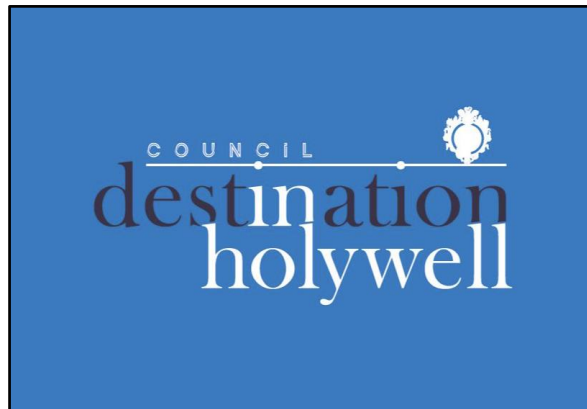




HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24



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INTRODUCTION

Section 52 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 places a duty on town and community councils to prepare and publish an annual report about the council's priorities, activities and achievements over the previous year.

Relevant local councils also have a separate duty under Section 40 of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to publish a report annually on its progress on meeting the local wellbeing objectives in its area. The trigger for this report is if a council has an annual turnover of £200,000 or more in the previous three financial years. Holywell Town Council reached the trigger point in the 2019/20 financial year and duly produced its first wellbeing report. The wellbeing duty is combined and incorporated into this report, and the relevant section is highlighted in the list of contents.

Town and community councils are also required to publish a further report under Section 6 of the Environment (Wales) Act 2016 every three years setting out what they propose to do to maintain and enhance biodiversity and promote resilience. Holywell Town Council produced its first report at the end of 2019, and a further report in 2022. Although the biodiversity duty and its report could have been combined with this report the council have determined to produce a separate report to maintain the three year cyclical approach.

Holywell Town Council published their business plan in 2022 that sets out the council's strategic vision, aims and objectives during this current term of office. The business plan informs some of the detail included in this report.

The annual report is designed to open the work of the council to the local community and highlight some of the key achievements from the last year. It also explains how the council works, introduces its councillors, staff and the governance arrangements needed for a successful council.

The council welcome constructive feedback on the report from its residents and businesses and will consider any opportunities for future improvement and engagement.

MAYORAL STATEMENT

It is my honour and privilege to welcome you to the council's annual report. The report sets out the work of the council and how this benefits the local community.

I would like to thank all town councillors, council staff, businesses, organisations, voluntary groups and residents that have contributed to the wellbeing of the Holywell and Greenfield communities.

I want to thank my consort Kathryn Owens for accompanying me to many civic events throughout the year. I am proud of the Council's achievements during the year, particularly another successful events programme and the continued development of the eco uniform hub.

I want to thank everyone that supported me during my term of office and donated towards my nominated charity Kim Inspire.

I wish my successor Councillor Linda Corbett good luck and best wishes as she seeks to take the council forward this coming year. I look forward to a bright future for the Holywell and Greenfield communities.

Councillor Lynda Carter

Holywell West Ward

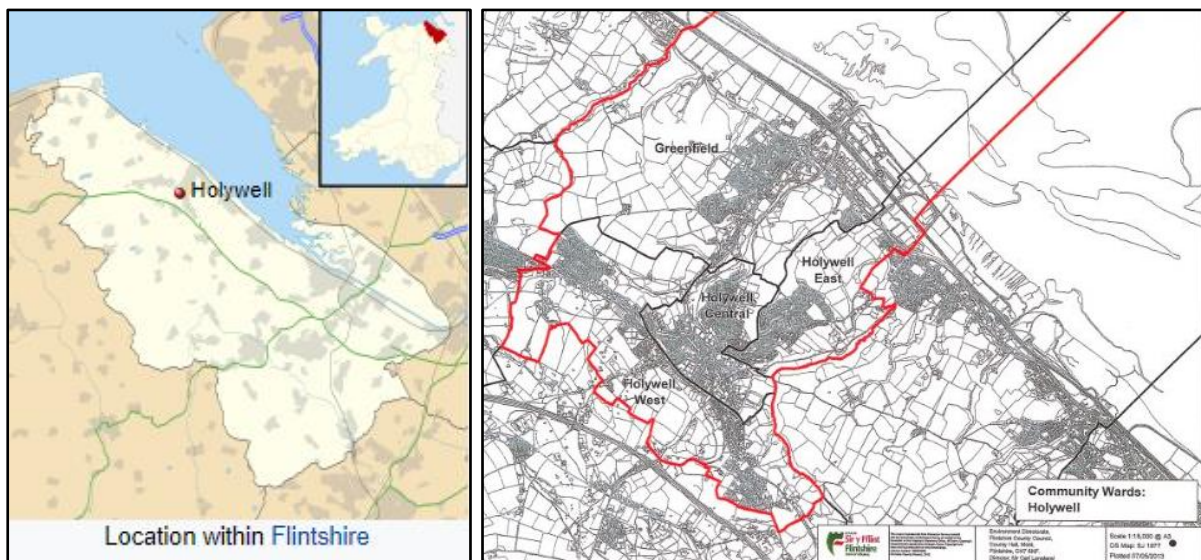
Town Mayor and Chair of the Council

2023/24 Civic Year



ORGANISATION

Holywell Town Council is an elected body of fifteen councillors with a number of statutory powers and duties. It operates at grass roots level and is nearest the electorate and local community. The geographical area covered by the council includes the wards of Holywell Central, Holywell East, Holywell West, and Greenfield. Holywell and Greenfield have an aggregated population of circa 12,000 and there are circa 6,500 residents registered on the electoral roll. Both Holywell and Greenfield are within the County of Flintshire. The area is steeped in history with the town centre home to the oldest High Street in Flintshire. There are also key tourism attractions which thousands of people visit each year, such as St. Winefride's Holy Well, Greenfield Valley Heritage Park and the Greenfield Docks leading to the Wales Coastal Path. The council meets regularly to consider and take decisions on various matters affecting the Holywell and Greenfield communities.



The council meet on the third Wednesday of every month for its main meeting. There is no meeting held in August and the Annual Meeting is held in May. The Council Offices are located in the row of cottages in the middle of Tesco car park. The postal address is Holywell Town Council, Bank Place Offices, Holywell, CH8 7TJ.

The council also operate several committees and working groups to cover specific areas of its business.

CHAIRS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This committee reviews the strategic direction of the council and its business planning process and makes appropriate recommendations for consideration by the council. It also reviews the council resolutions made at all meetings of the council and considers any appropriate remedial action to progress them to a satisfactory conclusion. It also reviews the meeting protocol, committee structure and committee terms of reference. It has

delegated powers granted by the council to administer its own arrangements. However, all decisions and resolutions made are referred to the Full Council for approval.

RESOURCES COMMITTEE

This committee reviews the council's banking balances and management accounts on a quarterly basis. It also reviews the council's business plan objectives on a quarterly basis and ensures any remedial action is taken to maintain delivery of its key tasks and activities. It considers any emerging budgetary issues and recommends to the council appropriate action to manage and mitigate any financial risks. It reviews the council's forward planning and investment strategy on an annual basis, also the council's internal control mechanisms. It is delegated to review policies, manage staffing matters and deal with any audit issues.

This committee also manages the repair and maintenance of the council offices and any associated contracts. It also considers requests from outside bodies to utilise the community office facilities. It reviews the communication framework for the council's website, newsletter, social media, and press releases. It has delegated powers granted by the council to administer its own arrangements and make its own decisions and resolutions.

TOWN CENTRE AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

This committee considers opportunities for improving and developing the town centre environment for the benefit of the local community. It also reviews the CCTV operations in the town centre on an annual basis. It receives periodic reports from the County Council's Streetscene Team and consider any matters arising from the information reported.

This committee reviews the contractual arrangements for Christmas Lighting and reviews the annual events programme for the town centre. It also reviews the annual arrangements for the Well Inn Music Festival following consultation with local stakeholders. It considers applications for the awarding of events grants to prospective applicants looking to utilise the Tower Gardens Events Area. It has delegated powers granted by the council to administer its own arrangements and make its own decisions and resolutions.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This committee reviews the County Council's active travel policy and public transport arrangements as a key stakeholder and makes appropriate recommendations in the best interests of the local community. It considers the approval of any recommendations from the Greenfield Railway Station Working Group. It investigates opportunities to link the coastal path, Greenfield Valley, St Winefride's Holy Well and the town centre in line with the council's business plan. It investigates road and traffic related issues in the local community and makes appropriate recommendations.

This committee reviews the Wales in Bloom Judge's report each year and considers opportunities for improvement and development of the council's entry into the

competition. It reviews the procurement arrangements relating to the Wales in Bloom contracts annually, including the provision of basket displays and watering duties. It promotes and supports the council's commitment to the Bee Friendly initiative. It also supports local and national environmental clean-up campaigns and investigate methods to reduce litter across the community. It supports the County Council's recycling initiatives including the reduction of plastic waste and emerging initiatives such as water refill stations. It has delegated powers granted by the council to administer its own arrangements and make its own decisions and resolutions.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

In common with most local councils Holywell Town Council is funded from its local taxation precept. This is charged to residents as part of the annual invoice for Council Tax sent out by Flintshire County Council. The invoice is made of three component charges, the charge levied by Flintshire County Council for their services, the charge made by the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner, and the charge made by town and community councils.

For the financial year 2023/24 Holywell Town Council set a budget of £282,520. £275,000 of this amount was funded from the precept with the remainder funded from other income, and the council's reserves. The precept equated to a charge per household of £80.81 on a band D property.

The budget for the year is broken down into several cost centres as shown in the table below. This enables the council to monitor the budget as the year progresses and keep control of its finances.

HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL	
BUDGET 2023/24	
COST CENTRE	£
Employees	117,900
Council Offices	27,420
Christmas Lights	21,300
CCTV	15,000
Loan Repayments	14,000
Summer Play Schemes	12,800
Establishment	12,200
Contribution - Holywell Leisure Centre	10,000
Play Area Upgrades	10,000
Events	8,000
Wales In Bloom	7,200
Well Inn Music Festival	7,000
Grants / Donations	6,000
Civic	4,700
Members	3,800
Town Centre/Community Projects	2,500
Environment	1,250
Woodland	950
Community	500
TOTAL	282,520

The accounts for the year 2023/24, and the previous year 2022/23 are set out below. The accounts are unaudited, and no audit opinion has been given, as of 31st July 2024.

Community and Town Councils in Wales Annual Return for the Year Ended 31 March 2024

Accounting statements 2023-24 for:

Name of body: **HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL**

	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2023 (£)	31 March 2024 (£)	
Please round all figures to nearest £. Do not leave any boxes blank and report £0 or nil balances. All figures must agree to the underlying financial records for the relevant year.			
Statement of income and expenditure/receipts and payments			
1. Balances brought forward	151,074	121,835	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Must agree to line 7 of the previous year.
2. (+) Income from local taxation/levy	254,850	275,000	Total amount of income received/receivable in the year from local taxation (precept) or levy/contribution from principal bodies.
3. (+) Total other receipts	17,487	16,817	Total income or receipts recorded in the cashbook minus amounts included in line 2. Includes support, discretionary and revenue grants.
4. (-) Staff costs	108,136	111,617	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, taxable allowances, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and termination costs. Exclude reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	14,000	14,000	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on external borrowing (if any).
6. (-) Total other payments	179,440	163,681	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook minus staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	121,835	124,354	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) – (4+5+6).
Statement of balances			
8. (+) Debtors	13,264	11,744	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of debts owed to the body at the year-end.
9. (+) Total cash and investments	131,887	125,488	All accounts: The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and investments held <u>at</u> 31 March. This must agree with the reconciled cashbook balance as per the bank reconciliation.
10. (-) Creditors	23,316	12,878	Income and expenditure accounts only: Enter the value of monies owed by the body (except borrowing) at the year-end.
11. (=) Balances carried forward	121,835	124,354	Total balances should equal line 7 above: Enter the total of (8+9-10).
12. Total fixed assets and long-term assets	628,045	632,691	The asset and investment register value of all fixed assets and any other long-term assets held as <u>at</u> 31 March.
13. Total borrowing	56,000	42,000	The outstanding capital balance as <u>at</u> 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).

RELATIONSHIP WITH FLINTSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Holywell Town Council maintains a strong collaborative relationship with Flintshire County Council across different service areas.

CCTV Provision in Holywell Town Centre

We operate a service level agreement with the County Council that provides fixed unit CCTV cameras in the town centre. The cameras support the police's work in dealing with reported crime and provide assurance to businesses and shoppers that the town centre is a safe place to visit. The cost of the CCTV provision for the 2023/24 year was £14,887.



Play Area Upgrades

We take part every year in the County Council's match fund scheme to upgrade play areas in Holywell and Greenfield. The scheme is managed by Aura Leisure and provides modern, fit for purpose play equipment in the upgraded schemes. The table below shows the amount of funding and the scheme locations for the upgrades. The upgraded play area for the 2023/24 year was at Strand Walk, Holywell.

Count	Year	Location	Ward	Match Funded (£)
1	2011/12	Clwyd Avenue	Greenfield	10,000.00
2	2012/13	Groesffordd	Greenfield	10,000.00
3	2013/14	Penrhyn, Pen-y-Maes	Holywell East	10,000.00
4	2014/15	Strand Walk	Holywell Central	10,000.00
5	2015/16	Pen-y-Maes Gardens, Pen-y-Maes	Holywell East	12,364.36
6	2016/17	Holway	Holywell West	10,000.00
7	2017/18	Bryn Mawr Road, Strand	Holywell Central	10,000.00
9	2018/19	Tan-y-Felin, Greenfield	Greenfield	10,000.00
10	2019/20	Pen-y-Maes	Holywell East	10,000.00
11	2021/22	Groesffordd	Greenfield	10,000.00
12	2022/23	Fron Park	Holywell Central	10,000.00
13	2023/24	Strand Walk	Holywell Central	10,000.00



Summer Play Schemes

We fund the summer play schemes that are organised and managed by Flintshire County Council. For the 2023/24 year there were four play schemes operating at the Holway Community Centre, Greenfield Community Centre, Holywell Penrhyn, and Pen Y Maes Recreation Ground. The schemes were run for six weeks to cover all the school summer holiday period.

The aggregated cost of the playschemes for the 2023/4 year was £12,755. The attendance statistics for the 2023 summer schemes are set out in the table below.

Play Scheme Location	Duration	Total Attendance	Average Daily Attendance	Registrations
Holywell Penrhyn	6 weeks	83	3	32
Pen Y Maes Rec. Ground	6 weeks	43	1	28
Greenfield Community Centre	6 weeks	69	2	31
Holway Meadowbank	6 weeks	238	10	25

The County Council completed a 'snapshot' evaluation for the summer playschemes held in 2021 with families across the County. The questions and responses are summarised below.

Community Asset Transfer

The Town Council applied to the County Council for the asset transfer of the former toilet block building, located next to the car park at Tower Gardens, to use as a storage facility for operational and event equipment, school uniform stocks for the Eco Uniform Initiative, and to enhance the public toilet provision in the town centre. The former toilet block unit comprised of the former ladies and gent's toilets that are now converted to the storage rooms, and the former disabled toilet that could potentially re-open in the future. The council officially reopened the building as an Events Hub in March 2023. Eco uniform collection and distribution now operates from the Hub every week.



Active Travel

The Welsh Government wants to increase levels of walking and cycling in Wales to realise the many benefits that travelling actively brings - for individuals and for society. In the Programme for Government, they made a commitment to introduce legislation in support of this aim. The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 (Active Travel Act) received Royal Assent in November 2013 and came into force in September 2014. It paved the way for a lasting transformation of how we plan and build walking and cycling infrastructure as well as encouraging behaviour change in Wales. The Active Travel Act focuses on walking and cycling as a mode of transport for purposeful journeys.

The Town Council has worked in partnership with Flintshire County Council as a key stakeholder in the development of an active travel network joining Holywell and Greenfield. The main part of this pathway goes up Greenfield Valley and connects both the Strand and Pen-y-Maes residential estates. The pathway also enables a route over the old railway bridge on the A548 coast road, with the aspiration to join up with the Wales Coastal path on Greenfield Docks and a future railway station.



Reopening of Greenfield Railway Station

The council hold a long term aspiration to re-open Holywell Junction railway station which closed in 1964. The North Flintshire Transport Study completed in 2021 went into detail about the benefits to the whole West Delyn area that a railway station at Greenfield would bring and determined that the former Holywell Junction site is the only site worth considering. Holywell Town Council's preferred option is also to use the former Holywell Junction site, which has much of the original infrastructure still intact. The access would be along Dock Road through the existing road network and active travel route.

The station would stimulate the demand for better transport links and would serve the whole West Delyn area, not just Holywell and Greenfield. It would provide a boost to tourism and the local economy, and support West Delyn residents, including our young people access better jobs.

The council are working closely with Flintshire County Council, both the UK and Welsh Governments, and other stakeholders to ensure the aspiration becomes a reality.



BUSINESS PLANNING

Holywell Town Council produce a Business Plan. The Plan sets the council's vision, objectives and key priorities and projects. It is the council's intention to produce a new plan at the beginning of each new electoral term.

The plan will only be realised if the collaborative and partnership working continues with several stakeholders including Flintshire County Council, Holywell Business Group, Community Organisations, Cadwyn Clwyd and other groups. The council reviewed its committee structure and terms of reference at the Annual Meeting in May 2022. Each of the listed projects are sponsored by one of the committees and its members.

Notable key projects which feature include the reopening of the former Holywell Junction Railway Station which closed in 1964, enhancement of active travel links, improving the transport infrastructure, and enhanced town centre features.

The council's Strategic Objective –

“Engage with key stakeholders and the local community to develop and actively promote the town and wider area as a high-quality visitor destination and a place to live, work and shop. Make full use of the unique heritage and tourism opportunities that exist within its area.”

The Council's Key Priorities are –

1 - Linking the town with Greenfield Valley, Greenfield Dock, Wales Coast Path and Heritage Park, Greenfield Business Park and Industrial Estate and the Holy Well. Initial suggestions include a main railway line train station and metro service at Greenfield, cycle path from the coast path, shuttle and community bus services, encompassing active travel arrangements.

2 - Establishing Holywell as a quality visitor destination and premier town centre events venue. Setting up of community tourist information points and arrangements for leaflet distribution to them. Developing the Council's website and social media platforms. Developing links with Greenfield Valley Trust and St. Winefrides Well.

3 - Maintaining the provision of assets including public toilets in the town and ensuring adequate space at agreed locations for car parking, including some electric car charging points.

4 - Regenerate the Holywell and Greenfield communities, aligned to Flintshire County Council's Development Plans.

5 - Co-ordinated joint working between the County Council, Town Council. Improve and develop community engagement with local businesses and community groups with an emphasis on building partnerships.

6 - Maintain other service priorities such as grants, contributions, health and safety, governance, finance and business processes and facilities management.

The current business plan can be viewed on the council's website www.holywell.wales.

ASSETS AND SERVICES

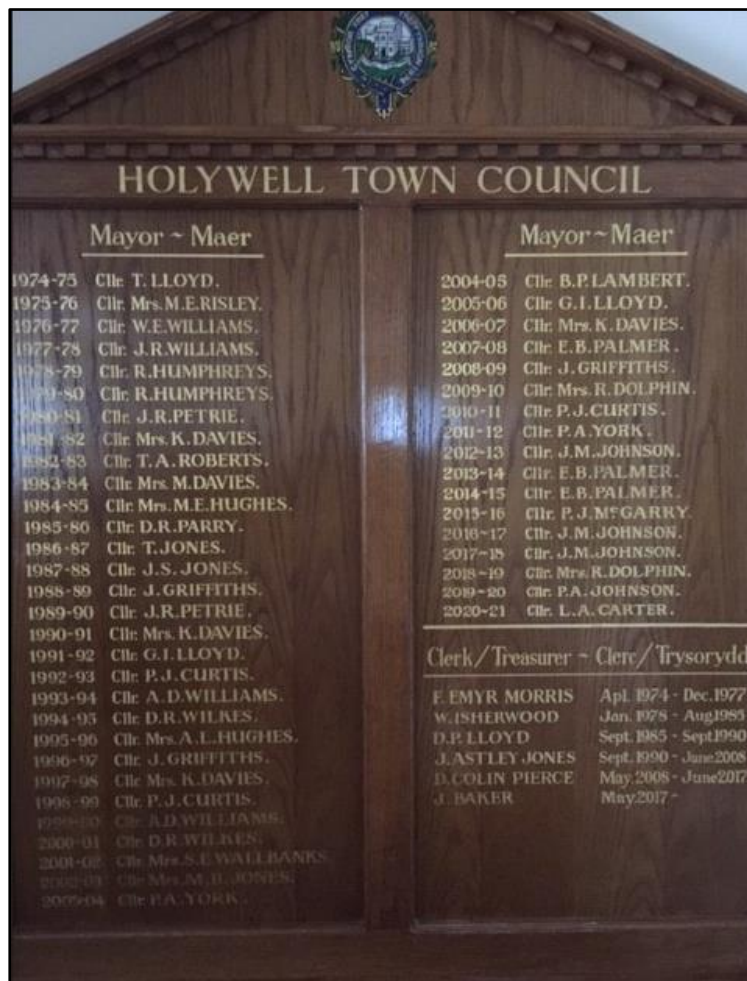
The council is responsible for the following land and property in Holywell and Greenfield.

Council Offices, Bank Place, Holywell

This is the main operational base of the council, and it contains the offices of the staff, community facilities and the council chamber. The offices are open to the public between 9.00am and 1.00pm Monday to Thursday.

The council allow community groups the opportunity to use the ground floor facilities for meetings free of charge. Groups that have benefitted from the community facilities include Holywell Autumn Club, The Holywell and District Society, Age and Dementia Holywell and Headway Flintshire.

The council chamber and annexe area are home to a significant number of historical items and memorabilia, which highlight Holywell and Greenfield's rich heritage and history. The council honours boards are also displayed here with the oldest record dating back to 1862. The image below shows the first Holywell Town Council honours board, listing Mayors from 1974 to 2021, spanning a near 50 year period.



Lluesty Woodland, Halkyn Road, Holywell

The council owns and manages this woodland which is maintained as a nature reserve.

War Memorials

Assumed responsibility for the Panton Place and Greenfield War Memorials. Pictures below show Panton Place War Memorial Gates and Greenfield War Memorial, Dock Road, Greenfield.



Contribution to Holywell Leisure Centre

In 2015 Holywell Leisure Centre was under threat of closure due to austerity measures. A group of locals got together to form a working party to investigate the possibility of taking over the centre to run it as a charity. Flintshire County Council provided support and in April 2017 the working group formed a Board of Trustees and registered the leisure centre as an independent charity. The charity trustees support the leisure centre management team and employees to run the leisure centre for the health, well-being and social benefit of the local community. Holywell Town Council were involved at the early stages of this process and since 2017 have contributed £102,000 towards the management and maintenance of the centre. The contribution for the 2023/24 year was £10,000.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Endeavour Awards

The council run an annual community endeavour awards programme. For the 2023/24 year the recipients were nominated by Councillors and presented with their awards by the Mayor and Councillors at the Council Meeting held on Wednesday 20th December 2023. All winners were nominated for their contribution to the local community and received a certificate and hamper sourced from local businesses.



Grants to Community Clubs, Groups and Societies

Through use of its statutory powers the council considers applications for financial assistance twice per year from organisations providing benefit to the Holywell and Greenfield communities. For the year 2023/24 a total of £6,020 grants were approved to the following organisations:

Groups/Organisations
Fron Park Bowling Club
Music 4 Youth
Point of Ayr Mining Museum
Holywell Area Community Museum
Kids Cancer Charity
Greenfield FC Youth
Holywell Market Group
Holywell Town FC
Greenfield FC
Holywell Market Group
Wales Air Ambulance
Merched Y Wawr
Carmel & Holywell Woodcraft Association
Carmel Bowling Club
Scouts Cymru

The Council also allocated events grants to organisations wishing to run an event, for the benefit of the local community. For the year 2023/24, a total of £2,900 event grants were approved for the Cadi Ha Festival, a Brew & Do event, the Classic Car Day, the Line Dance Festival, the International Dancing World Festival, and a Concert of Young Musicians.



Financial Assistance

Holywell Town Council Financial Assistance grants are made for the benefit of people and projects local to the Holywell community. Applications will be considered for financial assistance towards a specific project or activity from community organisations, cultural, educational, sporting, health and charitable organisations, which are non-commercial and whose membership and field of activity is centred in the area covered by the Council. The Council considers such grants twice per year in January and June.

Please click on the link in the post to view the policy and e-mail: town.clerk@holywell.wales to apply for a Financial Assistance Grant.

UP TO £1,000



Event Grants

Holywell Town Council event grants are made for the benefit of people local to the Holywell and Greenfield communities. Applications will be considered for an event, from individuals and community organisations, cultural, educational, sporting, health, and charitable organisations, which are non-commercial and whose membership and field of activity is centred in the area covered by the Council.

We would encourage applications using the link on the post.

£500 GRANT

Eco School Uniform Initiative

During the 2023/24 year the council continued with its eco uniform pop up stall that operated from the Events Hub on a regular basis. Residents can call in and make a uniform donation that are then recycled back into the community. The stall now operates from the new Events Hub every week. Customers can make a small donation if they wish for any items they need. £900 of donations for recycled uniforms has now been donated back to local schools through this initiative.



HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL

Two racks of school uniforms. The left rack has green and blue checkered shirts. The right rack has red and white checkered shirts.

ECO UNIFORM HUB

SCHOOL UNIFORM & SHOES
@HOLYWELL EVENTS HUB
(OPPOSITE TESCO CAR PARK
ENTRANCE)
EVERY MONDAY
11.00am - 1.00pm

The coat of arms of Holywell Town Council, featuring a shield with a building, a ship, and a sun, surrounded by a wreath and the motto 'PROGRESS THROUGH TRADITION'.

Wales In Bloom

Wales in Bloom judging took place on Monday 10th July 2023. Judge Jon Woods toured the Holywell and Greenfield communities before a walk through the town centre.



The Wales in Bloom entry allows the council to highlight the town's horticultural displays, highlight community involvement by several stakeholders, and also highlights the town's progress with biodiversity measures.

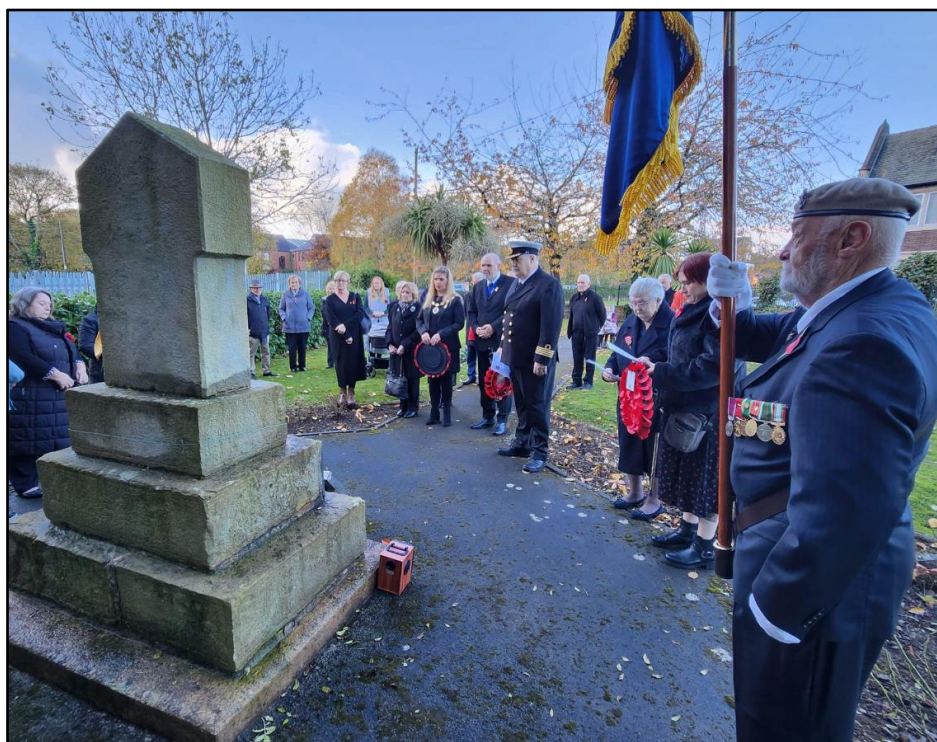
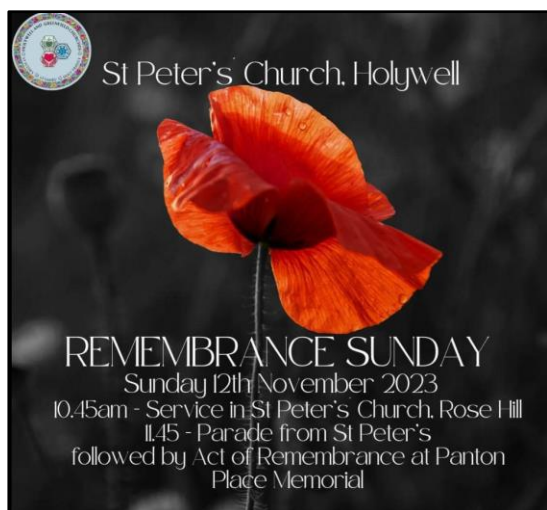
The council produce a portfolio of evidence and engage with local stakeholders that support the entry including all the local schools, Greenfield Valley Trust, and Flintshire County Council's Streetscene Services. The council maintain a successful partnership with Holywell Garden Centre to manage the watering and planting duties. The town was awarded a Silver Gilt at the awards ceremony held at Denbigh in September 2023.



Remembrance Sunday

The council contributes to the organising of the annual Remembrance Sunday services and parades through the town. Holywell and Greenfield Churches, the Royal British Legion Holywell Branch and the Holywell Military Cadets work in partnership to ensure all the planning, preparations and invitations are completed prior to the event.

This year the service took place on Sunday 12th November 2023 at St James Parish Church, Holywell. The councillors take the salute outside the Flintshire Connects Building (former Town Hall) before a small service was conducted at the Panton Place Memorial Gates for the final laying of wreaths. A small service and wreath laying ceremony was also held on Saturday 11th November 2023 at Greenfield War Memorial attended by the Deputy Mayor and other dignitaries.



Community Youth Work

The council were successful in obtaining a grant of £2,500 from the Police and Communities Trust (PACT) grant scheme. The grant was used to engage with stakeholders such as Flintshire County Council, North Wales Police, and Holywell Leisure Centre, to work with local youths and provide intervention support through a range of activities at the Centre. These activities included football matches and hair and beauty workshops.



Community Engagement Meeting

The council held a community engagement meeting in May 2023, to listen to residents' concerns and engage with the local community.



Events

The council had a busy year in 2023 managing and supporting several events in the town centre. Events held included a King's Coronation Event, a Summer of Diversity Event, Well Inn Music Festival, Christmas Lights Switch On, and a Christmas Movie Night. As always, all events were busy and enjoyable, and were well attended by the local community.



Summer of Diversity
11am - 3pm | July 27, 2023 | Holywell High Street

- Local Groups
- Information Stalls
- Parade
- DJ Playing Music from Around the World
- Activities and Entertainment for Children
- Free Lunch Packs for Children
- Jobs Fair
- Holywell Market (usual Thursday Market times)
- Holywell Car Boot Sale (usual Thursday Car Boot Sale times)



All welcome, come along!



DANCING WORLD FESTIVAL
3RD JUNE 2023
10.30AM - 3.30PM
HOLYWELL TOWN CENTRE



COME AND SEE DANCERS REPRESENTING A COLOURFUL VARIETY OF NATIONS - NOT FORGETTING WALES!

FANCY LEARNING A DANCE? IT'S YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE A GO !

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE
CONTACT : ROBERTA OWEN
ROBOWEN29@TALKTALK.NET







King's Coronation Event

Holywell High Street

Friday 5th May 2023

- 11am - 6pm - Artisan Market
- 2pm - Coronation Service with Father Dominic
- 2pm - 3pm - Tea Party & Entertainment for Local Care Home Residents

- 3pm - 4pm - Local Schools Performances
- 4pm - 5pm - Coronation Show
- 5pm - 6pm - Tina Turner Tribute Act featuring Nigi Brown

*A Range of Activities for Children including:
Fairground Rides, Crown and Flag Making, Facepainting, a Still Walker & Free Cupcakes!*

All Welcome

All timings and programme subject to change








Holywell Charity Vehicle Show

Holywell Classic & Modern Cars, Bikes & Tractors
with Stalls, Live Music, Funfair & Face Painting

Fun For All The Family!

Sunday 11th June 2023
Vehicles arrive 9am





Raising Funds for Dementia UK
& Hope House Children's Hospice




In Loving Memory of Douglas Bedford and Cadi Edwards
Always Remembered, Never Forgotten



Gŵyl Cadi Hŷa 2023
TREFFYNNON / HOLYWELL

Dewch i groesawu'r haf gyda Dawnsywyr Delyn a phlant ysgolion lleol.

Welcome in the Summer.
 Traditional dance festival with Dawnsywyr Delyn and local school children.

 Gerddi'r Tŵr / Tower Gardens
 Dydd Sadwrn / Saturday **29.04.23**
 **10:00 am**

 Dawnsywyr Delyn

HOLYWELL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sunday
26 November 2023
 Opens 10am - Closes 5pm

HOLYWELL HIGH STREET

- Santa in the Snow Globe
- Santa Dash
- Christmas music
- Christmas Characters
- Music and entertainment
- Festive Crafts and Gifts
- Seasonal food and drink

FREE ADMISSION

TRADERS £10.00 for 10ft
 £20.00 for 20ft

Contact peter.hayes@flintshire.gov.uk

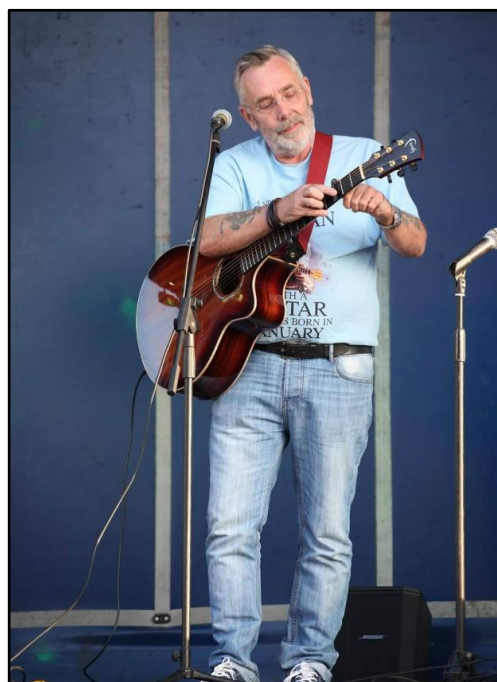
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Well Tŵr
MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday 2nd September
11.00am - 5.00pm

SAVE THE DATE

FREE EVENT





HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL INVITES YOU TO OUR

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Sunday 26th November
@ 5.00pm
Tower Gardens, Holywell

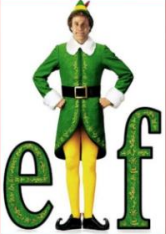
FREE ENTRY

Outdoor Event with Large Screen

Bring a chair and wrap up warm!

Featured Film: Elf 

Christmas Market Day





HOLYWELL TOWN COUNCIL PRESENTS OUR ANNUAL

Christmas LIGHTS Switch On

FRIDAY | 24 | NOVEMBER 2023

ALL DAY - ARTISAN'S MARKET (HIGH STREET)
12.00PM - 3.30PM - DJ PLAYING CHRISTMAS MUSIC
3.30PM - 5.10PM - FESTIVE SONGS WITH LOCAL SCHOOLS
5.30PM - 7.00PM - SANTA'S FLOAT (ROTARY CLUB OF FLINT & HOLYWELL)
5.15PM - 6.15PM - FIRE, ELF AND GRINCH CHRISTMAS SHOW
6.15PM - SWITCHING ON OF THE LIGHTS WITH THE MAYOR OF HOLYWELL LOCAL SCHOOLCHILDREN AND CADETS
6.30PM - 7.15PM - MUSIC 4 YOUTH PERFORMANCES

FAIRGROUND RIDES, CHILDREN'S SOUP STATION, MEET THE ELVES, GRINCH AND UNICORNS! BADGE MAKING, GLITTER TATTOOS & MORE!

PROGRAMME & TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Community Litter Picks

The council organised several community litter picks throughout the year, engaging with volunteers to clean up the community environment.





Community Litter Pick
Wednesday 24th May 2023
10.00am - 11.00am

- Meet at Holywell Town Council offices on Tesco Car Park at 10.00am.
- All equipment provided.



All Welcome!
Please come and support
your community



Best Dressed Window Competitions

Congratulations to Trendy Blinds and Steph's Beauty Lounge who won joint first place, Scott's Jewellers and Rosie's Cafe who won joint second place and Tower Crafts and Bargain Booze who won joint third place in the 2023 best dressed Christmas window competition.

Congratulations to our Best Dressed Easter Window competition winners Lula May's Boutique, runners up Coco, third place Holywell Area Community Museum, and fourth place Anything Goes.



TRAINING PLAN

Section 67 of The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 requires town and community councils to make and publish a training plan about training provision for its members and staff. The training plan should reflect on and address whether the council collectively has the skills and knowledge it needs to deliver its aims and objectives in an effective manner. The training plan includes councillors and members of staff.

To determine training priorities, it is necessary to assess the essential skills needed by the council and whether there is sufficient depth and coverage across the council. A training needs analysis form should be completed by councillor and staff to determine any training required.

Applicable training courses will be considered for all councillors to ensure the council as a corporate body has sufficient coverage across the core skill areas. Sector specific staff qualifications will be considered to ensure the staffing team has sufficient coverage across their core skill areas.

The council's first training plan was published prior to November 2022. The council will undertake an annual review of the plan to ensure it remains fit for purpose and in line with the council's aims and objectives. The plan will remain active for the whole council term until the next ordinary election.

The council's training plan can be viewed on its website www.holywell.wales.

COMPLAINTS POLICY

The council has adopted a complaints policy to administer any complaints received about the services provided by the council. If the council receives complaints about its councillors, these follow a separate procedure and may be referred on to the Public Services Ombudsman For Wales. The PSOW have legal powers to investigate complaints about public services in Wales. They also investigate complaints that local government councillors have breached their authority's code of conduct. They are independent of all government bodies and their service is impartial and free of charge.

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WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015

The content of this report demonstrates the council's commitment to wellbeing in the local community. The council is committed to sustainable development that ensures the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs.

The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 defines sustainable development as the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural wellbeing of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the wellbeing goals. The Act lists seven wellbeing goals:

- 1) A Prosperous Wales
- 2) A Resilient Wales
- 3) A Healthier Wales
- 4) A More Equal Wales
- 5) A Wales of Cohesive Communities
- 6) A Wales of Vibrant Culture and Thriving Welsh Language
- 7) A Globally Responsive Wales

The council supports these wellbeing goals and will consider them when making future decisions that affect peoples lives withing the local community.

The Flintshire Public Services Board (PSB) is a partnership of public bodies working together to improve the well-being of the county. The PSB has a membership made up of both statutory bodies and other invited organisations. The four statutory bodies are Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board, Flintshire County Council, Natural Resources Wales and North Wales Fire and Rescue Service.

The PSB has produced a draft Well-being Plan which sets out the challenges the communities of Flintshire face. The Plan outlines how the collective work of the partnership can protect and improve the quality of life for residents, communities and businesses now and in the future. The five priorities of the Plan and how Holywell Town Council contribute to them, are listed below.

Priorities Of The Flintshire Well Being Plan

1) Community Safety

Liaison with North Wales Police, CCTV coverage in the town centre, deployment of mobile CCTV cameras at targeted community hot spots, Councillor representative on Community Liaison Meetings, funding of summer play schemes.

2) Economy and Skills

Encourage volunteers and community engagement, re-establishment of the Holywell Business Group, establishment of a business showcase page on Facebook for all local businesses to use and promote their businesses.

3) Environment

Wales in Bloom participation, hanging basket displays in the town centre and other areas, establishment of wildflower verges, community litter picks, annual participation in the match fund scheme to upgrade existing play areas across the community.

4) Healthy and Independent Living

Contributions to the Mayoral Charities, grants and contributions to community groups, contribution to Holywell Leisure Centre, offering use of the Council Offices to community groups free of charge.

5) Resilient Communities

Remembrance Sunday Service and parade, Christmas Lights Switch On event, other community events, annual Community Endeavour Awards, the continued operation of the Eco School Uniform Initiative.

The council has a limited scope in some of these priorities, but it has provided demonstrable evidence of its intentions to work towards a number of initiatives, events and partnerships which clearly contribute to community wellbeing, and have a positive impact on the lives of local residents.

The council will always operate with sound governance and probity in an open, transparent, and democratic manner complying with legislation and within the council's powers.

The council ensures council decisions are taken legally and reviews all its policies including code of conduct, standing orders and financial regulations on a cyclical basis.

ASPIRATIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR

- Continue to serve the local community and its residents.
- Continue working towards achieving all the objectives in the council's business plan.
- Continue the progression of key projects including the reopening of Greenfield railway station.
- Continue to develop the council's transport aspirations associated with active travel routes and local bus route provision.
- Continue to review the financial position of the council and research grant opportunities.
- Consider the social, economic, and environmental aspects of the council's projects and key priorities.
- Maintain and promote the Welsh culture and language.
- Support local businesses and community groups in achieving their objectives.

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