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Hannah Jane Smith Memorial Playground achieves coveted Green Flag Community Award

Keep Wales Tidy has unveiled this year's Green Flag Award winners – the international mark of a quality park or green space.

A record-breaking 127 community managed green spaces in Wales have met the high standards needed to receive the prestigious Green Flag Community Award. This means that Wales now holds a third of the UK's community Green Flag sites.

The flag will be flying at Hannah Jane Smith Memorial playground in recognition of its excellent facilities and commitment to delivering great quality green space.

The Green Flag Award programme is delivered in Wales by environmental charity, Keep Wales Tidy, with support from Welsh Government. It is judged by green space experts, who volunteer

their time to visit applicant sites and assess them against eight strict criteria, including biodiversity, cleanliness, environmental management and community involvement.



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Lucy Prisk, Green Flag Coordinator at Keep Wales Tidy said:

"The Green Flag Community Award programme continues to go from strength to strength in Wales, thanks to the commitment and enthusiasm of volunteers across the country.

"We can't underestimate how important high-quality parks and green spaces are to our communities, our health and wellbeing, nature and economy. We want to encourage everyone to explore their local area and make the most of the award-winning sites on their doorstep."

A full list of award winners can be found on the Keep Wales Tidy website

www.keepwalestidy.cymru/greenflag

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3. Keep Wales Tidy is a registered environmental charity working to protect the Welsh environment now and for the future. Visit our website for more information:
www.keepwalestidy.cymru
4. The Green Flag Award gives recognition to parks that have demonstrated the high standards of the Green Flag Award. Emphasis is also placed on local community involvement in the ongoing and long-term care of the awarded park.



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5. A UK-wide partnership led by Keep Britain Tidy has been awarded the license to run the Green Flag Award scheme until September 2022. Keep Britain Tidy will manage the overall scheme under license from the Department for Communities and Local Government (CLG) and will continue to manage day-to-day operations in England, with delivery in the other nations being overseen by its sister charities Keep Wales Tidy, Keep Northern Ireland Beautiful and Keep Scotland Beautiful.
6. For more information about the Green Flag Award in Wales visit www.keepwalestidy.cymru/greenflag
7. To apply, visit the Keep Wales Tidy website www.keepwalestidy.cymru/greenflag or contact Lucy Prisk, Green Flag Coordinator on 029 20726964 / 07469 118876 or email lucy.prisk@keepwalestidy.cymru

