public gardens, environmental initiatives, and community engagement, as well as our work in creating accessible green spaces that benefit everyone in the village.
- **Community Pride:** This award reflects the pride and passion that Usk residents have in their community. It validates the hard work of all involved in creating an environment that encourages social cohesion, outdoor activity, and environmental awareness.

3. Community Engagement and Impact

- **Volunteers:** Our volunteer base members participating in garden projects, clean-up initiatives, and educational programs throughout the year.
- **Youth Education Initiatives:** We held 2 hands-on workshops, reaching more than 100 people, teaching them about sustainability, gardening, and the importance of environmental stewardship.
- **Collaborative Projects:** Partnered with local youth groups Beavers and Cubs, where students actively participated in planting, learning, and caring for green spaces.

4. Environmental and Green Spaces

- **Greening Urban Spaces:** USK in Bloom maintained plots into thriving gardens, planting of trees, shrubs, and flowers, creating pockets of nature in the heart of our village.

5. Public Awareness and Advocacy

- **Advocacy Success:** We successfully expanded the urban gardens and green space development, ensuring continued investment in the village's green future.
- **Social Media Reach:** Our Facebook and other outlets reached 5,000 people on social media, raising awareness of the importance of local sustainability and inspiring more people to get involved.

Looking Ahead: Goals for 2025

1. Expanding Green Spaces

- **New Community Gardens:** We plan to establish and extend a underplanting of daffodil's to Usk, bringing more accessible spring colour to residents.
- **Tree Planting Goal:** Aim to plant 12 new trees in public spaces to enhance the natural beauty of Usk and contribute to better air quality and biodiversity.

2. Growing Community Engagement

- **Volunteer Program Expansion:** We aim to increase volunteer participation by, fostering even stronger community involvement in our project and workshops.
- **New Partnerships:** Work to deepen our partnerships with local businesses, schools, and environmental organizations to create a stronger network of support for green initiatives in Usk.

3. Increased Educational Outreach

- **Environmental Education Programs:** We will continue with educational workshops for people, targeting 100 students throughout the community.

Testimonials from the Community

- *"Winning Best Large Village in Wales reflects the hard work and passion of everyone in Usk. USK in Bloom has made a tangible difference in our village, and we're incredibly proud of our transformation."* Local Resident
- *"As a volunteer, I've seen firsthand how USK in Bloom has brought our village together. It's more than just planting flowers—it's about creating a shared sense of pride and responsibility."* Volunteer

Thank You to Our Supporters

We extend our deepest thanks to all our donors, volunteers, partners, and community members who have made 2024 such a successful year. Your unwavering support has been essential in helping USK in Bloom earn these prestigious awards and continue our work in building a brighter, greener future for Usk.

Together, we've achieved remarkable things, and we look forward to continuing this journey in 2025.

We hope you will consider our application for continued support from UTC and if you require further information, please contact me using the details below.

David Williams

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Social Media: Usk in Bloom - Facebook

Usk Action Litter Group

Thanks to Tim and Jane Southern, and volunteers who independently litter pick around the town on the first Saturday morning of the month. Their contribution to keeping Usk tidy is invaluable.

Usk Open Gardens

Usk Open Gardens weekend takes place on the last weekend of June every year. This is a very popular and unique opportunity to visit local, private gardens in Usk which are open to visitors. The gardens are in walking distance of the free car parks and there is a regular mini-bus service around the town. All proceeds go to raise money for local charities. Thanks to all involved.

Save The River Usk 2025 Update report from Angela Jones, STRU

For over a year, we have been working closely with the [University of South Wales](#) on microbial analyses of the effluent discharged in The River Usk from Dwr Cymru/Welsh Water sewage treatment works.

We've taken samples from upstream, downstream and at the discharge points for the Brecon, Llanfoist and Usk treatment plants and tested them for E. coli bacteria (a bug that commonly causes infections).

The results show that the River downstream from all three plants contains E. coli at levels that far exceed the maximum permitted for a safe bathing water designation (900 cfu). In one case, the bacterial count at the discharge point hit 173,666 cfu - that's nearly two hundred times the limit for safe bathing!

The River Usk is supposed to be highly protected; a designated [Special Area of Conservation](#). Yet "treated" sewage from Welsh Water is turning parts of it into a public health hazard. STRU believes [Natural Resources Wales](#) needs to enforce standards that properly safeguard the river.

We also believe the public should be protected too, and information about the level of

pollution entering the river from sewage treatment plants made public.

Special thanks go to Dr Cerith Jones and Talatu Usu at USW and Alistair Hill

Save The River Usk held a constructive meeting with a multi-party group of our local MPs and MSs

We shared STRU's extensive data and knowledge of the river, and we were joined by our ally Keri Davies (an organic farmer and head of the Beacons Water Group). After presenting our policy "asks" to them, we had an extremely constructive discussion.

The meeting ended with the politicians all signing up to a pledge to work together to clean up our beautiful Usk and we all left with a clearer understanding of the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Thanks are due to :

MS Jane Dodd Leader of Welsh Lib-Dems) , MP David Chadwick, MS Peter Fox, MS James Evans. MP Catherine Fookes & MP John Griffiths were unable to attend but sent videos of support and a representative.

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