



£110m boost for schools

Schools across the county borough will benefit from £110million of investment thanks to the next phase of a hugely successful funding programme.

The council's Cabinet has given the green light to the next stage of the Welsh Government's 21st Century Education and Schools programme.

Cllr Philippa Marsden, Cabinet Member for Education said, "These exciting 'Band B' proposals are among the most ambitious in Wales and will offer our pupils the facilities they deserve – learning environments fit for the 21st Century."

BAND A: 'Band A' of the programme has already been delivered in Caerphilly resulting in over £56million in investment. The key projects in 'Band A' include the new Islwyn High School in Oakdale, Idris Davies 3-18 School in Rhymney (below) & Y Gwyndy Welsh school campus in Caerphilly.

BAND B: The ambitious 'Band B' programme includes new school builds, amalgamations, school refurbishments and expansions at sites across the whole county borough.



“It is important to stress at this stage these are only proposals and consultation with all key stakeholders will be a critical part of the process as the plans develop over the next 7 years.” added Cllr Marsden.

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21st Century Schools



The 21st Century Schools Programme is a collaboration between Welsh Government and Local Councils.

FINES FOR FLY-TIPPING INCREASED TO £400



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ENOUGH IS ENOUGH**

In its latest move to tackle environmental crime, Caerphilly County Borough Council is saying 'Enough is Enough' to those who illegally dispose of waste, by increasing the maximum on the spot fine that can be issued for fly-tipping offences to £400.

Increasing the Fixed Penalty Notice for fly-tipping to £400 with no early payment option reflects the severity of the offence of dumping unwanted waste. In one year alone (2016/17), the council received 1,992 reports of fly-tipping, which cost in excess of £150,000 to clear up.

Cabinet Member for the Environment and Public Protection, Cllr Eluned Stenner said, "Fly tipping blights our communities and it damages our environment. We hope this new move to increase the maximum on-the-spot fine limit to £400 will act as a deterrent to the small minority of people who think they can get away with fly-tipping.

"The £150,000 plus it costs us each year to clear up instances of fly-tipping could be much better spent on services elsewhere – there really is no excuse and to those who feel they are above the law, we say 'Enough is Enough.'

"I would encourage any members of the public who witnesses fly tipping, or have any information to contact the council so that we can continue to effectively clamp down on those who feel they have the right to misuse our green spaces."

'Enough is Enough' is the council's new campaign aimed at tackling environmental crime across Caerphilly county borough, including fly-tipping, dog fouling and littering.

To report fly-tipping or any other environmental concern in Caerphilly county borough, please call 01443 866 566 or visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk

Could you cut your Council Tax?

Council Tax is usually paid if you are over 18 and own or rent your home. However, there are circumstances where your bill could be lower.

Council Tax Reduction

If you are on a low income or claiming other benefits you may get money off your bill by claiming Council Tax Reduction (which has replaced Council Tax Benefit). You can get up to 100% reduction, depending on your household circumstances (eg the number of adults and/or children living with you) and your household income - this includes things like savings, pension, your partner's income. To make a new claim for a Council Tax Reduction you need to fill in an application form. You can apply for a Council Tax Reduction and Housing Benefit using the same form.

Visit the Council's website and start a new claim:

[http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Council-tax/Council-tax-reduction-scheme-\(1\)](http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Council-tax/Council-tax-reduction-scheme-(1))

Council Tax Discounts and Exemptions

There are a number of different discounts and exemptions available, for example:

- **Single Person Discount** - You can get 25% off your bill if only 1 adult aged 18 or over is resident in the property.
- **Your full council tax bill is based on at least 2 adults living in a property.** Certain people are not counted when working out the number of adults who live in your home. Therefore, if only one adult lives at the property who counts towards council tax, your bill will be reduced by 25%.
- **Disabled person band reduction** - Your bill may be reduced if your home has certain features which are essential or of major importance to the wellbeing of an adult or a child with a disability.
- **Empty Properties and Property Exemptions** – You may be able to claim an exemption if your property is empty, or if the way it is used falls into one of the classes shown on the Council's website link below.

To see if you could apply for a lower council tax bill, please visit the following link for more information:

<http://www.caerphilly.gov.uk/Services/Council-tax/Discounts-and-exemptions>

Further information, including an eligibility checker, is available on the Welsh Government website at <https://gov.wales/counciltaxhelp>



Ras yr Iaith 2018 comes to Caerphilly

Ras yr Iaith, the only world-wide race that promotes the Welsh language is expanding and will end this year in Caerphilly Town.

This year the race, the third since its inception, will visit new areas of Wales, and will, for the first time, visit the North East and the South East of Wales.

The Race will start in Wrexham on the 4th of July and finish in Caerphilly on July 6th offering three full days of running, noise, energy and enjoyment while celebrating Welsh in communities across Wales.

Various organisations across Wales also benefit from the Race as the funding received will be distributed in the form of grants. The money raised by the last Race held in 2016 was shared, between about forty five Welsh-language organisations across the areas visited.

The Race is organized by Menterau Iaith Cymru with the Caerphilly section managed by Menter Caerffili. Lowri Jones, Chief Executive of Menter Caerffili, says:

"We are very happy to be able to welcome Ras yr Iaith to Caerphilly Borough this year and to spread the Race's message. In 2016 over £42,000 was raised in grants for organisations to promote the Welsh language in their areas. As an organisation that aims to increase the use of Welsh in communities across Caerphilly Borough it is pleasing to see the race growing every time and it can make a difference for Wales."



Everyone is very welcome to take part in Ras yr Iaith, groups of friends, schools, families, organisations or businesses can take part in the Race by running or supporting on the side of the road, by stewarding, or by sponsoring part of the Race. The Caerphilly section of the race together with entertainment and activities will be held between 4:30pm-7:00pm. The race itself will be around the outskirts of Caerphilly Castle and the Owain Glyndwr playing fields with a celebration event held in and around Caerphilly Tourist Information Centre.

For more information visit www.rasyriaith.wales/www.mentercaerffili.cymru and to take part, please contact Menter Caerffili on 01443 820913 / gwybodaeth@mentercaerffili.cymru

New Mayor announced



The new Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough Council has been announced as Cllr Michael Adams.

Mike accepted the position of civic head at the Annual Meeting of Council recently. Cllr Mike Adams said, "I really am honoured to be serving as the county borough's Mayor for the forthcoming year, and together with my wife Gloria, am looking forward to representing Caerphilly county borough and its citizens in the many and varied civic engagements that the year ahead will bring. I also greatly look forward to meeting a large number of organisations and local residents who are making a real difference in their communities over the coming weeks and months."

Having worked at South Wales Switchgear from 1966 to 1992 Mike became a mature student and took a BA degree in Geography and European Studies and graduated at 2:1 level in 1996. Since then he has worked in a variety of roles, including self-employed, for the Labour Party, back into engineering and finally as a civil servant. It was during this latter period that Mike stood again as a Labour candidate in Pontllanfraith and was elected to Caerphilly County Borough Council in 2004, where he has continued to represent residents of the Pontllanfraith ward ever since.

Married to wife Gloria for nearly 46 years, Mike and Gloria have two sons, Neil and Paul. His hobbies include watching sports, reading (particularly political thrillers) and weekend hikes in the local countryside. He has chosen to raise funds for a small, local charity, 'Matthew Walklin's Make a Smile Foundation' during his year in office.

The Deputy Mayor has been announced as Cllr Julian Simmonds, who represents the Crosskeys ward.

Our commitment to YOU

The political leadership of the council, called the Cabinet, have agreed a set of key commitments that they want to make to the public and to staff. These are the standards you can expect from the Cabinet and how they want to be held to account.

Leader of Council, **Cllr Dave Poole** said, "I believe this is unique as no other Cabinet in Caerphilly's 27 year history has ever done anything similar to this in terms of making such a public declaration of its priorities and accountability."

"These new Cabinet Commitments set out 7 key pledges that will help us shape the way we deliver services in the future. This is a bold move and we are aware that we must be fully accountable by living up to these commitments, but I and my Cabinet Colleagues are fully on board and we are committed to leading this authority from the front.

"We recognise that in order for the council to move forward we need a clear vision and a robust set of priorities that sets the tone for the whole organisation.

CAERPHELLY'S CABINET COMMITMENTS



The Leader of Council and his Cabinet have agreed **7 KEY COMMITMENTS**

which underpin the overarching vision and priorities of Caerphilly County Borough Council:



- 1. We will always do our best to protect jobs and services within the current challenging financial climate.**
- 2. We will build on CCBC's reputation as an innovative, high performing local authority.**
- 3. We will ensure we have an engaged and motivated workforce.**
- 4. We will always strive to ensure CCBC delivers value for money in everything it does.**
- 5. We will help protect the most vulnerable people in our society and make safeguarding a key priority.**
- 6. We will always welcome feedback and consider the views of residents, staff and other key stakeholders.**
- 7. We will be open, honest & transparent in everything we do.**



Could you help change a child's life?

Caerphilly County Borough Council is encouraging residents who may have time to spare or space in their home to consider making a vital difference to a child's life by becoming a **foster carer**.

Fostering is the chance to make an important difference to a child's life. All types of families from all kinds of backgrounds can foster a child or group of children. The council is currently looking for more foster carers for children of all ages in Caerphilly county borough, who would be willing to help give them the very best start in life.

Cabinet Member for Social Care and Wellbeing, Cllr Carl Cuss said, "Foster carers really do make a huge difference to the lives of children and young people in their care. It can be extremely rewarding and right from the outset, carers are fully supported by our dedicated team. I would encourage anyone who may be interested in becoming a foster carer to get in touch with our team to find out more about how they can change a child's life – and in turn, enrich their own."



One of the council's existing foster carers agrees, adding: "Being a foster carer is the most rewarding job I've had. I am in awe of every child that has walked into my home; their ability to adapt and begin to grow is unbelievable. Each child brings their own challenges and rewards, and when you accept them and their experiences, the rewards for both them and you are so heart-warming."

There are various opportunities for foster carers to attend training courses, enabling them to learn and share good practice, discuss issues they may have and build skills and confidence, while meeting and socialising with other carers and professionals. The council also provides fees to foster carers for the vital work they carry out. Currently the council is considering implementing a revised fee structure, which if implemented, would bring Caerphilly more in line with other local authorities across South Wales. It is hoped this improved fee structure would also assist the council in recruiting more foster carers in future.

One of the young people currently in the council's care and seeking a foster placement said, "I loved being in my last foster home – it literally made my day every day. It can be very hard for a girl my age, and I would really love to have a foster home and be able to stay with someone who's going to look after me until I'm an adult."

To contact Caerphilly County Borough Council's fostering team, please call

0800 587 5664 Text **'foster'** to **78866**

or visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/fostering



Air quality update

Air pollution is a national concern and unfortunately we all contribute to the problem in some way.

The main cause of poor air quality is Nitrogen Dioxide from vehicle emissions. If pollution levels in a particular area exceed agreed levels, then the local authority declares an Air Quality Management Area. The local authority is then required to produce an action plan, along with key stakeholders, detailing how they are going to tackle the issue in future.

The local authority continues to work hard to improve air quality across the county borough and our main efforts are currently focused on two key sites – Caerphilly town centre and Hafod-yr-yngys Hill, both of which are Air Quality Management Areas and have air quality action plans associated with them to bring about compliance within these areas.

Hafod-yr-yngys is also one of the areas named within a national plan about air pollution produced by the Welsh Government and residents may be aware that there are ongoing legal proceedings against the UK and Welsh Governments regarding their efforts to tackle air pollution.

As a result, Ministers have made a firm commitment to improve air quality and are

currently consulting on plans for tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations.

In addition to this, Ministers have issued directions to the local authorities named within the national report (including Caerphilly Council) to undertake feasibility studies and come up with a preferred option for bringing about compliance in with the air quality standards in the shortest possible time. Caerphilly is working in close partnership with Welsh Government through this process and further updates will be made as this work progresses.

There are a few simple things that we can all do to help:

- **Avoid unnecessary car journeys – Use your feet or cycle and leave the car at home.**
- **Switch off your engine when stationary - Do not idle your vehicle unnecessarily, especially in residential areas and outside schools.**
- **Regularly service your car and keep your tyres inflated.**
- **Avoid having bonfires and dispose of waste properly.**

Focus on Food Safety

All food businesses operating within the Caerphilly county borough are subject to regular food safety inspections, to ensure that food is being handled and produced hygienically.

During the last 12 months the council's Food Safety Team made over 1,700 visits to food premises to inspect the standards of food hygiene during routine inspections and food sampling, or to investigate a complaint made by a member of the public for issues such as foreign objects in food, poor hygiene standards or complaints of pests at food premises. The team also offer advice to food businesses and provide guidance for those who are thinking of starting one.

A major part of the teams work is to issue Food Hygiene Ratings, ranging from **5** (very good) to **0** (urgent improvement necessary). The scheme allows customers to make more informed choices about where they choose to buy and eat food. Since the scheme was introduced in 2010 a significant number of premises have improved their hygiene standards and 95% of food businesses in Caerphilly currently have a rating of 3 or above.



If you have a concern about a food premises, or are a business looking for food safety advice you can call **01443 811304** or visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk

Remember, you can always check the food hygiene rating on the door or visit www.ratings.food.gov.uk to find out a premises food hygiene rating.

Spectacular Summer Fun



Make the most of what the county borough has to offer this summer, with a fantastic selection of family friendly events for everyone to enjoy!



Blackwood Beach Party

The iconic Blackwood Beach Party will return to Blackwood town centre on **Saturday 23rd (9am – 5pm) and Sunday 24th June (10am – 4pm)**, with stalls selling a range of food, crafts and gifts including fudge, cakes and cheese. The popular urban beach experience will also offer entertainment which includes: street theatre performances, children's funfair rides and a Caribbean steel band. Blackwood Carnival will also run alongside the beach party, with the parade starting at 3pm on Saturday.



Blackwood Beach Party - 23rd - 24th June

Risca Summer Festival

The summer fun will continue into July with Risca Summer Festival on **Saturday 7th July from 12pm until 5pm**. Risca Park will be transformed for the family fun day which promises to be jam-packed with an abundance of entertainment from animal displays to funfair rides and entertainers as well as food and craft stalls.



Risca Summer Festival - 7th July

The Big Cheese

The summer events programme will draw to a close with The Big Cheese which returns on **Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July** to Caerphilly town centre, with a selection of Welsh food and drink producers and a dedicated cheese market offering tasty treats for visitors to enjoy. Also on offer will be an exciting extravaganza of music and dance performances, falconry, a traditional funfair, and much more will bring Caerphilly to life for 2 full days of summer action!



The Big Cheese - 28th - 29th July

For more information, please call the Visitor Centre Caerphilly on **029 2088 0011** or visit www.caerphilly.gov/events

Boost for Tourism

Tourist destinations throughout the county borough have had a successful 2017, with most destinations experiencing growth from the previous year.

Caerphilly welcomed a total of 1.89 million visitors to the county borough during 2017, bringing a total economic impact of £128 million to the borough. A whopping 277,000 people visited The Visitor Centre, Caerphilly during 2017, with friendly staff providing help and information for tourists as well as serving food and beverages and selling local products.

Cwmcarn Forest also proved popular, with 225,000 choosing to visit the beauty spot which offers glamping pods, a variety of walking routes, cycle tracks, a visitor centre and various family activities throughout the year. Historic tourist destination **Llancaiach Fawr Manor** saw more than a 12% increase in visitors last year (compared to 2016) with 66,000 people taking advantage of the interesting heritage on offer. The **Winding House Museum** in New Tredegar has seen a 6% increase in visitors during 2017, with keen historians visiting the museum to explore their exhibitions. Theatre and the arts were also well supported throughout 2017, with 31,500 audience members visiting **Blackwood Miners' Institute** to experience the venues fantastic programme of entertainment.



For more information visit the new look 'Visit Caerphilly' website www.visitcaerphilly.com

Glamper's Paradise

The 4 star campsite at Cwmcarn Forest has recently introduced 5 luxury 'glamping pods' just in time for the summer season.

The luxury pods are kitted out for would-be campers who can enjoy the beautiful surroundings and breath-taking views in style. Each pod includes a double bed with sprung mattress, an armchair, soft furnishings, a side unit with fridge, tea coffee making facilities, heating, lighting and electric sockets. The fully furnished pods can be booked year-round as they are fully insulated and heated and can accommodate a family of 4, with the option of hiring bunk beds for the children.

The stunning location offers visitors the opportunity to take part in mountain biking with three exhilarating trails on offer as well as some of the best walking routes in Wales. The site is also set to receive another new addition over the summer as 'Caerphilly Adventures' will move in and will offer rock climbing, abseiling, gorge walking, archery, mountain biking and surfing.

To book a glamping pod or to find out more information please call the centre on 01495 272011. Online booking will be available in the coming weeks.



Top Marks for Schools

Pupils and staff at a number of Caerphilly county borough schools are celebrating, after receiving positive inspection reports from Estyn.

Over recent months a number of schools have achieved 'Good' Estyn inspection outcomes, including Ysgol Penalltau, Hendre Junior School, Abercarn Primary School, Penllwyn Primary School, Ysgol Gymraeg Trelyn and Greenhill Primary School.

All of these schools received 'Good' ratings in each of Estyn's five inspection areas; standards, wellbeing and attitudes to learning, teaching and learning experiences, care, support and guidance and leadership and management.

Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement, Cllr Philippa Marsden said, "These pleasing outcomes are testament to the hard work and dedication of staff, governing bodies, pupils and parents alike. It's great to see that the hard work and dedication to provide our pupils with the best learning opportunities available has been recognised - well done to everyone involved."

Full Estyn inspection reports can be found at www.estyn.gov.wales



Celebrating our Carers

Caerphilly will be celebrating the contribution of carers in the community by holding a series of events and activities over the coming months.

The celebrations kick off with 'Carers Week' (11-17 June) which is an annual campaign to raise awareness of caring and recognise the contribution carers make to their families and communities across the UK.

On **Friday 29th June** (10.30am - 2.30pm) there will be a special Carers consultation event at Shappelle's Dance Centre in Ystrad Mynach. On **Saturday 7th July**, a Carers' Summer Ball will take place at Bryn Meadows, which will be a glittering celebration of all carers across Caerphilly.

To find out more about these and the many other events and activities taking place please visit: www.caerphilly.gov.uk/carers e-mail: carers@caerphilly.gov.uk call 01495 233218 or 07808 779367

Carers Week Activities

- **Tuesday 12th June (11.30am - 3pm)** Trip to Cefn Mably Farm for people with dementia & their carers. Organised in conjunction with the Memory Assessment Service.
- **Wednesday 13th June (10am - 3pm)** Spa day including lunch at Bryn Meadows.
- **Thursday 14th June (2pm)** Afternoon tea at Newbridge Memo. Organised in conjunction with the Memory Assessment Service.
- **Friday 15th June (Doors 5pm) - The Bootleg Beatles** at Caerphilly Castle.

Applications are open for the Welsh Church Fund

Local communities and voluntary organisations are encouraged to apply for funding from the Welsh Church Fund.

Managed by the council, the fund offers registered voluntary societies, churches, chapels and movements and institutions which contribute towards local community life, the opportunity to apply for funding of up to £10,000.

Generally, successful projects costing £5,000 or less will be fully grant aided, and larger projects can also receive funding at a grant rate of 75% of costs above £5,000, up to a total maximum grant of £10,000. Applications should be for capital costs, such as site works, building refurbishments, building extensions, purchase of equipment and furniture, landscaping and purchase of land/buildings etc.

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member with responsibility for finance, Cllr. Barbara Jones, said, "We highly value this fund and took a decision at Cabinet to increase the maximum grant available to applicants as we feel that the money is of great value to the local community. I would urge all of those who feel they would benefit from this grant to get in touch."

For further information or for an application form contact Vicki Doyle on 01443 866391 email: DOYLEVM@caerphilly.gov.uk

Roundabout Update

Work continues to progress well on the Pwll-y-Pant roundabout improvement scheme in Caerphilly.

Once completed, these major works will significantly improve capacity and reduce congestion at this key strategic junction in the future. The council and its main contractor, Walters UK Ltd, have responded positively to concerns from the community over recent months and have agreed a number of changes to the contract in order to limit disruption and ease traffic congestion.

This included using additional funding from Welsh Government to allow two lanes to be operational on the approach to the roundabout from the Llanbradach bypass. This change made a significant improvement to traffic flow through the area, but it is likely that the traffic arrangements will need to revert to single lane operation during August to allow essential works to be undertaken. Traffic tends to be lighter during the school summer holidays and major events such as the Big Cheese would have already taken place.

More details will be announced over the coming weeks, but for further information, updates and frequently asked questions about the scheme please visit -

www.caerphilly.gov.uk/pwllypant



Armed Forces Day is coming to Bargoed



Saturday 23rd of June

will see crowds descend on Bargoed for the county borough's annual Armed Forces Day celebration.

The community event is set to take place at 10:30am on Bargoed Square with a short parade led by the Royal British Legion followed closely by cadets.

Following the parade, a flag raising ceremony will take place and will include readings from Cllr. Mike Adams, Mayor of Caerphilly County Borough, Lord Lieutenant of Gwent Brigadier Robert Aitken CBE, pupils from Heolddu Comprehensive School and representatives from the Royal British Legion.

Wreaths will be laid at the base of the flag to commemorate those who have lost their lives in conflicts, and the anthems will be performed by Oakdale Silver Band.

Residents, visitors, business owners, and guests are invited to turn out to show their support for the Armed Forces community and view the stalls set up on Bargoed Square courtesy of local cadet forces, the Royal British Legion, Help for Heroes the 203 (Welsh) Field Hospital and many more.



Armed Forces Champion, Cllr. Andrew Whitcombe said, "Our county celebration is hosted in a different town each year to offer local residents the opportunity to show their support and thanks to those courageous individuals who make up the Armed Forces community."

For more information please contact Sarena Ford on 01443 863218 or email: fords1@caerphilly.gov.uk



KEEP P out of our Pools!

Parents are being urged to ensure that young children always wear appropriate swim nappies when visiting any of the council's pools. Children suffering from illness should also stay away until they are fully recovered.

Unfortunately there have been a number of incidents over recent months where pools have been forced to close due to 'accidents' in the water. These lead to lengthy closures in order for the water to be cleaned and treated before further use can be permitted. Pool users are inconvenienced, classes need to be cancelled and the disruption can cost the council thousands of pounds each year due to treatment costs and lost income.

"The message is simple – make sure your child wears appropriate swim nappies at all times and if they have an upset stomach please keep them out of the water until they are fully recovered," said Cllr Nigel George, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services.

High Street Hike

Choose the High Street' Walking is a **NEW FREE** initiative which involves an enjoyable guided walk around Caerphilly town centre every Tuesday morning.

The first walk will take place on Tuesday 12th June and afterwards there will be an opportunity for participants to meet for a coffee in the town centre. If you would like to take part, simply meet at the Tommy Cooper statue every Tuesday at 11am.

Choose the 
HIGH STREET
Walking

Town Centres - Unique Places



WALK DATES:

June 12th / 19th / 26th
July 3rd / 10th / 17th

11am Every Tuesday @ Tommy Cooper Statue

NOTE: The walk is suitable for all abilities as participants will have the choice of three different lengths of routes to walk. Please dress for the weather & wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

For more information contact 01443 866213





SUMMER SPORT SCHEME

Ages 7-12

Monday 23rd July to Friday 31st August

Caerphilly Leisure Centre

9:00am to 3:00pm - £8.15 per day - 029 2085 1845

Newbridge Leisure Centre

9:00am to 3:00pm - £8.15 per day - 01495 248100

Risca Leisure Centre

9:00am to 3:00pm - £8.15 per day - 01633 600940

Heolddu Leisure Centre

10am to 2pm - £5.10 per day - 01443 828950

To book your place call your chosen leisure centre or for more information please email: davies30@caerphilly.gov.uk

Parents must ensure that children are dressed appropriately. Lunch and drinks are required. In the case of unforeseen circumstances we reserve the right to cancel or amend any activity as necessary. Refunds will only be given in the event of facility closure. Children attending the sport scheme may get wet and dirty. CCBC are not responsible for the condition of clothing following sessions. The Sport Scheme operates an 'Open' programme of activities - staff cannot force children to remain on site. Places can only be reserved after receipt of payment. Only children aged 8 and over will be permitted access to the swimming pool during sport scheme hours.



Popular jobs fair returns

Thursday 21st June, 10am - 2.30pm

Real jobs, Real opportunities - Don't forget your CV

The Live Vacancy events is set to return after it attracted more than 1,000 youngsters seeking training and employment during the last event in March.

Sue Noake Leisure Centre in Ystrad Mynach will be transformed into a marketplace, between 10:30am and 2pm, to accommodate more than 60 employers and training providers offering apprenticeships and job opportunities to those aged 16 to 24.

The successful partnership between Careers Wales and Caerphilly Council's Youth Service has seen the event continue to grow with an increasing number of employers requesting a presence. Cllr Sean Morgan, Cabinet Member responsible for the Wellbeing of Future Generations commented, "This event has a proven track record of providing excellent opportunities for our young residents leaving fulltime education. There is clearly a demand for this type of event as the numbers of those attending is growing rapidly, we will continue to work with our partners to strive to meet these demands."

For more information about the event please contact John Poyner on 01443 864970



Spotlight on Licensing

Did you know that the council's Licensing Team, based at Penallta House, play a key role in keeping us safe and protecting our rights in a surprising number of ways.



You may not think it, but licensing is all around you - whether you're enjoying a pint in your local pub, booking a pet into kennels, tossing a coin into a charity bucket or taking a taxi ride - all these activities, and many more beside, involve licensing in some way.

You may be learning to ride a horse, planning a tattoo or piercing, buying a puppy from a pet shop or leaving an unwanted exercise bike out for collection by the local scrap dealer - again all such activities are covered by licenses from the local authority.

During **National Licensing Week (18th - 22nd June 2018)** officers will be undertaking a range of visits to local groups and businesses to promote licensing throughout the county borough.

If you have a query or a concern or would like to find out more about licensing, then contact the team on **01443 866750** or email: licensing@caerphilly.gov.uk.

Velothon Returns

On **Sunday 8th July** the annual Velothon cycle race returns to the roads of South Wales, welcoming thousands of recreational riders and charity fundraisers.

To allow the event to proceed safely, it will be necessary for the organisers to implement a range of road closures and parking restrictions along the route. Please visit www.velothon.com/wales where you can find advice on navigating road closures with diversionary routes.

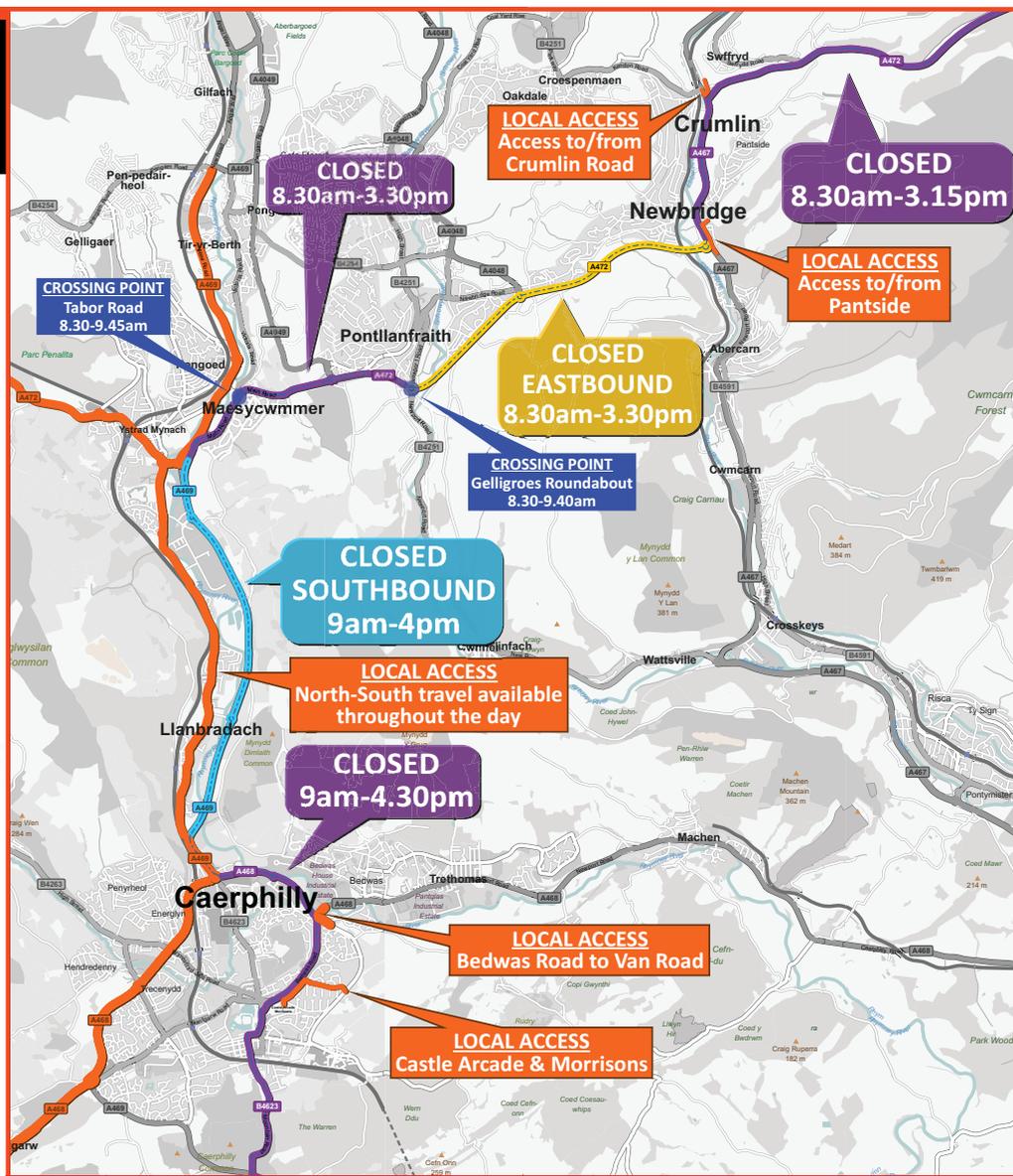
Event organisers are also working closely with the emergency services, who will operate as normal on the day and will not be obstructed by road closures. Carers, pregnant women and on-call medical professionals who may be affected by the closures should get in touch as soon as possible on **02921 660 790**. If you are not taking part, we encourage you to turn out to join the thousands of spectators who will be cheering the cyclists.

The organisers would like to apologise in advance for any inconvenience & hopes that disruption will be kept to a minimum on the day of the event.

Thank you for your support!

Hotline: 02921 660 790

velothonwales@ironmanroadaccess.com



ROUTE & ACCESS OVERVIEW SUNDAY 8 JULY 2018

All routes highlighted in **ORANGE** offer access to properties in the local area

Help shape our Sport & Leisure strategy

Residents will soon get the chance to have their say about the future of sport and active recreation across the county borough when the council consults on a new 10 year strategy.

Earlier this year, the council's Cabinet committed to develop a long term strategy for sport and active recreation that will encourage more people to lead healthy lifestyles. We want to support residents to be more active, more often through improving the access and variety of leisure, community and sporting facilities. The strategy will outline a long-term vision for the delivery of a range of sport and active recreation opportunities including leisure centres, country parks, sport and recreation grounds, open spaces and play facilities, as well as sports development provision.

In developing the draft strategy, the council will consider the quality, quantity and accessibility of existing provision and key demographic and social factors within the context of the current financial climate to ensure that the provision is fit for purpose into the future.



The 10 week consultation period will start on 16th July and run until 21st September.

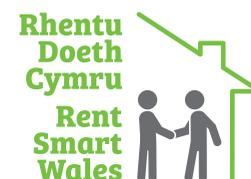
Full details about the consultation and how you can have your say will be announced over the coming weeks.

For more news visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/news

Tenants... Is your landlord breaking the law?

All landlords with properties in Wales must now be registered, and self-managing landlords and agents must be licensed.

Check our register



You can use the public register on our website to check if your landlord is complying with the law.

www.rhentudoeth.llyw.cymru
www.rentsmart.gov.wales

☎ **03000 133344**

Rhifau Defnyddiol Useful Numbers

**PRIF SWITSFWRDD
MAIN SWITCHBOARD**
☎ **01443 815588**

Minicom Minicom
☎ **01443 873626**

**Rhif argyfwng ar gyfer
Gwasanaethau'r Cyngor:**
Emergency Number for
Council Services:
☎ **01443 875500**
(Allan o Oriau yn unig • Out of hours only)

**Gwasanaethau
Cymdeithasol i Blant**
Children's Social Services
☎ **0808 100 1727**

**Gwasanaethau
Cymdeithasol i Oedolion**
Adults' Social Services
☎ **0808 100 2500**

BalchderStryd StreetPride
☎ **01443 866566**

Cyngor i Ddefnyddwyr
Consumer Advice
☎ **03454 040506**

Ymholiadau Treth y Cyngor
Council Tax Enquiries
☎ **01443 863002**

Ailgylchu Dodrefn
Furniture Recycling
☎ **01685 846830**

Bathodyn Glas Blue Badge
☎ **01443 866571**

Budd-daliadau Tai
/Treth y Cyngor
Housing & Council
Tax Benefits
Ceisiadau Newydd New Claims:
☎ **01443 866567**
Hawlwyr Presennol Existing Claimants:
☎ **01443 864099**

*Rydym yn croesawu
galwadau yn Gymraeg.*
We welcome calls in Welsh.



Digwyddiadau / What

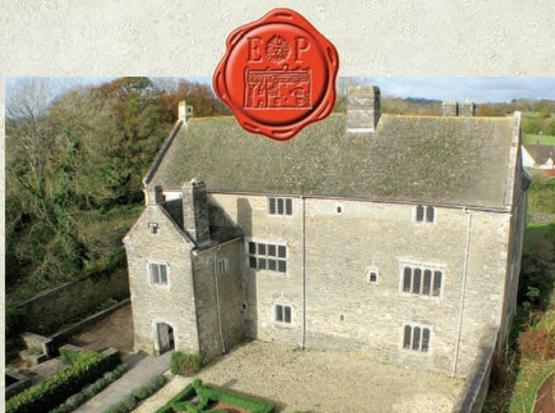
Blas yr Haf Taste of Summer

**30 Mehefin a 1 Gorffennaf /
30 June & 1 July - 10am**

**Mäenordy Llancaiach Fawr
Llancaiach Fawr Manor**

*Mwynhewch fwyd tymhorol hanesyddol
yn y maenordy a phorwch fwyd blasus
ac anrhegion cartref yn y ffair bwyd
a chreffft Blas Lleol.*

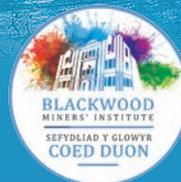
*Enjoy historic seasonal food in the
manor house and browse tasty delights
and homemade gifts at the Blas Lleol
food and craft fair.*



www.llancaiachfawr.co.uk
01443 412 248



ROCK AND ROLL REVOLUTION



Chwyldro Roc a Rôl Rock and Roll Revolution

21 Gorffennaf / 21 July - 7.30pm

Sefydliad y Glowyr Coed Duon
Blackwood Miners Institute

*Mae'r 'Bluejays' yn cyflwyno teyrnged
ddyfeisgar a gwir i'r cyfnod pan newidiodd
cerddoriaeth y byd am byth.*

*The Bluejays present an electrifying
and authentic tribute to the era when
music changed the world forever.*

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Amgueddfa'r Tŷ Weindio, Tre
Winding House Museum, N

Clwb Crefftau • C
27 Gorffennaf, 3, 10 a
27 July, 3, 10 & 17 Aug

*Mwynhewch amrywiaeth o grefftau hanesyddol
darganfyddwch gyfrinachau Oes yr Iâ, rocledi
am geisio gwneud pabi. Mae archebu'n han*

*Enjoy a range of historical crafts this summer
discover the secrets of the Ice Age, rockets and pirate
poppy making. Booking Essential!*

Yr Injan Weindio The Winding Engine

28 Gorffennaf / 28 July

*Yr Injan Weindio Fictoriaidd trawiadol
weddi'll o Lofa Eliot a gaeodd ym 1904
chi i weld y darn anhygoel o beiriau*

*The impressive Victorian Winding Engine
remains of Elliot Colliery which closed in 1904
chance to see this incredible piece of machinery*

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I gael gwybodaeth am sgysiau, clybiau llyfrau a sesiynau crefft sydd ar y gweill yn eich llyfrgell leol ew

www.caerffili.gov.uk/digwyddiadau  www.caerffili.gov.uk

Sign up to receive regular information about local events by e-mailing
For information about upcoming talks, book clubs and craft sessions at your local library visit

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Mae Grŵp Mynediad Caerffili yn chwilio am aelodau newydd ar hyn o bryd. Mae'r grŵp yn ymdrin
â materion mynediad sy'n effeithio ar fwynhâd bywyd i unigolion ar draws y fwrdeistref sirol.

Fe'i rhedir gan 'Disability Can Do' ac mae'n cefnogi pobl wrth ddatrys problemau, gan gynnwys
gwella mynediad i ac o adeiladau, croesfannau ffyrdd mwy diogel a gwell cludiant cyhoeddus. Mae'r
grŵp yn cyfarfod ar y trydydd dydd lau bob mis (ac eithrio mis Awst) am 11:00am yn swyddfeydd y
Cyngor Tŷ Penallta, Parc Tredomen, Ystrad Mynach. Mae'r cyfarfodydd yn anffurfiol ac yn rhoi cyfle i
aelodau dderbyn gwybodaeth oddi wrth ystod o sefydliadau perthnasol.

Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch â Roger Bevan ar 07753 194776





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r 17 Awst /
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THE BIG CHEESE
27 - 29.07.2018
CAERFFILI • CAERPHILLY



Gŵyl y Caws Mawr
The Big Cheese

Wedi'i leoli yng nghysgodion un o Gestyll mwyaf Ewrop, bydd tref Caerffili yn dod yn fyw wrth i bobl o bob oedran ddod i'r Caws Mawr, llu o ddiddanwyr stryd, gwersylloedd hanes byw, cerddoriaeth, dawns, ffair hwyl draddodiadol, dawnsio gwerin, hebogyddiaeth, bwyta tân, clerwyr, trwbawriaid a llawer mwy.

Set in the shadows of one of Europe's largest Castles the town of Caerphilly comes to life as people of all ages come to The Big Cheese, an extravaganza of street entertainers, living history encampments, music, dance, traditional funfair, folk dancing, falconry, fire eating, minstrels, troubadours and much more.

www.caerffili.gov.uk/ycawsmawr
www.caerphilly.gov.uk/bigcheese

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Cynllunio ar gyfer cenedlaethau'r dyfodol

Cyhoeddwyd dwy ddogfen bwysig yn ddiweddar sy'n cynnwys meysydd amcanion blaenoriaeth i'r cyngor, ei bartneriaid a'r ardal dros y blynnyddoedd i ddod.

Mae'r Cynllun Llesiant Lleol 'Y Gaerffili a Garem 2018-2013' yn nodi sut mae Bwrdd Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus Caerffili - sy'n cynnwys y cyngor a nifer o bartneriaid eraill - wedi datblygu ei amcanion lleol ar gyfer llesiant a'r camau y mae'n bwriadu eu gwneud i gwrdd â'r amcanion hynny.

Gellir dod o hyd i'r Cynllun Llesiant 'Y Gaerffili a Garem 2018-2013' ar-lein:

<https://your.caerphilly.gov.uk/publicservicesboard/>

Yr ail ddogfen yw Cynllun Corfforaethol y Cyngor 2018 - 2023. Yn y cynllun hwn ceir cyfres o 'Amcanion Lles' a fydd yn sail i feysydd blaenoriaeth y cyngor dros y pum mlynedd nesaf.

Gellir dod o hyd i'r Cynllun Corfforaethol, gan gynnwys Amcanion Lles 2018-2023 ar-lein: www.caerffili.gov.uk

I gael copïau caled o'r naill ddogfen neu'r llall, ffoniwch 01443 864238



Planning for future generations

Two important documents have recently been published that contain priority areas and objectives for the council, its partners and the area over the coming years.

The local Well-being Plan 'The Caerphilly We Want 2018-2013' sets out how the Caerphilly Public Services Board - which includes the council and a number of other partners - has developed its local objectives for well-being and the steps it intends to take to meet them.

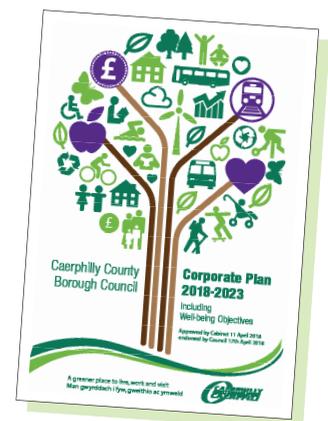
The Well-being Plan 'The Caerphilly We Want 2018-2023' can be found online:

<https://your.caerphilly.gov.uk/publicservicesboard/>

The second document is the council's Corporate Plan 2018 - 2023. Contained within this plan are a series of 'Wellbeing Objectives' which will form the basis for the council's own priority areas for action over the next five years.

The Corporate Plan including Wellbeing Objectives 2018-2023 can be found online: www.caerphilly.gov.uk

To access hard copies of either document, please call 01443 864238



CAERPHILLY ACCESS GROUP

The Caerphilly Access Group is currently seeking new members. The group deals with access issues that affect the enjoyment of life for individuals across the county borough.

It is run by 'Disability Can Do' and supports people in solving problems, including improving access to and exit from buildings, safer road crossings and improved public transport. The group meets on the third Thursday of every month (except August) at 11:00am in the council's Penallta House offices, Tredomen Park, Ystrad Mynach. The meetings are informal and provide members with opportunities to receive information from a range of relevant organisations.

For more information contact Roger Bevan on 07753 194776

