**Privacy statement – Canals, Communities and Wellbeing Project**

**What is the Canals, Communities and Wellbeing project?**

It is a project funded by the Welsh Government, under the Enabling Natural Resources and Wellbeing grant; this is part of the Rural Development Programme. The project delivery area is a corridor of 5km on each side of the Montgomery and the Monmouthshire and Brecon canals.

The project runs until the end of April 2023 and is a collaboration across five organisations. Powys County Council is the lead partner, working with the Canal and River Trust, Bannau Brycheiniog National Park Authority, Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust and Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales.

The project’s aims are to increase opportunities for public access and recreation and rural active travel, together with interpretation, biodiversity and nature reserve enhancements. The intention is to help more people access wellbeing from these green and blue spaces, because life is better by water.

**What is personal information?**

Personal information can be anything that relates to a living person and that can be used to identify them. For example, this includes your name and contact details.

**How and why does the Canals, Communities and Wellbeing project use personal information?**

Personal data is collected by or provided to the project partners to assist us in being able to deliver the project aims. If you provide personal data for the project, it is being processed with your consent; that means that if you no longer wish to be involved, you can ask us to delete any personal data that we hold for you in relation to the project.

Your personal data may be shared between the five partner organisations, but only for the purpose of delivering the project. The activities for which we will use personal data are as follows:

* To engage with and involve volunteers in project activities e.g. practical work on public rights of way, towpaths and nature reserves
* To engage with the public to seek their input to inform project delivery activities e.g., delivery of guided walks, interpretation and public rights of way enhancements
* To seek feedback from the public, to evaluate the impacts of the project activities and inform subsequent project activities
* To inform and update members of the public about project activities e.g. guided walks
* To ensure that health and safety requirements are met, for example when delivering guided walks and supervising volunteer workdays
* To support publicity and promotion e.g. obtaining consent to use photographs of individuals in press or Social Media releases
* For formal monitoring and evaluation of the Project’s progress and outcomes.

When we are carrying out monitoring and evaluation of the project, we will anonymise information so that the person who it has come from cannot be identified.

The only exceptions to this would be with the express written consent of the individual, for example when:

* Carrying out video interviews with people to ask about the outcomes of the project for them, as part of our evaluation.
* Taking photographs of individuals e.g. for a press release.

Photographs or interviews of this nature will not be used without the written consent of the person taking part.

Information identifying individuals that is provided as part of the project will only be kept for the duration of the project, unless you have consented to be involved in ongoing activities such as volunteering. At that point, your personal data will be held only by the partner organisation with whom you have chosen to be involved e.g. as a volunteer.

It may be that project partners also hold personal data for you in relation to other areas of our organisation’s work that are not related to this project. For more information, please contact the partner organisation who will be able to explain what information they hold, what it is being used for and how long it is being kept.

**For more information about how personal information is stored and protected, how long it is kept and your rights:**

*More information can be found on our website at* [*https://customer.powys.gov.uk/privacy*](https://customer.powys.gov.uk/privacy) *or please contact the Council’s Data Protection Officer, County Hall, Llandrindod Wells, Tel 01597 826400 or email* *information.compliance@powys.gov.uk*