

The Sustainable Communities for Learning Programme is a long term strategic investment in education estate throughout Wales. Over £150 million is proposed to be invested in schools across the Vale of Glamorgan through delivery of Band B., with £123m spent to date.

Throughout the Band B programme contractors have been delivering a vast array of community benefits to pupils, workers and the local community.

STEM engagements

Pupils across the vale have been able to benefit from a variety of STEM engagements. Morgan Sindal have specially developed a carbon literacy programme that covers everything from climate change and sustainable development to sustainable construction and renewable energy. Pupils are tasked with designing and building their “Dream Green Home”.



Gibby Green Fingers

Project teams from Morgan Sindal’s Derw Newydd and Cowbridge Primary School sites spent a day volunteering at Gibby Green Fingers Community Garden in Barry. They helped clear overgrown areas of the garden, opening up valuable space for the local community.

Porthkerry Park

Contractors spent two days at Porthkerry Park clearing pathways and helping clear trees felled that are suffering from Ash dieback. They created habitat piles from the logs and branches. They also carried out a beach clean to prevent any litter from entering the sea.

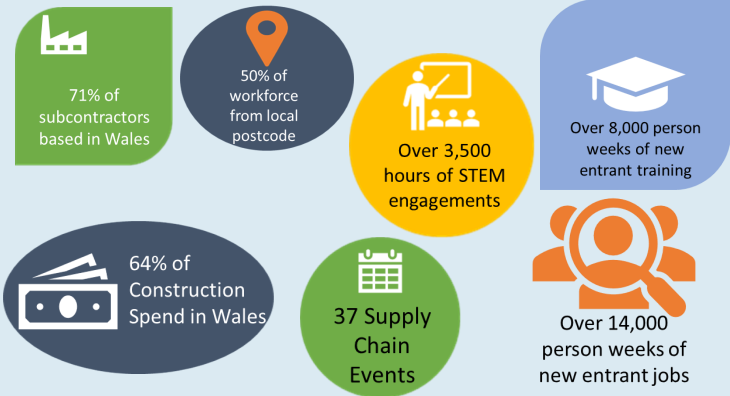


Job opportunities

Dave Thomas, who lives less than two miles away from the Derw Newydd site is an ex-armed forces personal and had been unemployed for nine months. Working closely with the Labour Desk, Morgan Sindall offered Dave a role as a gate person for the project. Dave settled in very quickly and demonstrated an excellent attitude to work. To support Dave with securing sustainable employment beyond the project he was provided flexible hours and encouraged to complete a construction course in college alongside work. He is now qualified and was successful in his interview to become the new caretaker at Derw Newydd and the other Ysgol Y Deri Sites.



Delivery on Band B Programme to date:



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Derw Newydd

Formerly known as the Centre for Learning and Well-Being located on the former Court Road Depot in Barry, this site has undergone a significant transformation, featuring a new building designed to accommodate 60 pupils aged 11-16. Morgan Sindall and Local supply chain developed this school which caters to the needs of students requiring a more specialised approach to teaching. This £8.135 million pound ALN school opened the doors to pupils in July 2023.

Externally, the facility boasts a Multi-Use Games Area (MUGA), a dedicated habitat area, and external workshops that facilitate teaching and learning in areas such as Design and Technology, Mechanics, and Construction.

These external features complement the impressive internal facilities, which include a food technology room, fitness centre, and a music recording studio, plus specialised rooms have been incorporated including a range of one-to-one rooms and breakout areas, collectively contributing to an enriching educational experience.



Cowbridge Primary School

This £7.3 million pound new development provides a capacity of 210 primary and 24 full time equivalent nursery places for the Cowbridge area, located on the existing Cowbridge Comprehensive School site, thus creating a through school for ages 3-19. The design of the school is innovative and respectful to the landscape within which it sits, providing both internal and external spaces for pupils to learn and grow. This new community school opened doors to pupils in June 2023.



St Nicholas CIW Primary School

This new school developed by ISG Ltd and local supply chain has been constructed on the existing St Nicholas school site. The existing building was demolished to make way for a much-needed car park and drop off area.

The school was operational in November 2023 with capacity for 126 primary pupils plus the



inclusion of a new nursery provision for 16 full time equivalent pupils. The £7.135 million project has provided the pupils with a fantastic building, where spaces have a designated use and pupils can access great outdoor playing areas. Phase 2 will be completed in April 2024 which will provide grass sporting pitches, an improved habitat area and informal play spaces, along with onsite parking, EV charging points and cycle stands.



Rolling Programme

The Vale of Glamorgan Cabinet will be reviewing the rolling programme on the 8 March 2024. This 9 year capital programme provides an overview for the first 3 years and 4-6 years. Years 7 to 9 will be reflected in the longer-term project pipeline.

New upcoming projects:

- Ysgol Y Deri Expansion, Penarth
- Ysgol Iolo Morganwg, Cowbridge
- St Richard Gwyn Catholic High School, Barry



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