

Trefriw Community Council Cemetery extension design

Background

In March 2025 building work to create the cemetery extension was completed. The next phase is to design the new space so it can be used in accordance with the community's wishes.

Community consultation

In May 2025, TCC consulted with the community about how to use the cemetery extension. They key themes from respondents were that it should incorporate:

- some burial space
- ashes plots (a mix of individual and communal)
- benches / seating and appropriate planting (perennial pollinators) to create a reflection space
- space for memorial plaques (could be on a pillar / wall)

TCC also secured a new bench for the space from Keep Wales Tidy (currently in the main cemetery pending re-siting).

Designing the space

Having consulted with adults in our community we are keen to engage Trefriw and other local children in designing the space. This will build on the work they previously did in planting the hedging around the new perimeter, help them feel connected to local community spaces, and build their skills and confidence in art, geography and environmental awareness.

Karen Lloyd-Owen, Headteacher Ysgol Dyffryn yr Enfys, has agreed that designing the space would be a good project for her Year 5 & 6 pupils in January/February 2026.

Selecting the winning design(s)

Ned Lomax, Head Gardener at Bodnant Garden, has agreed to help TCC select the winning design(s). Karen has agreed to host an exhibition of all the children's designs for Ned and TCC at the school on Monday 2nd March 2026 (afternoon). The chosen design(s) will be expected to incorporate all the features outlined above in a space which looks attractive, is easy to maintain, promotes biodiversity, and is accessible to as many visitors as possible.

Building the design

Once the final design of the extension has been agreed by TCC, we envisage going out to tender for local contractors in spring 2026 to bid for the work to create our vision, in line with the specified budget.

Next steps

Soft Octopus graphic design has quoted £50 to custom print 60 x A2 copies of the cemetery extension plans. This would be enough for each Year 5 & 6 child at the school to draw their designs directly onto the scale plan.

We are asking TCC to approve this cost so that the plans can be printed and delivered to the school before Christmas.

Cllrs J Kelly and I Bowen
Cemetery Working Group
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