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## SUMMERTIME AND THE GARDENS ARE BUZZING!



The Antiques Roadshow came to Tredegar House on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June and we were overjoyed with the response as we welcomed over 5,000 visitors into the gardens! The weather was glorious and everyone was in good spirits...the atmosphere was relaxed and excited as the cameras rolled and the garden was peppered with famous names including Henry and John Sandon, Eric Knowles, Judith Miller, Paul Atterbury, Geoffrey Munn and Fiona Bruce. The BBC team were thrilled with the turn out and were very impressed with the friendliness and professionalism of the Tredegar House team of staff and volunteers. We understand that the BBC intend to make two programmes out of the footage recorded on Sunday and, although we don't yet have a screening date, they have suggested that one programme may be shown before Christmas and the other one after Christmas. We will have to keep our eyes peeled!

Our Community Allotment project continues to go from strength to strength. It is run in partnership with Duffryn Community Link, the local Communities First agency, and Growing Space, the mental health charity that manages our Orchard Garden. Latest news is that the allotment volunteers have formed a constituted group and opened a credit union account so they can start fundraising for the project. The main aim of the group will be to work with local partners to bring about a community garden for the benefit of the whole community and to promote and encourage a community spirit through accessing the community allotment and learning how to grow food. Several of the allotment volunteers now have food hygiene certificates and are also working towards NVQs in horticulture. The project is now well known and celebrated across the National Trust.

Our long term planning work continues apace. One element of this work is around developing our understanding of the house and surrounding landscape and bringing this together into a Conservation Management Plan. The other element is looking at the future of the site and how we can make it financially sustainable to ensure it remains here for future generations. In the winter we will start drafting a 10 year development plan. All very exciting...watch this space! In the meantime, Team Tredegar wishes you a wonderful summer. Do come and see us soon.