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HERE
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**COMMON
WEALTH**



**"A BEAUTIFUL INSIGHT INTO
PEOPLE PROUD** OF THEIR
BELONGING TO A PLACE AND
ENVIRONMENT THAT MEANS
SO MUCH MORE TO THEM...
**STATISTICS DON'T TELL
THE WHOLE STORY...**
DO THEY?!"

—
JUDE, TROWBRIDGE

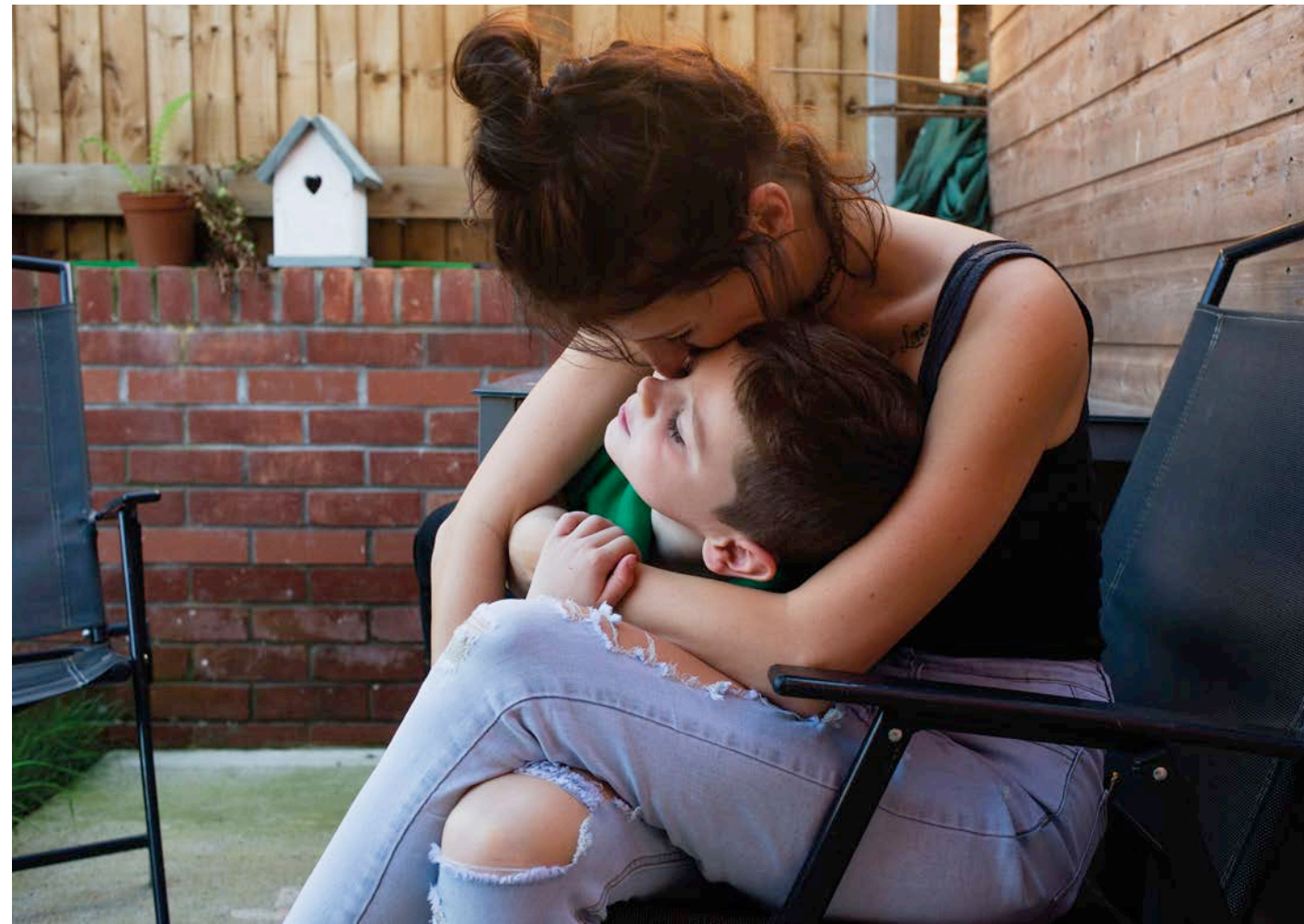
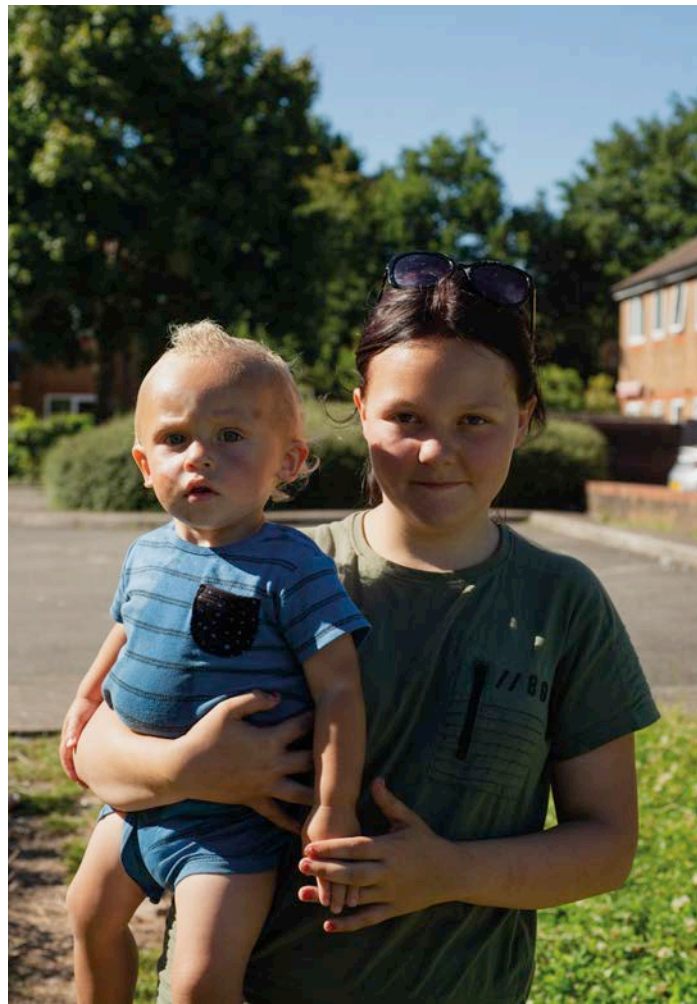




“PARENTING IS CHALLENGING ENOUGH WITHOUT THE ADDED WEIGHT OF STEREOTYPING AND STIGMA ASSOCIATED WITH BEING FROM ST MELLONS. **I DIDN'T PLAN ON BEING A SINGLE MOTHER BUT BEING ONE HAS BEEN ONE OF MY GREATEST ACHIEVEMENTS.** WE NEED TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES NOT OBSTACLES.”

—
BEV, ST MELLONS





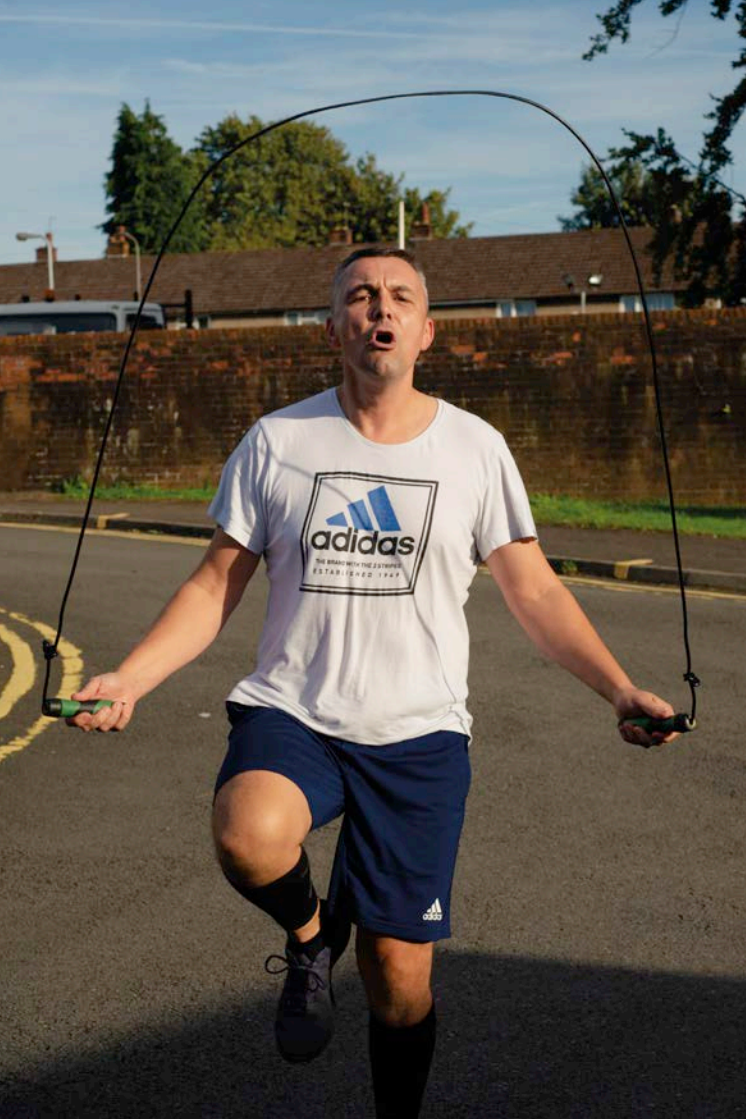


"WE WERE MAKING A BODY
OF WORK THAT SPOKE OF
THE NOSTALGIA OF SUMMER."

—
JON, PHOTOGRAPHER







"WHAT WAS
IMPORTANT FOR ME WAS
THAT SENSE OF BELONGING."

NICOLA, LLANRUMNEY







"I'M VERY PROUD TO BE FROM ST MELLONS. **I ABSOLUTELY LOVE THIS COMMUNITY. ALWAYS PULLS TOGETHER, ALWAYS HERE FOR EACH OTHER.** I'VE MADE A VARIETY OF LIFETIME FRIENDS. **THERE ARE SOME BEAUTIFUL FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY.**"

—
ADDIE, ST MELLONS



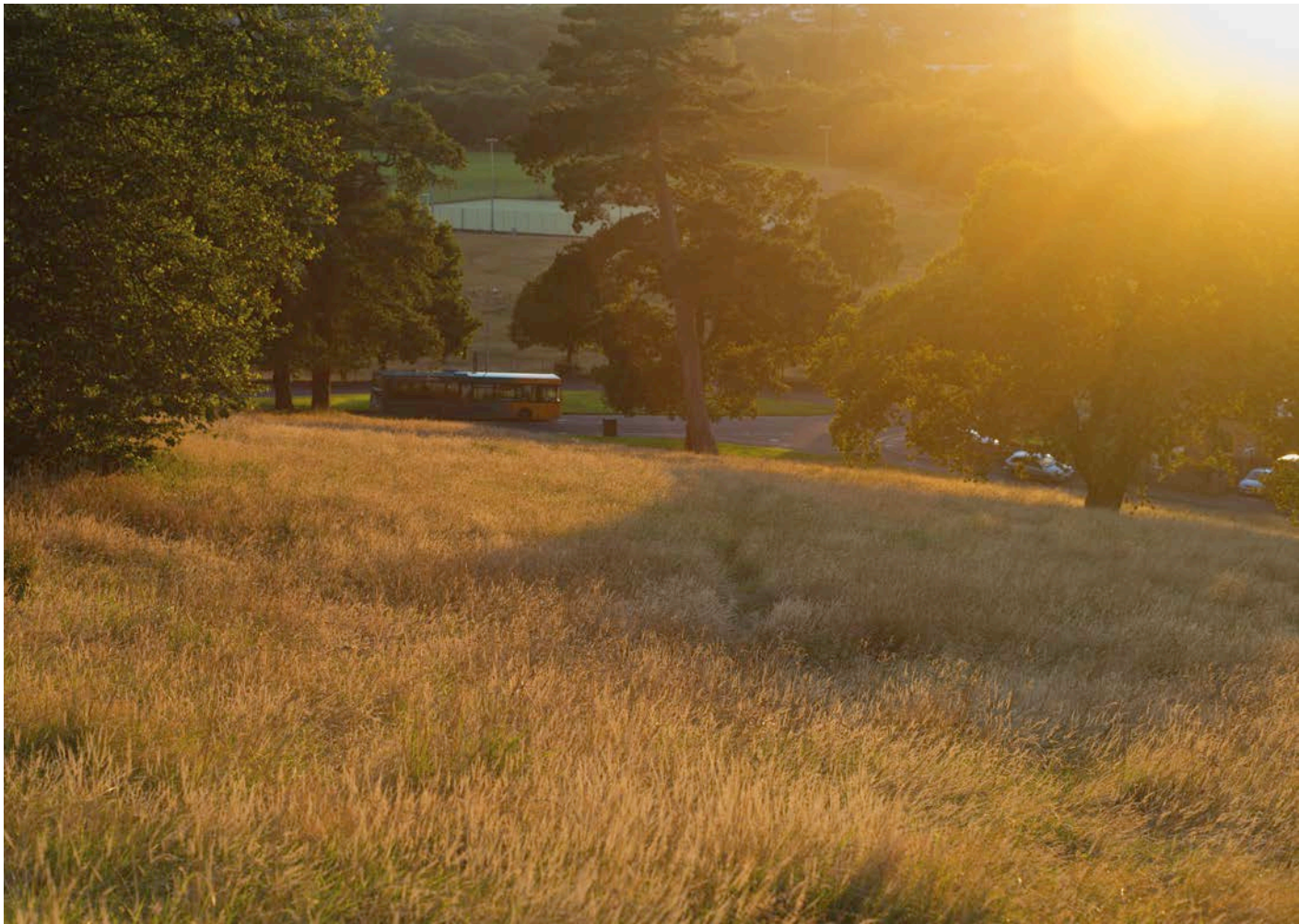


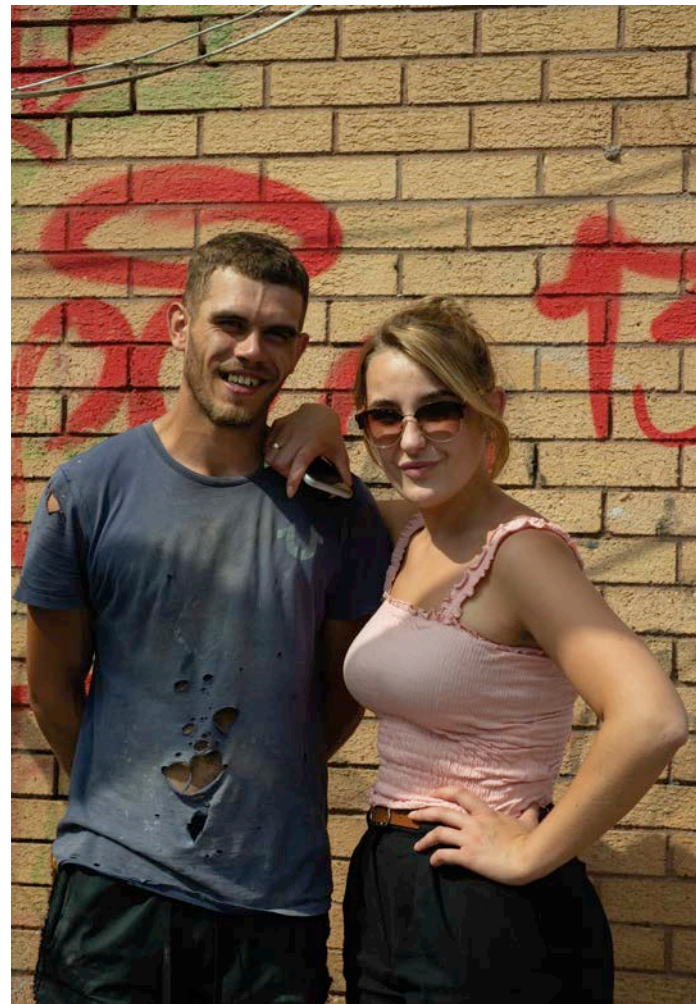


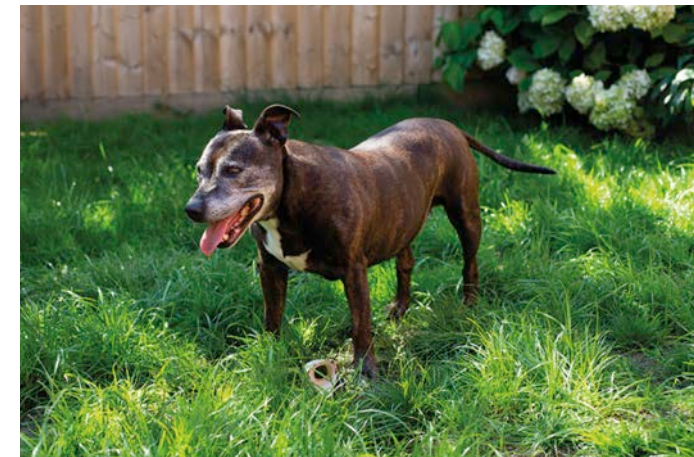
"OUT OF THE PEOPLE YOU TOOK
PHOTOS OF, YOU CHOSE
ME FOR THE EXHIBITION.
**I FELT LIKE THE CHOSEN ONE
FROM HARRY POTTER!"**

OCEAN, ST MELLONS









"ST MELLONS ITSELF, IT'S A NICE PLACE, IT'S A NICE AREA... IT WAS GIVEN A BAD REPUTATION BY THE PRESS AND JOHN REDWOOD AND IT'S STUCK WITH US EVER SINCE."

REG, ST MELLONS









"THE KIDS GET THE STIGMA
OF BEING UP TO NO GOOD.
IT'S JUST THEY HAVE
NOTHING TO DO. WITH **PEOPLE
TRYING TO FIND THEIR OWN
IDENTITIES AND THEIR VOICES,**
THEY JUST WANT TO BE HEARD."

SELVIN, ST MELLONS









"JUST SEEING YOURSELF,
YOUR BIG PICTURE UP ON THE
WALL YOU KNOW, **IT'S GOING
TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD,**
YOU KNOW YOUR FRIENDS ARE
GOING TO COME ALONG AND
HAVE A LOOK AT IT, YOU'RE
GOING TO WANT TO HAVE
PHOTOS NEXT TO IT."

RODDY, LLANRUMNEY



Credit: Camilla Eversden









Jon Pountney is an artist and photographer known for his interest in people and stories, his ability to create a sense of place within his work, and to weave narratives through images. His work often champions working class people and captures stories and pictures with power and respect.

Mae **Jon Pountney** yn artist ac yn ffotograffydd sy'n adnabyddus am ei ddiddordeb mewn pobl a straeon, ei allu i greu ymdeimlad o le yn ei waith, ac i wau naratifau drwy ddelweddau. Mae ei waith yn aml yn hyrwyddo pobl dosbarth gweithiol ac yn cyfleu straeon a lluniau gyda grym a pharch.

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Common Wealth are an award winning theatre company based in Cardiff East and Bradford. Their work is political and addresses the here and now. They see their projects as campaigns, as a way of bringing people together and making change feel possible.

Mae **Common Wealth** yn gwmni theatr blaenllaw sydd wedi'i leoli yn Nwyrain Caerdydd a Bradford. Mae ei waith yn wleidyddol ac yn mynd i'r afael â newyddion perthnasol y dydd. Mae'n ystyried ei brosiectau fel ymgyrchoedd, fel ffordd o ddod â phobl at ei gilydd a gwneud i newid deimlo'n bosibl.

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Tesco Llaneirwg

Hot Soup House

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And all these amazing people...
A'r holl bobl anhygoel hyn...

Beverly	Selvin	Ocean
Gemma	Catherine	Becky
Claire	Serena	Alisha
Herman	Joely	Dan S
Alison	Wayne	Dan C
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Lauren	Stephen	Lloyd
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Carl	Gareth	
Sian	Sienna	
Reg	Jude	
Evelyn	Jean	
Glenys	Sue	
Hannah	June	
Ava	Diane	
Grace	Sana	
Becky	Edward	
Chloe	Nicola	
Rebecca	Shirley	
Andrew	Dan	
Sarah	Roddy	

"WE ARE UNAPOLOGETIC,
UNAPOLOGETIC OF WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE STAND FOR,
UNAPOLOGETIC OF OUR ACCENTS OR THE WAY WE PRESENT OURSELVES,
UNAPOLOGETIC FOR THE REPUTATION WE UPHOLD.

WHY? BECAUSE WE HOLD OUR OWN.

THEY MAY HAVE BUILT ON THE LAND,
BUT WE BUILT THE HOMES, THE FAMILIES, THE FRIENDSHIPS,
THE SUPPORT, THE GYMS, THE LOCAL, THE SPORTS, THE CHAMPIONS.
THE COMMUNITY LABELLED AS COMMON,
YET FILLED WITH AUTHENTICITY.

WE ARE EAST CARDIFF AND WE ARE UNAPOLOGETIC.

WE ARE **US HERE NOW.**"

—
JOELY, ST MELLONS

