

K I T E Kadog IT Enterprise
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KITE is a group of local people who wish to encourage the use of computers in the community by offering one to one basic computer lessons in the local post office using the internet café equipment provided by Richard and Win Morgan. The group was formed in January 2006, they have a constitution and bank account, and have regular committee meetings.

KITE have been very successful in providing grant aided free lessons for members of the community to learn how to access the internet, set up an email account, type a letter and print it, and prepare presentation or spreadsheet on the computer. KITE has received nearly £29,000 of grant aid from various sources - Carmarthenshire Association of Voluntary Services Community Development Fund, Milltir Sgwar / Seedcorn Fund, Brecon Beacons National Park Sustainability Development Fund, and The Wales Council for Voluntary Action Social Risk Fund have all contributed. There are now over 50 participants.

Members of the community enjoy coming to the post office to learn on a one-to-one basis, for half an hour or an hour, to suit their timetable. The lessons help people to gain confidence, self-motivation and new communication skills. No-one is left out. We have many over 65's, who have never had the opportunity to use computers, taking lessons with our tutor in the post office. Peter Berry is present for one afternoon and one morning each week to encourage and help people send their photos, news, comments and event advertising to the village website. A local photographer occasionally takes fresh photos in the area, to keep the website live, and a welsh translator translates some of the website information. A new initiative is about to begin which will help people take digital photos, transfer them to a computer, manipulate them with computer software, and print them out.

In July this year the village web site received 3341 visits from web users, whereas last year there were only 900 visits. There are on average 100 visits a day to our website, because we keep it up-to-date with events, news, photos etc. Members of the community are getting used to clicking on to the website if they want to find a local plumber or carpenter, or they want to know what to do on Saturday night!

This grant funding is helping to enliven the village, and to give people new skills and interests. The website provides information for those who have moved away, and for those who are housebound.

There is a new air of community cohesion in Llangadog these days. The local Film Club set up two years ago, now has nearly 100 members and is extending its programme season with a second mid-week film show, as well as the regular Saturday show with supper. A new initiative "Supper in the Square" has started up which encourages people in our community to get together each third Thursday in the month for supper and a chat in the Goose and Cuckoo. The church fundraising events and repair project use the website, the Community Council Minutes are there, and the Councillors details. There are photos of Llangadog in years gone by, and messages from people who have moved away from the village – take a look and see: www.llangadog.com