



# Gorffennol Digidol Digital Past - 2020

## SHARING LOCAL HISTORY DIGITALLY

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There are many unique and historically important collections held by individual heritage and history societies across Wales. This pilot project was created to ensure that these valuable and unique resources are shared with the general public.



A small group incorporating 5 history societies was established to develop a concept of enabling their resources to be displayed on a wide platform. It advances personal belonging, social inclusion and individual well-being through heritage by growing the knowledge base and identity of communities for those living within, while enabling greater access to local inspirational and educational learning resources.

The two Digital Archivists are working on recording all information available to a professional standard having due care and training. Using the Dublin Core system, this is compatible with many Welsh Archives and it further represents the sophisticated level at which the project has been created and developed. The main objective therefore was to create access across the world to the history of the Five Communities Group within Pembrokeshire using current technology to digitally catalogue and record their collections. This included the creation of a website and social media pages to ensure that everyone can access this information clearly, accurately and at any time. The ultimate aim therefore is that this information is available to as many people as possible – students, historians, researchers, genealogists. The work will be also available on the People’s Collection Wales site.

Using a variety of digital technology and networking closely with a wide variety of people to highlight the issue that this is our history and can be shared with confidence and interest. It further enables the potential for accessing additional grant-based funding for development within other communities by demonstrating the professional level at which they can successfully manage their documented culture and heritage whilst sharing it globally through technology.

## **Biography**

The contributors are professionals currently engaged in an innovative pilot project in Pembrokeshire, all with a passion for history.

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The three authors are all professionals – one archivist and two educationalists – all committed to producing the best result for the five communities. This is the first time that this approach has been adopted in Wales or elsewhere and the authors are keen to ensure that the system is as clear and encompassed as possible.