



Gorwelion



Gorwelion is our Home by the Sea and has been part of the County since 1947.

Over the past two years, the Gorwelion Committee, chaired by Jean Roderick, who passed the job to Sharon Derrick and which has in turn been past to myself, has worked tirelessly to improve Gorwelion and welcome the next generation of Guiding to love our home as much as they have.

Under the supervision of Caroline Harries, the County Commissioner for Central Glamorgan from 2015 to 2020, there has been some miraculous transformation to the site at Gorwelion.

Caroline requested that an Improvement Committee was put in place to work alongside the current Management Committee. The committee's task was to improve the current building and develop the community presence of the site in Porthcawl.

The tasks started with a series of working weekend to complete some of the maintenance tasks that need to be addressed as well as a re-vamp of the property inside and out.

We have been able to with the help of the County volunteers, external organisations volunteers and not forgetting the husbands, partners and families, to complete

Repainting of the house dormitories, common room and activity rooms



Recreating the warmth of the common room with soft furnishing and revamping the chairs with a modern twist



Using the wall trefoil brackets that have been in Gorwelion since 1953 to create a wall clock for the future generation



In September 2019, we were able to secure funding as part of the Ford Motor Company Bridgend Engine Plant submission for the Global Mont of Caring , which donated \$10,000 (£8926) to Girlguiding Central Glamorgan, We were nominated to take over the project funding as the project that had been created by Ford Bridgend to create a woodland walk on the property at Waterton Industrial estate was no longer viable due to the closure of the plant .

The project funding was secured during negotiations to move the proposed woodland walk to Gorwelion to allow the members of Girlguiding Central Glamorgan as well as other youth organisations to partake and enjoy the outside.

The Global Pandemic delayed the start of the project, but after the lockdown easing, the project commenced in May 2020.

Over six weeks and approximately 3600 hours of labour from the Fiord employee volunteers, they have created a Woodland walk , that starts in Fairy Land , with Gnomes, Pixies, Imp, Elf and Brynbachog , that leads you to Never Never Land with the wooden wigwams for story time and the pirate ship and Nana's kennel, through Alice in Wonderland to Narnia with our very own Aslan keeping watch. Moving down the Hill we come to the Tiki Hut for chilling and watching the sea and the world go by.

In addition to this wonderful Woodland Walk, we have a new equipment store that will house all the tents and outside equipment.

When the work was ongoing for the Woodland Walk , it was asked “ Where can the Rainbows sit ?”. We asked the Ford volunteers for a seating platform , we now have our very own Castle .

The castle was in addition to the project and this was decided to be dedicated to Judy Stuart . Judy Stuart passed away a number of years ago and in her will left a sum of money to be used for the improvement of Gorwelion.







The Committee has also been able to with the support of the County Funds to improve the security of Gorwelion .

New doors have been installed and the shutter have been replaced with security grills



A new car park was laid in August last year on the hottest two days of the year, but what an achievement . 600m2 of car park grids, 30 tonnes dust and 50 tonnes of chippings moved by the team—
Massive thanks to the team!!!



Thank you to Lucy David and her Guide Unit, previous members as well as current Guides.

Again, Thank you for your support!



Moving Gorwelion Forward into 2021

We have a number of jobs to finish to allow the flat and fields to open and some jobs that need to be finalised in the House.

We need general labour, painting skills, gardeners, wood work skills.

If you have time available, please let us know
Chair.gorwelion@gmail.com

Gorwelion Working Weekend

24th and 25th April from 9am til 5pm each day

Whether you can spare an hour or two, half a day , a whole day or even the whole weekend.

We will be removing the toilet block roof and finalising the flat for reopening, we will need cleaners and general labouring

Book in online

[https://
www.girlguidingcentralglamorgan.co.uk/
ourevents](https://www.girlguidingcentralglamorgan.co.uk/ourevents)



Gorwelion will reopen on **1st May 2021**

1. Flat booking—This is a self contained accommodation for 4 people max
 - Two single beds and a double sofa bed
1. Field booking
 - Unit meeting area

Gorwelion Flat

The flat can cater for 4 people -

Bedroom

One bedroom with two single beds (bedding is not provided - Mattress protector, sheets, duvets, sleeping bags, pillows will need to be brought with occupants)

Open plan lounge dining area and kitchen area

Sofa bed - Double bed size

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Dining table with 4 chairs

Kitchen - Full equipped with electric cooker and microwave / large fridge freezer

Bathroom

Toilet / Shower and wash hand basin

£60 / night

Bookable at

<https://www.girlguidingcentralglamorgan.co.uk/book-a-room/rooms/>

Field Bookings

Unit Meeting Area

Both fields can be booked separately for FACE TO FACE meetings

£10 / unit / night (Coupon Code GGCG)

Outside toilet facilities

When booking use no of persons to show of units
i.e 3 units book 3 people

Bookable at

<https://www.girlguidingcentralglamorgan.co.uk/book-a-room/rooms/>

Community Groups (External)

Both fields can be booked separately

£12 / hour

Outside toilet facilities

When booking use no of persons to show no of hours

i.e 3 hours book 3 people

Bookable at

<https://www.girlguidingcentralglamorgan.co.uk/>



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Gorwelion Committee are looking for
Divisional Representatives

The current committee is as follows

Anna Stevens—Chair of Gorwelion Management Committee

Sarah Lee—Gorwelion Treasurer

Pippa O 'Neill—Gorwelion Secretary

Anne Trimble—Camp Warden

Donna Jacka—Head of Property -County Role

Jen Denham—Friends Of Gorwelion

Julie Thomas—County Commissioner / her representative

Committee Members—Felicity Ladbroke / Jane Smart / Gill Edwards / Jean Roderick / Jannette Vorporten / Donna McCann / Cerys Parker

Divisional Representatives

Merthyr—Caryn Parker

Cynon—Vacant

Pontypridd—Vacant

Rhondda—Vacant

Llantwit Fardre—**Kim Holt**

Garth Maelwg—Vacant

Y Dderwen—Vacant

Porthcawl -Vacant

The Vale—Vacant