

VAP UK-04
Brithdir Mawr Community, Welsh No Fly Camp
21 July to 30 July 2023
Number of volunteers: 14
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BACKGROUND:

Brithdir Mawr is an intentional community and home to around 14 adults and 4 children. We work together to grow food, manage the land for wood and livestock, run educational courses, live off grid and we endeavour to live a low impact lifestyle.

We function as a non hierarchical group, using consensus decision making, personal responsibility and trust to organise and run the site. We run regular volunteer weeks, courses, workshops, tours and social events to engage with the wider community, network and share skills and knowledge and we campaign for social change.

WORK:

The peace workcamp here at Brithdir Mawr Community will include various activities such as gardening, maintenance, wood processing, and making a clay pizza oven. We also hope you will be able to explore the local area and experience some Welsh culture.

We hope the camp will be fun, educational and inspiring and we look forward to welcoming you here.

ACCOMMODATION and FOOD:

The accommodation will be camping in our camping field - please bring your own tents. There are compost toilets (or 'loos' as we call them in the UK!), solar showers, cold running water and sinks in the camping field. There are more compost toilets down by the farmhouse and hot showers available there also. Cooking will either be in the main house communal kitchen or in the outdoor kitchen. All our heating and cooking is wood fired with wood from the land. We are off grid for electricity (wind, solar and hydro) so sometimes supply is limited if the batteries are low and use of high energy appliances such as electric kettles is restricted. However there is usually enough for normal, mindful use such as lighting, phone charging, laptop use etc.

LOCATION:

We are situated in a very rural area with limited public transport however Trefdraeth town is about half an hours walk away with various pubs and cafes, a few shops, a post office, and a lovely beach.

Trefdraeth is situated in an exceptionally beautiful part of Wales, with pretty beaches, forests and a small mountain range. Newport has a lovely beach, river and a famous coastal path with views of the sea over the cliffs. There is also a little mountain that you can walk to from the Brithdir Mawr Community!

TRAVEL:

Due to our no fly policy we are unable to accept volunteers who fly to the UK just to volunteer with us as the benefits of the volunteering work are negated by the environmental impact of the flight. We ask therefore that volunteers only book on the camp if they are able to travel here by land and sea. Thank you.

The nearest train station to us is Fishguard & Goodwick and is serviced by Arriva Trains Wales. However, there are more trains to Haverfordwest, where you can then catch the T5 bus to Newport.

This is the link for Haverfordwest trains - <https://tfw.wales/places/stations/haverfordwest>
T5 bus link - <https://traws.cymru/en/services/RBRO/T5> to get you into Newport Pembrokeshire.

We will be able to pick volunteers up from Newport. Volunteers should let us know when they will be arriving and then we can come down to town for when their bus arrives.

NB: Please check your travel requirements to the UK before applying.