

# Vale Homes

## Building Strong Communities with a Bright Future



In 2016 as part of our Community Investment Strategy we said we would help residents of the Vale increase their employment prospects to help them get jobs or move closer towards the labour market. Improve health and wellbeing, strengthen communities and promote financial and digital inclusion within communities.

### Since then as part of our Employment and Skills Development support WE HAVE:



Launched 2018 the "Opportunity Knocks" employment and skills programme in partnership with Newydd Housing, Vale Homes and Inspire 2 Work



Supported **140** residents through our Vale Employability Road Shows



Supported **60** residents with CVs and Interview skills preparation through our pre employment training programme



Supported **30** residents via our residential employability boot camp



Created **7x6** weeks work placements within with Council Departments



Secured **369** weeks' worth of training through targeted recruitment and training clauses via our housing development programme



Helped **110** residents gain employment



Helped **961** residents gain accredited vocational qualifications



Helped **7** residents gain apprenticeships



Helped **7** people become self employed



# As part of improving health and wellbeing, WE HAVE



# As part of Strengthening Communities WE HAVE



In partnership with Safer Vale and the Police Community Safety Officers  
**LAUNCHED THE GARDEN PROJECT**  
in Llantwit Major to enhance gardens and community connections

Targeted **10** Council Properties

Recruited **11** volunteers to support the project



**SUPPORTED AND DELIVERED THE KICKS PROJECT** in partnership with Newydd Housing, Cardiff City Football Foundation, Safer Vale and the Police Community Safety Officers to tackle ASB, offering young people diversionary opportunities

**3,521** young people supported

**123** sessions offered



Conducted **453** housing support **NEEDS ASSESSMENTS**

Provided **427** residents housing related support



Launched the Gibby **GREEN FINGERS ALLOTMENT PROJECT**

**276** volunteers participated



Provided Pre-Tenancy support by offering "**TENANCY READY**" project to new tenants signing up to properties via Newydd Housing & Partners.

**534** tenants supported



**£30K WAS DRAWN DOWN** as part of the Council house building programme using community benefit clauses

**10** projects will be supported as a result



In partnership with Keep Wales Tidy conducted **COMMUNITY LITTER PICKS**

Supported by **163** local residents



Supported cleaner local communities by **OFFERING SKIP AMNESTIES**

**32** local residents were involved



# As part of promoting **Digital and Financial Inclusion WE HAVE**



Secured **£30k** of Welsh Government EDRF funding to install **computer suites** within all the Vale Council **Sheltered Housing Schemes**.



Offered **360** Digital Inclusion trainings sessions to older residents in the Sheltered Schemes



Offered **270** Digital Inclusion training sessions at the Aberaeron Hub to residents of the Vale.



Held **3,870** Financial Inclusion & Money Advice appointments



Helped tenants claim **£1,141,492** in Welfare Benefits



Vale Homes, Increasing employability, improving health and wellbeing – strengthening communities and promoting digital and financial inclusion.

