

HOLYWELL COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



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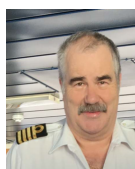


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QR code for Holywell.wales
website

HOLWAY COMMUNITY GARDEN

There is a new Community Garden in the Holway at the Community House. Although it's only the first stage, this is an amazing success given that all the work setting it up was completed during the Covid restrictions.

Funding from the Welsh Government's Local Places for Nature Scheme through Keep Wales Tidy has enabled the creation of this amazing local resource. So far the garden has raised beds for vegetables and herbs and meadow lawn and several fruit trees. It's development has been supported by the Rural Wisdom team, the Flintshire over 50's team, the Friends of the Holway group, local residents and Flintshire County Council.

There is still plenty of work to do as there is still the back garden to develop, but this can now move forward as restrictions are lifted and it is easier for people to get involved. Events are being planned over the Autumn for the garden.

Events

As restrictions slowly start to ease we hope to begin bringing events back to the community, subject to guidance issued by Welsh Government announcements. This decision will be reviewed in September and information will be circulated via our social media outlets and noticeboards throughout Holywell and Greenfield. Information can also be found on our town council website: hollywell.wales. You can find contact details for all council members and staff on this site too along with recent local and government announcements.

When events are permitted, Holywell Town Council is pleased to announce that an events grant is available for the community to make use of the new events area facilities. Information will be made available from the town clerk, Jason Baker in due course.



Cllr Andy Trumper pictured with Beth Mearns from Beauty by Beth

Voucher and Raffle Scheme

In a bid to encourage local sales and footfall within Holywell, the town council devised 2 schemes to assist business owners. The voucher scheme, where local residents would get £2 to spend for every £1 spent up to a limit of £20.00, saw thousands pumped into the Holywell economy. The scheme was very successful and welcomed by many. A free raffle was also launched in participating shops throughout August with the draw to be held in September, with prizes such as £100 vouchers to spend in The Springfield and The Stamford Gate available.

Blood donors in Holywell

The Welsh Blood service visits Holywell 2 or 3 times a year and always have a remarkable turnout. June was particularly successful, with 90 donations collected and 16 brand new donors coming along. The collections team wish to convey their thanks to the community, as Holywell blood donors saved 270 lives or 540 babies by giving blood locally.

Holywell and Greenfield
Community Hopper Bus service
Survey.

Holywell is separated into four council wards each with its own amenities and points of interest. Whilst there is adequate public transport connecting Holywell Town Centre with Chester and Rhyl, the same cannot be said within the Holywell Town Boundaries. Access for both residents and tourists alike, to visit all the attractions and points of interest that Holywell has to offer, is very poor. Residents frequently raise the problem of getting to work, with no service timed to connect residents with their local employment. This shortfall has been further highlighted with the opening of a Centre of Education Excellence in Holywell and the opening of the new Community Hospital. Both suffer from suitable public transport not being available. Research is underway to determine a need for a bus service that can transport residents between the areas within Holywell and Greenfield. The survey can be submitted by scanning the QR code below or completing the information and returning to the town council offices.



Businesses, organisations & societies -
how would you like to feature in future newsletters? Please contact Collette with details - support.officer@holywell.wales

1.Name

2.Age

0-18yrs

18-25yrs

25-40yrs

40-65yrs

65yrs+

3.Have you got your own mode of transport?

Yes

No

4.What would you use a community bus service for?

Access to Employment

Access to Education

Social

Shopping

Medical related appointments

Visit Family/ friends

5.How often would you like to see this community bus run?

Daily

Every Other Day

Weekly

Weekends

6.What time of the day would you like to see the service run?

Before 9am including school run

Between 9am and 12pm

Between 1pm and 5pm

After 5pm

7.What prevents you from using existing public transport?

Youth Council
Although we have filled our vacancies for youth councillors, we are always open to welcome enthusiastic individuals aged 16-25 who would be interested in joining a youth council forum to become involved with the Town Council and community.

Holywell Town Council AGM

Holywell Town Council held it's AGM back in May 2021, again via Zoom.

We thank Cllr Lynda Carter for her recent Mayoral term and the community work she has undertaken as Mayor, in addition to operating the eco uniform and town council stall on the Holywell market where she is assisted by various other councillors.

Retiring Mayor Cllr Lynda Carter concluded her official duties by presenting several donations, certificates and COVID memory books to members of the community. The council were joined by PI Lewis from the Air Cadets and Charlotte Inskip from Toe2Toe who were representatives from the Mayor's chosen charities for the civic year 2020-21 who both received £415.00 from the Mayor's fund.

Certificates were also given to Panton Place residents for their community involvement in the Wales in Bloom Awards (2020), and also certificates were presented for the best dressed Christmas window 2020. (Affordables 1st place, Rosie's Cafe 2nd place).

For those community members who won Community Endeavour Awards last year, Cllr Carter also presented them with a special edition book featuring the stories of all those nominated. Copies of the book can be seen at the council offices and will be available at the museum too. They can also be ordered for personal use.



Residents of Panton Place being presented their award by Cllr Lynda Carter



We now welcome Cllr Ted Palmer as Mayor for the forthcoming civic year of 21/22, (pictured here with Mayoress Lynn Ross) and Cllr Andy Trumper as Deputy Mayor.

The £2 Food Club is open Mondays (12-2) in St Peter's Church (behind Lidl). ALL are welcome to come and shop for a basket of shopping for £2 & to hear about other support available at this tough time. There are no barriers to coming, and if £2 is difficult just talk to Fr Dominic.

Food club - You can now donate to the £2 Food Club online - every penny helps us to support more people. Thank you!
gf.me/u/zg8rq2



Defibrillator installed in Pen y Maes

Holywell Town Council partnered with the Flint & District Lions to work on installing this new defibrillator in Pen y Maes with the assistance of Fiona from the stores. The council are donating £1,000 to the Lions to fund future maintenance of defibrillators in the area.

Pictured here are Martin Fearnley, (Deputy/Assistant Clerk), Councillor Ian Hodge, Bryn Jones (Flint & District Lions) and Roy Swinburn (Flint & District Lions). Also thank you to Kevin Warburton BKB for the installation works.

Wales in Bloom (Schools Category)

Despite the time restraints and regulations regarding COVID-19 this year, all schools achieved marvellous results with their Eco and gardening work. Wild gardens have been developed, pupils have still been tending to their fruits, vegetables and flowers, and have even grown many from seed. Recycling and upcycling have been key and all pupils have been responsible for keeping their areas litter free. Outdoor learning has been encouraged this year with many core lessons such as maths being incorporated into gardening projects. As a result of all the hard work undertaken by both pupils and staff alike it was decided to award all 4 primary schools with a Wales in Bloom special shield this year which will be presented at the start of the new school year.

Congratulations to all!



Wales in Bloom Awards 2021

Wales in Bloom judging took place following a 2 year gap on Wednesday 21st July. John Woods (pictured) toured the Holywell and Greenfield communities before a walk through the town centre. Special thanks to Panton Place residents for refreshments, drinks and cake. Also pictured here: Mayor Ted Palmer and Development Committee Chair, Cllr Ian Hodge



WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE GREENFIELD VALLEY?

We are the Greenfield Valley Trust, local volunteers working with Flintshire County Council, protecting the Valley and its important historic sites and making it a good place to enjoy.

We are thinking about what should be done over the next 10 years to make the Valley the best it can be.



Aerial viewpoint of Panton Place Memorial Gardens sent in by Kate Harris-Herbert

Natwest van

A reminder that the mobile Natwest van still visits Holywell and can be found at Tesco carpark at around 10.30 - 12.00 every Wednesday morning.



School Uniform Eco Scheme

Head Teacher Peter Davies from Ysgol Maes y Felin, is pictured here with Cllrs Lynda Carter and Ian Hodge, being presented with a cheque for £100.00, with proceeds from the Town Council's uniform and eco stall. This scheme collects used or new uniforms from the community and makes it available at stalls held at selected dates throughout the year. These uniforms can be acquired either for free or by making a small donation.

The council also occasionally holds an information stand at Holywell market where this is an opportunity to meet councillors and submit queries or concerns.

Fflecsi bus service

Fflecsi is a new way to travel around West Flintshire and to use the service you need to book in advance. There are three main booking options – app, online or call 0300 234 0300, where they will even help you plan a journey.

Fflecsi Travel offers:

- Operational from 9.15am until 6pm, Monday to Friday and 9am to 1pm Saturdays, the service is ideal for getting to work, shopping, meeting with friends, appointments, school or connecting with other buses or trains.
 - You can choose where to be picked up from or dropped off as the bus doesn't run to a fixed timetable or route. However, the route varies based on who else has booked at similar times or destinations.
 - You can book by app (which also allows you to track your bus) on the website and by phone on 0300 234 0300.
 - There are a number of ways to pay: on-board with cash, £2.50 per journey for adults, £1.50 for children. MyTravel Pass also accepted whilst concessionary card holders travel for free.
- The existing Flintshire "Go Travel" Green bus will remain in operation so that passengers can easily recognise it.
- The managed booking system means that Fflecsi bus passengers are guaranteed a seat, which helps with social distancing measures.



LOCAL artists or sculptors required to quote for receptacles to act as recycling bins, to be placed in local areas such as the coastal path and parks. Quotes required for single or multiple units. May be designed/produced from any material other than plastic such as wood/metal for example. Must be lockable, but easy to access for emptying. (please note images are not our own and are for reference only).



Day of Reflection – 23rd March 2021

Thank you to the pupils and teachers of Ysgol Treffynnon who assisted with our Day of Reflection project. They designed some beautiful tags for the community to visit our offices, and write a message to remember loved ones at this time. The tags were attached outside the offices and some members of the community observed a 2 minute silence at 12.00pm. The offices were also lit up in the evening in remembrance.



Rowlands Pharmacy – Do you usually go to your doctor for advice or prescription medication?

Did you know you can visit your pharmacist without an appointment for the same results?

Please ask about the NHS Common Ailments scheme which provides over-the-counter and prescription medicines free of charge for a specific range of common ailments!

If you suffer with any of the following issues then pop in and ask to speak to the pharmacist. They will quickly provide you with on the spot advice and treatments free of charge, without the need to book a doctor's appointment!

The 26 ailments covered by the Common Ailments Scheme are: acne, athlete's foot, back pain, chickenpox, cold sores, colic, conjunctivitis, constipation, diarrhoea, dry eyes, dermatitis, haemorrhoids, hay fever, head lice, indigestion, ingrowing toenails, ringworm, mouth ulcers, nappy rash, oral thrush, scabies, sore throat/tonsillitis, teething, threadworms, vaginal thrush, and verrucae.



5th July -NHS Social Care and Frontline Workers' Day.

On 5th July the Town Crier appeared in town to mark the event which was followed by a brief stop at Panton Place for a 2 minute silence and to hear Mark Davies from Holywell Band play the Last Post and Reveille. The Community were invited to join in too at 8pm by clapping on their doorsteps and the church bells were rung then too to celebrate 73 years of the NHS.



Cadets

As part of a town councillor's role, members can be invited to become representatives on outside bodies. A few Holywell Town Council members have now joined the Civil Committee of the Holywell Air Cadets as the officers of the Civil Committee. Cllr Ian Hodge has become Chairman, Cllr Andy Trumper Treasurer and Cllr Sue Delaney Secretary.

Every year the council selects 2 cadets to assist the Mayor with their civic duties from either the Army or the Air cadets on alternate years. The Honour Air cadets for this year are CWO Lara Martin and CPL Finn Fearon.



Greenfield Memorial Refurbishment

The Council has used its statutory powers and arranged for the completion of restoration works on the Greenfield War Memorial. This involved cleaning of the stone, repainting of the lettering and repointing of all joints. Fortunately, this was completed on time to mark the Royal British Legion's Centenary on 15th May. Wreaths were laid by Holy Trinity Church and Holywell Town Council as well as the Legion itself. Members of Holywell and District RBL and Holy Trinity Church were in attendance as well as the Mayor of Holywell, Councillor Lynda Carter, accompanied by Councillor Sue Delaney and Councillor Andy Trumper.

Active Travel Network Map draft - Statutory Consultation

As part of the requirements of the Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013, all local authorities in Wales are required to continuously improve their active travel routes and plan how routes will join up to form networks. Flintshire County Council are undertaking a 12 week statutory consultation period and have updated the online consultation so people can access the draft map for each of the settlements and leave comments and feedback. The statutory consultation period will run until 1st November 2021 and during this time people can review our draft submission, leave feedback and add comments by visiting

<https://flintshire2.commonplace.is/> If you prefer, you can send your comments via an email to active.travel@flintshire.gov.uk. Alternatively, if you do not have access to the internet, you can call FCC on 01352 701234.

Did you know?

The Town Council set aside £10,000 each year to upgrade our play areas. This years upgrade will take place at Groesffordd, Greenfield.