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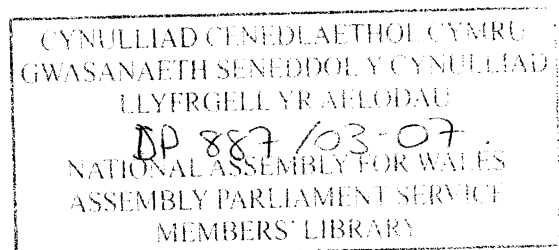
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**HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT GRANTS TO THE SOUTH WALES VALLEYS -
FOLLOW-UP TO ASSEMBLY QUESTIONS ON 29 MARCH 2006**

On 29 March in Plenary you undertook to provide Huw Lewis AM and Leighton Andrews AM with details of Cadw grants in the south Wales valley areas since 1999. You also said that you would include historic environment grants from elsewhere in the Assembly Government and from other public sources, such as the Heritage Lottery Fund.

2. A self-explanatory draft is attached, which details total grants from Cadw, CyMAL and the HLF in the Valleys since 1999, together with examples of the types of schemes funded. Copied to Beverley Reynolds to note follow up of outstanding matters from Plenary.

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At the oral questions session on 29 March I undertook to provide you – and Leighton Andrews – with further information on historic environment grants in Valley areas.

You asked specifically about grants from Cadw but it is important to appreciate that the historic environment embraces a wide range of assets beyond the remit of Cadw and including historic buildings, ancient monuments, historic parks, gardens and landscapes and museum and archive services.

I attach a list of the grants that have been allocated by Cadw, CyMAL and the Heritage Lottery Fund for the south Wales valleys counties of Blaenau Gwent, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Merthyr Tydfil, Neath Port Talbot, Rhondda Cynon Taff and Torfaen. Examples of the types of projects supported are also attached. In addition, there has been grant under the Assembly Government's Physical Regeneration Scheme, which has now ended.

There are a number of Cadw grant schemes

- for repairs to buildings of outstanding architectural or historic interest. The 'outstanding' criterion is an extremely high standard limited to a small proportion of listed buildings and the Assembly Government is advised on this by an advisory panel of experts, the Historic Buildings Advisory Council.
- for works which will improve the appearance of a conservation area – this can include individual buildings in a conservation area or whole areas as in the Townscape Heritage Initiative (partners including the HLF, Cadw, the local authority, the Welsh Development Agency and others) or Townscheme Partnerships between local authorities and Cadw.
- For local voluntary projects which will promote awareness and understanding of the historic environment
- For the maintenance, repair and consolidation of scheduled monuments.

Generally, the schemes we run are demand-led and we are reliant on applicants to come forward with projects and structures that will meet the grant criteria. Nevertheless, we try to encourage as many grant applications as possible from valley areas and have made a number of awards for projects which reflect the tremendously important industrial heritage of this area, for instance, the Cyfartha iron works at Merthyr and the study of the industrial landscape at Blaenavon. The Townscape Heritage Initiatives and Townscheme Partnerships at Maesteg, Rhymney, Neath and Tondu are proving particularly useful in not only retaining historic character and improving the appearance of important but run down historic areas but also in regenerating those areas and bringing job opportunities. I understand that at your meeting in Merthyr last year with the local authority, Cadw and other bodies, the possibility of a townscheme was raised. This would need the authority to designate a conservation area, which it seemed reluctant to do. Restoration of important buildings in the town, such as the YMCA building was also discussed; substantial funding would be required but support in principle was expressed, particularly if a trust could be established which could access funding from the HLF. We will be discussing these and other issues further when we meet next month.

cc Leighton Andrews AM

CADW GRANTS – SOUTH WALES VALLEY AREAS

Cadw grants made in South Wales Valley areas, by county (Blaenau Gwent; Bridgend; Caerphilly; Merthyr; Neath Port Talbot; Rhondda Cynon Taff; Torfaen)

Year	Historic Buildings Grant	Town Scheme Partnerships/ Townscape Heritage Initiatives	Ancient Monuments Grant
1999/2000	£193,456	Nil	£61,187
2000/2001	£371,461	£7,713	£261,207
2001/2002	£285,113	£32,688	£101,679
2002/2003	£298,086	£3,870	£154,656
2003/2004	£473,600	£8,668	£34,231
2004/2005	£145,352	£74,732	£43,588
2005/2006 (latest available figures)	£86,000	£38,792	£31,598

EXAMPLES OF CADW GRANTS TO THE SOUTH WALES VALLEYS

- Grants for outstanding buildings and to enhance conservation areas

South West Roundhouse, Roundhouse Farm, Nantyglo, Blaenau Gwent
Grant of £6,000 offered in respect of consolidation works.

Christ Church, Church Street, Ebbw Vale, Blaenau Gwent
Grant of £145,000 for repairs to the tower & spire, as well as glazing, masonry and repointing work elsewhere in the church.

Hengoed Viaduct, Maescymmer, Hengoed, Caerphilly
Grant of £75,000 for essential masonry repairs to the fabric of the structure which is now used as part for a long distance pedestrian and cycle route – the Celtic trail – which forms part of the national Cycle Network.

Groeswen Chapel, Groeswen, Caerphilly
£40,000 to undertake roofing, leadwork and re-rendering repairs to the Grade II listed chapel, which was the first Calvinistic Methodist Chapel in Wales.

No 16 Garden Suburbs, Pontywaun, Crosskeys, Caerphilly

£5,000 has been offered to repair the roof, entrance canopy, the front retaining wall and front gate of No 16 Garden Suburbs, Pontywaun.

St Catwg's Church, Gelligaer, Caerphilly

Grant of £90,000 towards a comprehensive programme of works including reroofing, repointing and structural stitching.

Cefn Coed Viaduct, Cefn Coed, Merthyr Tydfil

Grant of £24,000 to Merthyr Tydfil CBC towards the restoration of the historic fabric of the viaduct as part of a larger scheme of repairs being undertaken by the Council.

Zoar-Ynysgau Congregational Chapel, Pontmorlais. Merthyr Tydfil

Grant of £138,000 towards a comprehensive programme of repair and restoration of the church.

St Margaret's Spriritualist Church, Lower Thomas Street, Merthyr Tydfil

Grant of £6,000 offered for the repair of the vestibule roof and associated leadwork repairs.

Victoria Gardens (Railings and Timber Bus/Garden Shelters), Neath, Neath Port Talbot

Grant of £15,000 for the re-instatement of the original railings on low walls and the refurbishment of the original wooden bus/park shelters.

St Michael's Church, Cwmafon, Neath, Neath Port Talbot

£20,000 to restore the historic interior of the church.

Llewellyn Almshouses, Neath, Neath Port Talbot

Grant of £8,000 to repair the rainwater goods to this 1897 building originally used as a home for single and widowed ladies of the church.

Church of St Margaret, Duffryn Road, Caegarw, Mountain Ash, Rhondda Cynon Taff

£30,000 is offered to reslate the church roof and repair the roof timbers, stonework and rainwater goods.

St Catherine's Church, Gelliwasted Grove, Pontypridd, Rhondda Cynon Taff

Grant of £64,378 for repairs to the tower and spire and restoration of brickwork to the chancel and grant of £84,400 for works to restore the internal brick walls of the church.

Bethlehem Chapel, High Street, Treorchy, Rhondda Cynon Taff

Grant of £17,500 offered for the replacement of window frames to exact replicas of the originals.

St Elvan's Church, Aberdare, Rhondda Cynon Taff

Grant of £39,500 towards the complete reslating of the aisles and north porch; replacement of the south valley gutter work; window repairs; and other external works to reduce water penetration.

Big Pit Mining Museum, Blaenavon, Torfaen

Grant of £56,000 for the repair and restoration of the fanhouse, pithead building and sawmill.

Pontypool Museum, Park Buildings, Pontypool, Torfaen

£85,250 has been offered towards a scheme of external repairs to the former stable block to Pontypool Park.

Blaenavon Evangelical Church, Broad Street, Blaenavon, Torfaen

£8,000 to repair the railings and retaining wall at the front of this 19th century town centre chapel in Blaenavon.

Former St Peter's School, Church Road, Blaenavon, Torfaen Grant of £82,500 offered for substantial external restoration works.

- **Townscape Heritage Initiatives/Townscheme Partnerships**

Rhymney THI

Over 2004 and 2005-06, Cadw has committed just under £100,000 to the Rhymney THI project which is well underway.

The common-fund for Rhymney THI is £1million, £500,000 of which is from the HLF. Other partners make up the remainder of the fund and these include Cadw, the Welsh Development Agency, the Coalfields Regeneration Trust and Rhymney Community Council.

Maesteg THI

Cadw has committed £60,000 to phase 1 of the Townscape Heritage Initiative at Maesteg and a further £60,000 is committed under phase 2. The HLF has committed £1,160,000 to the project.

Bridgend THI

Cadw has committed funding of £60,000 over a three-year period for a phase one THI for Bridgend Town Centre. the HLF has committed £935,000 to the project.

Neath Town Scheme Partnership (TSP)

£60,000 has been committed by Cadw over three years and this sum will be matched by the local authority.

Tondu (Park Terrace) TSP

Cadw has committed £60,000 over three years for conservation repairs to the historic Park Terrace at Tondu.

Butetown, Caerphilly

Cadw has offered grant of £15,400 to Caerphilly County Borough Council for the preparation of a conservation plan and delivery strategy with a view to a possible application for a TSP at Butetown.

- **Grants for local voluntary groups**

Re-enactment of the Siege of Coity Castle

Cadw's Civic Initiatives (Heritage) Grant scheme has provided around £8,000 over the last few years towards the re-enactment of the Siege of Coity Castle by Owain Glyndwr just over 600 years ago and the First Minister opened the event in 2004.

From Pit to Port

Cadw's Civic Initiatives (Heritage) Grant Scheme provided its maximum grant of £2,000 towards a statue in tribute to those in the South Wales Coal Mining Industry.

Twenty 20 Memories

Cadw has offered grant of £1,250 as a contribution towards the publication of a book about the people and the buildings of the Cwarter Bach community in the Neath Valley.

Hut 9 – Prisoner of War Camp, Bridgend

Cadw provided the Island Farm Heritage Association with a grant of £2,000 in 2004-05 towards an exhibition to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the escape from Hut 9.

- **Grants for scheduled ancient monuments**

Blaenavon Industrial Landscape

Grant of some £18,000 to Torfaen County Borough Council towards the cost of a study of the Blaenavon Industrial Landscape, to enable a strategy to be designed for the enhancement of public access and the conservation of ancient monuments.

Cyfartha Ironworks, Merthyr Tydfil

Grant of £139,369 has been given for the conservation of Cyfartha Ironworks.

Penydarren Tram Road, Merthyr Tydfil

Grant of £44,538 has been given to Groundwork Merthyr & Rhondda Cynon Taff for its work on the scheduled Penydarren Tram Road which forms part of the Trevithick's Trail cycle route.

Hetty Pit, Pontypridd

A series of grants totalling £40,600 to Pontypridd Historical Society for their voluntary work in restoring the engine house building and its winding engine.

Glyn Pits, Torfaen

Grants totalling £66,757 for works to consolidate and roof deteriorating structures on this important site.

Gurnos Quarry Tramroad and Leat, Merthyr Tydfil

Grant of £50,670 for the conservation of the structure which was in a vulnerable condition.

Tondu Ironworks, Bridgend

Grant of £112,847 to the Groundwork Trust for a scheme to conserve this extensive site and bring suitable buildings back into use.

Neath Abbey Ironworks Dam, Neath Port Talbot

Grant of £45,153 for the conservation and reconstruction of the historic structure which had become structurally unstable.

Neath Abbey Ironworks, Neath Port Talbot

Grant of £10,175 for remedial work following the collapse of a retaining wall which revealed impressive masonry remains buried in the fill.

Bridgend Old Bridge, Bridgend

Grant of £40,626 for the repair of the paving of the historic bridge and improvements to drainage

HERITAGE LOTTERY FUND GRANTS – SOUTH WALES VALLEY AREAS

In addition to HLF for THI schemes, over £17.5 million in HLF grants has been made in the South Wales Valley areas (Bridgend; Caerphilly; Merthyr; Neath Port Talbot; Rhondda Cynon Taff; Torfaen), as follows:

Year	Grant
1999/2000	£1,727,600
2000/2001	£1,094,459
2001/2002	£7,009,500
2002/2003	£1,803,633
2003/2004	£1,766,600
2004/2005	£596,700
2005/2006	£3,602,175
Total	£17,600,667

Examples of HLF grant include:**Bedwellty Park Bandstand, Tredegar, Blaenau Gwent**

Grant of £85,200 to Tredegar Town Council for the repair and restoration of the bandstand.

Former Hen dy Cwrdd Chapel, Hengoed, Caerphilly

Grant of £51,100 to the Chapel for repair work.

Celynen Collieries Workingmen's Institute and Memorial Hall, Newbridge, Caerphilly

Grant of £50,000 to the Memo trustees for stage 1 of the restoration project at the Institute and Memo.

Church of St John the Baptist, Troedyrhiw, Merthyr Tydfil

Grant of £85,000 for repairs to the church.

Trevithick 2004

Grant of £49,600 to Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council for events to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Richard Trevithick's Penydarren locomotive.

Margam Castle and Country Park, Neath Port Talbot

Grants totalling £751,000 to Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council for the redevelopment of the castle and park at Margam.

Abercwmboi Workmen's Hall and Institute, Rhondda Cynon Taff

Grant of £14,400 for the conservation and necessary adaptations to the workmen's hall at Abercwmboi.

Big Pit: National Mining Museum of Wales, Blaenavon, Torfaen

Grant of £5,278,000 to the Big Pit (Blaenavon) Trust for projects at the National Mining Museum of Wales.

CyMAL GRANTS TO SOUTH WALES VALLEY AREAS

Since its establishment in April 2004, CyMAL has paid grants of over £600,000 to local museums, archives and libraries in the South Wales Valley areas. Schemes grant aided include:

Caerphilly County Borough Council

£19,700 for the development of a shared history web-portal.

Cyfarthfa Castle Museum, Merthyr Tydfil

Some £10,800 for a variety of schemes to improve displays, facilities and information for visitors.

Cynon Valley Museum & Gallery

£2,250 grant for a partnership project to create an exhibition and website encouraging communities to use historic collections.

Rhondda Cynon Taff Museums (Cynon Valley, Rhondda Heritage Park, Nantgarw China)

£11,957 for a comprehensive environmental monitoring, security and emergency planning initiative.

Rhondda Cynon Taff County Library Services

£39,813 grant for a digitised Rhondda Heritage Trail, and improved ICT training for disabled users.

Pontypool Museum, Torfaen

£23,802 for the refurbishment of the museum display.