



Thanks for the THUMBS UP!

Most residents across the Caerphilly county borough are happy with the services provided by the council, according to the findings of a major satisfaction survey.

The Household Survey is a biennial questionnaire designed to gather feedback on the council and its services. The findings from the 2017 survey have been analysed and the feedback received has been very positive across a range of subject areas. The key areas that generated the highest levels of satisfaction include recycling, libraries, country parks, bus services and Newsline!

The headline statistic was that 74% of respondents were satisfied or very satisfied with the overall service provided by the Council.

Cllr Dave Poole, Leader of council said, "Feedback from residents is very important to us as we need people's views to help us shape our services in the future. We are very encouraged by the positive feedback we have received following the Household Survey and I would like to thank everyone who took part."

The 4 page Household Survey was included in Newsline and posted to all homes across the county borough. There was also a £250 prize draw to encourage as many people as possible to take part and the lucky recipient was Tim Jarrett from Bargoed.

Turn to **page 3** to see more results from the survey.



Pride in Your Place Champions!



The council recently held its annual environmental awards ceremony in Blackwood Miners Institute and Fochriw Primary School were crowned Pride in Your Place champions!

The awards celebrate environmental work undertaken by groups, schools and individual volunteers. Fochriw Primary scooped the overall award for their work with the school and in the local community.

Head Teacher Sharon Pascoe said, "We are truly honoured to receive the prestigious Champion award which celebrates our endeavour to give pupils innovative, quality experiences

to become ethical informed citizens. We are delighted that the ongoing hard work, dedication and pride our pupils show in their community has been rewarded."

Cllr Nigel George, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhood Services said, "Congratulations to every individual, community group and school who received an award or award nomination for their fantastic environmental work. The standard of entries this year was absolutely fantastic and I am delighted that their work has been recognised."



Other winners were:

Go Wild! - Sirhowy Valley Honeybee Company	Sustainable Travel - Ysgol Bro Sannan
Keeping up Appearances - Shingrig Allotments	Community Project - Ty'n y wern Primary School
Recycling in Schools - Trinity Fields School	Well Kept Area - Castle View Community Group
Environmental Education - Fochriw Primary School	Youth Environmental Champion - Luke Pickard
Healthy Living - Cwmfelinfach Primary School	Environmental Champion - Billy Hughes

Help shape YOUR county borough

How would you like to make the Caerphilly county borough a more prosperous, resilient, healthy, and equal place to live & work?

A Foundation for Success

CCBC would like your views on how we and our partners can work together to achieve this. We have produced a draft document called 'A Foundation for Success' that suggests a number of actions and improvements that would lead to the continuing transformation of the county borough for the next 5 years.

The document concentrates on 4 key themes: **Supporting People; Supporting Business; Supporting Quality of Life** and **Connecting People & Places**. These themes will set out the broad principles for regeneration and the actions to be tackled under each, to make the borough a better place to live, work and conduct business.

Caerphilly Basin Masterplan

We would also like your views on a new masterplan for the Caerphilly Basin which sets out a number of exciting development and regeneration opportunities aimed at enhancing Caerphilly's role as a retail, tourist and employment centre. We will be holding a four week public consultation on both documents, 'A Foundation for Success' and the Caerphilly Basin Masterplan, between 26th March 2018 and 9th May 2018.

Copies of both documents can be found at libraries and online by visiting the Council's website - www.caerphilly.gov.uk
If you have any comments please let us know at: regen@caerphilly.gov.uk

Christina takes top job



Cllr. Dave Poole and Christina Harrhy

Caerphilly council has appointed its first female Chief Executive and she has ambitious plans for the future.

Christina Harrhy has been appointed to the top job having worked for the authority as Corporate Director of Communities for the past two and a half years.

The former Chief Executive, Chris Burns, stepped down at the end of last year leading to Christina's appointment in an interim capacity.

"I am both humbled and honoured to be appointed as Interim Chief Executive and I plan to build upon the positive legacy of Chris Burns," said Christina.

"I've seen the excellent services that our dedicated workforce provides and I want to ensure we build on this in the future. However, I also recognise that we have some difficult challenges ahead due to the ongoing financial pressures, so we need to do things more efficiently and embrace new ways of delivering services," she added.

Leader of Council, Cllr Dave Poole said, "I very much welcome Christina's appointment and, along with my Cabinet colleagues, look forward to working closely with her to ensure Caerphilly continues to deliver services which meet the needs and aspirations of our community in the future."

YOUR say on services

At the end of last year a detailed survey was carried out across the county borough to determine levels of satisfaction with council services.

The survey was distributed in a number of ways – including a questionnaire in the September edition of Newline which is sent to every home in the area. The total number of responses was **2,774** which is more than double the number received when the survey was last undertaken in 2015 (1,258). We would like to thank all those who took part for their feedback.



Some of the key findings are as follows:

- Taking everything into account, **74% of respondents were satisfied** with the overall service provided by the council.
- Telephone is the main method used for contacting the council with **62%** of residents indicating that this was the main method used.
- Levels of satisfaction with different aspects of contacting the council were high. In particular, **88%** were satisfied with the helpfulness of front desk staff.
- Newline is still considered to be a useful source of news and information by **82%** of respondents.
- **60%** of respondents were satisfied with local town centres for local services and amenities whilst satisfaction with local town centres for shopping was **57%**.
- **64%** felt that the quality of life in their neighbourhood has got better or stayed the same.
- **54%** were satisfied with the appearance of the streets in their neighbourhood.
- Main issues affecting the appearance of neighbourhoods and town centres were **dog fouling, litter, weeds and overgrowth.**
- **63%** felt that levels of crime and **54%** felt that anti-social behaviour have got better or stayed the same in the last two years.
- Whilst still at a very high level, satisfaction with recycling has declined to **85%** in 2017.
- Satisfaction with refuse collection has declined to **83%** in 2017.
- **83%** of respondents had used Household Waste Recycling Centres in the last 12 months.
- There has been an small reduction in satisfaction with the local bus service overall to **81%** in 2017.
- **51%** satisfaction with road surfaces **61%** satisfaction with pavement surfaces and **68%** satisfaction with walking and cycling routes for active travel.
- Satisfaction with libraries remains high at **96%**.
- Levels of satisfaction with country parks have improved with **93%** indicating satisfaction.

Full details can be found on the CCBC website
www.caerphilly.gov.uk



Boost for Bargoed

Bargoed is set to benefit from a new jobcentre facility which will be located within the town's prestigious Lowry Plaza development.



The news is a major boost to the council's ongoing strategy for the regeneration and rejuvenation of Bargoed Town Centre. The Department for Work and Pensions has confirmed that a letting agreement has been signed for two units on the flagship development and the site should be operational in the Summer.

Lowry Plaza is part of a larger retail development which includes a 56,000 sq.ft. Morrisons superstore and a 390 space car park on lower levels, with 8 units abutting Hanbury Road.

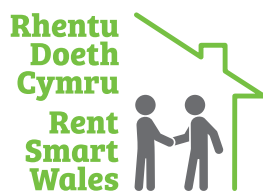
The Department for Work and Pensions has taken two units totalling 6,680 sq ft of ground floor space, which is to be extended by the installation of a mezzanine floor. It's expected that some 30 employees will join other tenants including Morrisons, Poundworld, Greggs and Subway.

CLr Sean Morgan, Deputy Leader Council said, 'This news is very welcome and will be seen as another 'vote of confidence' in Bargoed town centre as a key economic hub in the South Wales Valleys.'

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



Childcare offer saves family a small fortune!

Raylene Roper and her family are enjoying financial savings as a result of the Welsh Government's Childcare Offer for Wales.

Raylene who lives in Pontllanfraith, first heard about the offer, which is being piloted in 7 Local Authorities, on a Twitter post. She contacted Caerphilly Council immediately to check her eligibility for the 20 hours of funded childcare during term time and was pleasantly surprised that just a few weeks later she was already making huge savings. The offer is designed to help working parents with children aged 3 or 4 pay for the cost of childcare up to 20 hours per week in term time and up to 30 hours during school holidays.



Raylene and her husband Chris both work fulltime and Sam, who is now 4, has attended Jelly Tots Childcare since he was 8 months old, which has been a substantial cost for the family. As a result of the offer they now save up to £248 per month in addition to the savings from their employers childcare voucher scheme.

Raylene commented, "We were absolutely thrilled to hear about this offer. It makes a huge difference to us as a family and the process was easy and mostly done by email. I can't fault Caerphilly Council they have been great."

The scheme is currently being piloted in Caerphilly Basin including: Aber Valley, Bedwas, Trethomas & Machen, Llanbradach, Morgan Jones, Penyrheol, St James and St Martins wards. The Lower Sirhowy Valley including: Abercarn, Crosskeys, Risca and Ynysddu wards and the Mid Valley's East including: Argoed, Blackwood, Cefn Fforest, Crumlin, Newbridge, Pengam, Penmaen and Pontllanfraith wards.

From the term following their child's 3rd birthday, parents can apply for the funding which they will receive in addition to the 10 hours already provided by the part-time Foundation Phase as well as 30 hours of childcare during the school holidays.

CLr. Philippa Marsden, Cabinet Member responsible for Education and Achievement commented, "It is great to hear Raylene talk about how her family are benefitting from the offer. Working with Welsh Government we have tried to make this process as simple as possible for parents to apply."

She continued, "The offer is flexible in that families living in the selected areas during the pilot phase of the scheme are able to choose any registered childcare setting that suits their circumstance, whether inside or outside of county in agreement with the provider and the Local Authority. The childcare does not have to be delivered by the same provider as the Foundation Phase provision."

Call for more information about the scheme and what childcare is available on 01443 863232. To access the online eligibility checker please visit the following link: www.caerphilly.gov.uk/childcareoffer

Pupils settle into new £8m school

Pupils and staff from the former Abertysswg and Pontlottyn Primary Schools have settled into their new £8 million state-of-the-art school development.



The new site, built as part of a campus alongside the existing Rhymney Comprehensive School, has created the area's first 3 to 18 provision. The new joint facility is called 'Idris Davies 3 - 18 School' after the famous Welsh poet who was born in Rhymney in 1905. Cllr Philippa Marsden, Cabinet Member for Education and Achievement said, "This impressive development really does provide a state of the art teaching and learning environment with all the facilities expected in a 21st Century School, including the latest in IT equipment.

[Ysgolion yr 21ain Ganrif](#)
[21st Century Schools](#)



"It was wonderful to see pupils from the two former schools interacting together so well, and I'm sure they will enjoy all that the school development has to offer for many years to come."

The new site also benefits from an external grassed area for infants and juniors, with play equipment, a gravelled zone including a planting area for a garden club and an amphitheatre for outdoor teaching and events.

Designed in-house by the council's Property Services team, the building was constructed to achieve 'BREEAM' excellent standard for a significantly lower environmental impact. The project was jointly funded by the council and the Welsh Government through their 21st Century Schools and Education programme.

Roundabout works on track

Major improvement works on the Pwllpant roundabout in Caerphilly are progressing well and two lanes are expected to reopen to traffic this month.

Motorists have been restricted to a single lane on the roundabout and its approaches since early January to allow essential engineering works to take place. Cllr Sean Morgan, Deputy Leader of Council said, "I would like to thank motorists, residents and the local business community for their patience and co-operation over the past few months. We fully appreciate that there has been disruption and inconvenience, but the worst is hopefully over and we anticipate that the two lanes will remain available for the duration of the scheme."

Additional funding has been made available by Welsh Government to allow these positive changes to be built into the programme of works. The council is keen to encourage as many people as possible to support the shops and businesses in Caerphilly Town Centre. "The message is clear – Caerphilly is still open for business – and we would urge shoppers who may have been deterred by the roadworks over recent months to show their support and give the local economy a boost," added Cllr Morgan.



Full information on the Pwll-y-Pant roundabout improvement works scheme can be found at www.caerphilly.gov.uk/pwllpant



Major events return

Two major events return to the Caerphilly county borough this Summer promising to bring thousands of participants and spectators out onto the streets.

Sunday 20th May – The Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 10k

The Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 10k takes place on Sunday 20th May and promises to be bigger and more popular than ever. The course will lead participants in and around Caerphilly town centre, offering fantastic views of the medieval castle. Younger runners can also take part in a 2k race before the main event. Road closures will be in place to allow the race to proceed safely. For more information and to sign up, please visit www.caerphilly10k.co.uk

Sunday 8th July – VELOTHON Wales

The VELOTHON Wales returns to the county borough and gives cycling enthusiasts the opportunity to experience the thrill of closed road cycling, whilst taking in some of Wales' most breath-taking scenery. There's something for every level of ability or ambition, with 140KM, 125KM and 60KM routes on offer this year. Extensive road closures will also be put in place for this event as in previous years. For entry information and road closure details please visit www.velothon.com/events/velothon-wales

PROTECTING YOU

for 20 years

This year sees the 20th anniversary of the introduction of council operated public open space CCTV cameras across the county borough.

The scheme started back in 1998 with 11 cameras in Caerphilly and has expanded over the past 20 years to its current operation of 150+ cameras covering towns and villages across the whole area.

In addition there are over 500 cameras covering our schools, depots and other council owned premises. The CCTV team consists of 16 members of staff who keep constant watch 24/7 over our town centres and neighbourhoods.

"These 'eyes in the sky' help keep a close watch over our communities and play a significant role in helping to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour," said Cllr Eluned Stenner, Cabinet member for the Environment and Public Protection.

Back in 1998 the cameras were not so hi-tech as they are today and VHS tapes were used to capture footage - with over 1000 tapes being used in one month via 16 video recorders. Thankfully today we use digital technology with hard drive recorders to store the footage.

Since digitalisation in 2007 we have monitored over 40,000 incidents, providing 11,000 DVDs for Gwent Police and operated the cameras over 3.5million times.

The council has been accredited by the NSI for Management and Operation of a CCTV Control Room since 2004 maintaining its Silver Award and in 2016 became one of the first authorities in Wales to achieve the Full Certificate of Compliance to the Surveillance Camera Commissioners Code of Practice.



150+ cameras covering towns and villages

The council is interested in your views on public open space CCTV and would appreciate if you could complete a questionnaire

www.caerphilly.gov.uk/cctvsurvey

Tree ownership on Private Land – Who is responsible?

The high winds caused by the recent stormy weather brought down many trees across the country and this has highlighted the issue of trees on private land and who is responsible if problems occur.

Lots of people have trees within their gardens or on other areas of privately owned land and the council is keen to ensure that everyone is aware of their responsibilities. Many residents probably don't know that there is legislation which requires tree owners to take reasonable steps to prevent or minimise the risk of personal injury or damage to property arising from the presence of any tree on their land.

Caerphilly county borough council is urging owners of trees to have them professionally surveyed on a regular basis by a qualified tree inspector - especially if they are large trees or they are near a neighbouring property, public highway or Right of Way. A reasonable period for regular inspections of trees in reasonable condition might be once every three to five years. Trees with known defects or diseases may warrant more frequent inspections, and owners should follow any advice given.

In exceptional cases, where trees on privately-owned land represent a danger to public spaces, the council has powers to require trees be made safe. The council keeps a list of local reputable consultants (and tree surgery contractors) which is available on request.

It is not a definitive list and residents are able to engage whichever professional service meets their needs, but they are advised that inspectors must be suitably qualified and hold professional indemnity insurance to provide written reports or management recommendations for tree maintenance.



For more information contact 01443 866511 or visit the CCBC website

One Beat Roadshow returns to Caerphilly

The One Beat Roadshow returns to Caerphilly on Saturday 24th March and everyone is welcome to come along and find out more about the thriving voluntary sector in our area.

The event takes place at Caerphilly Library between 9.30am and 12.30pm and will provide an opportunity for local organisations to engage with the community.

Information and advice from a number of voluntary groups will be available, as well as the chance to discuss volunteering opportunities.

The FREE roadshow is organised in partnership with Caerphilly County Borough Council and the Gwent Association of Voluntary Organisation (GAVO).

For more information please contact Gina Jones at GAVO on 01633 247668 or 0748 3128085



Caerphilly agrees 2018/19 budget

Caerphilly County Borough Council has agreed its budget for 2018/19 and has taken positive steps to 'protect services, protect communities and meet the needs of local residents.'

The council is faced with making cuts in excess of £7.2 million next year and in order to achieve this, the authority's Cabinet agreed a list of draft saving proposals which were subject to a period of widespread consultation. These savings formed part of a detailed budget report considered at a Special Meeting of Council on Thursday 22nd February, where the final budget was approved.

Councillors reluctantly agreed to implement a 4.52% increase in Council Tax. This will see the Band D precept rise from £1,011.96 to £1,057.70 – which equates to a weekly increase of 88p.

Cllr Barbara Jones, Deputy Leader of Council said, "None of us want to see any increase in council tax, but unfortunately we are in a very difficult position where we have to choose between agreeing a reasonable increase in council tax or find even more savings to add to the list."

The budget included an additional £3million for Social Services to help meet increasing demand, particularly within Children's Services where significant financial pressures are being experienced on placement budgets.

In terms of schools, the council recommended that £547,000 should be transferred to assist schools with meeting anticipated additional costs arising from the teacher's pay award next year.

The authority is faced with making savings in excess of £40million over the next five years. "We are all acutely aware that many difficult and unpopular decisions are yet to come, but we must rise to the challenge and do all we can to protect our services, protect our communities and meet the needs of our residents," added Cllr Jones.

Consultation was a key part of the budget process and the council listened closely to the views of local people. Cllr Dave Poole, Leader of the Council said, "We have

listened to our residents and we have made a number of adjustments to our plans which reflect the feedback received. We are working hard to protect frontline services and the public have a key role to play in helping us shape the way we deliver these services in the future."

"I would like to thank all those who took part in our consultation and I'm pleased to be able to demonstrate our commitment that we are here to listen and respond to the needs of the community," he added.



Cllr David Poole,
Leader of the Council



Free School Meals - is your child eligible?

The council is encouraging parents and guardians to check if their child is eligible for free school meals.

Children may be eligible if their parent / guardian are entitled to receive one of the following:

- ✓ Income Support
- ✓ Income Based Job Seekers Allowance
- ✓ Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- ✓ Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- ✓ Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and their annual income does not exceed £16,190
- ✓ Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- ✓ Working Tax Credit 'run-on' – the payment someone may receive for a further four weeks after they stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- ✓ Universal Credit

Young people who receive Income Related Employment & Support Allowance, Universal Credit, Income Support or Income Based Jobseekers Allowance in their own right may also be eligible to receive free school meals. Schools also receive an additional **£1,150** funding for every child registered for free school meals.



Top Award for Trinity Fields

Trinity Fields School and Resource Centre has been awarded the 'Level 2 Rights Respecting School Award' by Unicef UK.

Unicef is the world's leading organisation working for children and their rights. The Rights Respecting Schools Award is granted to schools that show commitment to promoting and realising children's rights and encouraging adults, children and young people to respect the rights of others in school.

Ian Elliott MBE, Headteacher said: "I am so proud that we are the first school in the county borough to achieve RRSA Level 2 status. This prestigious award demonstrates our commitment to pupils being at the heart of everything that we do. On behalf of our Head Girl, Tilly and Head Boy, Luke we are delighted to accept this award and will continue to work with all pupils to ensure their voices are heard and have an impact across the school."

A school that achieves the award – which is the highest accolade granted by Unicef UK - has fully embedded the principles of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) into its ethos, culture and curriculum.

For more information on free school meals, or to submit an application visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk, call 01443 864055 or email: catering@caerphilly.gov.uk

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

Balchder Stryd 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
Hawlfwr Presennol Existing Claimants:
☎ 01443 864099

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

Digwyddiadau / What's ON

Noson Gomed y Stiwt Stute Comedy Night

06 Ebrill / April 2018 - 8pm
Sefydliad y Glowyr Coed Duon
Blackwood Miners' Institute



■ Tretiwch eich hun i noson ddoniol tu hwnt o gomed gwyth yn un o Nosweithiau Comedi misol Sefydliad y Glowyr Coed Duon. Tocynnau: £11.50 o flaen llaw / £12.50 ar yr drws.
■ Treat yourself to a hilarious evening of top class comedy at one of Blackwood Miners' Institute's monthly Comedy Nights. Tickets: £11.50 in advance / £12.50 on the door.

01495 227 206

Ffair y Ganwyn Bargod Bargoed Spring Fair

07 Ebrill / April 2018 - 10am
Sgwâr Hanbury, Bargod
Hanbury Square, Bargoed



■ Bydd gan y ffair fasnachwr sy'n gwerthu bwyd, crefftâu unigryw, yn ogystal ag elusennau lleol a stondinau gwybodaeth sy'n arddangos eu nwyddau ar Sgwâr Hanbury a Plaza Lowry.
■ The fair will host traders selling delicious food, unique crafts, as well as local charities and information stalls displaying their merchandise on Hanbury Square and Lowry Plaza.

029 2088 0011



You Win Again

28 Ebrill / April 2018 - 7:30pm
Sefydliad y Glowyr Coed Duon
Blackwood Miners' Institute

■ Yn dilyn ei agoriad West End, bydd "You Win Again - Celebrating The Music of the Bee Gees" yn cychwyn ar ei daith gyntaf erioed yn y DU. Tocynnau: £23.50 / £22.50.

■ Following its West End debut, You Win Again - Celebrating The Music of the Bee Gees will be embarking on its first ever UK tour. Tickets: £23.50 / £22.50.

01495 227 206



Cyfes Heriau Caerffili - Taith Twmbarlwm

Caerphilly Challenge Series -
The Twmbarlwm Trek

12 Mai / May 2018 - 7:30am
Sefydliad y Glowyr Coed Duon
Blackwood Miners' Institute

■ Dechrau a Gorffen: Coleg Gwent, Campws Crosskeys

Bydd dechreuwy, cerddwyr profiadol a hyd yn oed rhedwyr yn mynd i'r afael â Her Taith Twmbarlwm yng nghyffiniau syfrdanol Cwm Sirhywi ar ddydd Sadwrn y 12fed o Fai. Gwahoddir cyfranogwyr i ddewis o ystod o opsiynau. Mae tocynnau yn costio £10 yn unig ac maent ar gael i'w prynu tan y dyddiad cau ar ddydd Sul 26ain o Ebrill.
http://eich.caerffili.gov.uk/cyfresheriaucaerffili/

■ Start and Finish: Coleg Gwent, Crosskeys Campus
Saturday the 12th of May will see beginners, seasoned walkers and even runners tackle the Twmbarlwm Trek Challenge in the stunning surrounds of the Sirhowy Valley. Participants are invited to choose from a range of options. Tickets cost just £10 and are available to purchase until the closing date on Sunday 26th of April.
http://your.caerphilly.gov.uk/caerphillychallengeseries/



Gŵyl Fwyd Caerffili Caerphilly Food Festival

12 Mai / May 2018 - 9am
Canol Tref Caerffili •
Caerphilly Town Centre

Bydd dros 100 o stondinwyr yn temtio ymwelwyr gyda samplau o'u nwyddau blasus i'w blasu ac i'w prynu ynghyd ag amrywiaeth o grefftâu unigryw.

Over 100 stall holders will tempt visitor's taste buds with samples of their delicious goods to try and buy - along with a wide range of unique crafts.
029 2088 0011



10 cilomedr Caerphilly Bryn Meadows • The Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 10K

■ Bydd 10 cilomedr Caerffili Bryn Meadows yn dychwelyd am y pumed flwyddyn yn olynol ynghyd â Her y Timau a 2 gilomedr. Gyda 2500 o redwyr o bob gallu yn disgyn ar Gaerffili o bob cwr o'r wlad i fwynhau'r digwyddiad, mae'r trefnwyr yn goheithio y bydd digwyddiad 2018 yn fwy ac yn well.
www.caerffili10k.co.uk



■ The Bryn Meadows Caerphilly 10K is set to return for the fifth consecutive year along with the Team Challenge and the Caerphilly 2k. With 2500 runners of all abilities descending on Caerphilly from across the country to enjoy the event, organisers are hoping that the 2018 event will be bigger and better.
www.caerphilly10k.co.uk



Parti Traeth Coed Duon Blackwood Beach Party

23 / 24 Mehefin / June 2018 - 9am
Canol Tref Coed Duon
Blackwood Town Centre

■ Bydd llawer o hwyl ar gael dros y penwythnos i ymwelwyr o bob oedran wrth i ganol y dref droi'n draeth drefol - gyda difyrion, cerddoriaeth fyw ac adloniant stryd. Bydd ymwelwyr hyn yn gallu rhoi cynnig ar rai gweithgareddau traddodiadol ar lan y môr - roedd y digwyddiad y llynedd yn cynnwys "hula-hooping" a dawnsio'r "limbo".

■ Visitors of all ages will be set for a fun weekend as the town centre turns into an urban beach - complete with amusements, live music and street entertainment. Older visitors will be able to try their hand at some traditional seaside-themed activities - last year's event featured hula-hopping and limbo-dancing.
029 2088 0011

Cofrestrwch i dderbyn gwybodaeth reolaidd am ddigwyddiadau lleol drwy e-bostio: digwyddiadau@caerffili.gov.uk

I gael gwybodaeth am sgwrsiau, clybiau llyfrau a sesiynau crefft sydd ar y gweill yn eich llyfrgell leol ewch i www.caerffili.gov.uk neu ffoniwch 01443 864068

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Sign up to receive regular information about local events by e-mailing: events@caerphilly.gov.uk
For information about upcoming talks, book clubs and craft sessions at your local library visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk or call 01443 864068

Deddfau newydd ar gyfer tyllu personol

Daw deddf newydd i rym yng Nghymru o 1af Chwefror 2018 i ddiogelu plant a phobl ifanc o'r niwed iechyd posibl y gall tyllu personol achosi.

Mae'r darpariaethau Rhoi Twll mewn Rhan Bersonol o'r Corff o fewn Deddf Iechyd Cyhoeddus (Cymru) 2017 (sy'n cynnwys y dafod) yn ei gwneud hi'n drosedd i gwblhau tyllu personol neu wneud trefniadau i gwblhau tyllu personol ar unrhyw un dan 18 oed yng Nghymru. Bydd gorfodi y gyfraith hon yn cael ei gynnal gan staff Iechyd yr Amgylchedd y cyngor, ar y cyd â'r heddlu, i sicrhau bod y gyfraith yn cael ei dilyn gan ymarferwyr a busnesau sy'n tyllu yng Nghymru.

Datblygwyd canllawiau i gynorthwyo busnesau/ymarferwyr tyllu:
www.gov.cymru/deddfiechdychoedd



New laws on Intimate Piercing

A new law comes into force in Wales from the 1st February 2018 to protect children and young people from the potential health harms which can be caused by an intimate piercing.

The Intimate Piercing provisions within the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 (which includes the tongue) make it an offence to intimately pierce or make arrangements to intimately pierce anyone under the age of 18 in Wales. Enforcement of this law will be carried out by the council's Environmental Health staff, in conjunction with the police, to ensure the law is being followed by piercing practitioners and businesses in Wales.

Guidance has been developed to assist businesses/piercing practitioners:
www.gov.wales/publichealthact

Ffordd haws i dalu

Gall deithiwr bus Stagecoach yn y fwrdeistref sirol nawr dalu am eu teithio gan ddefnyddio cardiau credyd/debyd di-gyffwrdd, yn ogystal â Apple Pay a Android Pay. Gallwch dalu dalu gydag arian parod gan fod pob gyrrwr Stagecoach yn rhoi newid.

Easier way to pay

Stagecoach bus passengers in the county borough can now pay for their travel using contactless credit/debit cards, as well as Apple Pay and Android Pay. You can still pay with cash as all Stagecoach drivers give change.



Eich Diogelu Chi • Protecting You

Nod tim Diogelu'r Cyhoedd y cyngor yw sicrhau bod y fwrdeistref sirol yn le iach, diogel a theg i bobl fyw a gweithio ynddo ac i ymweld. Un o brif dasgau'r tim yw datgelu'r gwir am yr unigolion a'r busnesau hynny sy'n gweithredu'n anghyfreithlon, a'u dwyn gerbron y llys.
Isod ceir enghreifftiau o erlyniadau diweddar:

The council's Public Protection team aims to ensure that the county borough is a healthy, safe and fair place for people to live, work & visit. One of the team's key tasks is to expose and bring before the courts those individuals and businesses we discover acting illegally.
Below are examples of recent prosecutions:

Erlyniadau Safonau Masnach • Trading Standards prosecutions

Enw Name	Tramgwydd Offence	Dyfarniadau Court Decision
Lee James Fulton <i>yn masnachu fel 'LF Vehicle Maintenance' o Argoed</i>	2 Chwefror 2018 yn Llys Ynadon Casnewydd. <i>Yn nodi bod rhannau newydd wedi'u gosod ar gerbyd pan nad oeddent wedi. Gwneud erthygl a ddefnyddir i gyflawni twyll.</i>	<i>Dirwy o £332, iawndal o £568 i ddefnyddwyr, costau o £1,320 i'r cyngor a gordal dioddefwyr o £30. Deddf Twyll 2006.</i>
Lee James Fulton <i>trading as LF Vehicle Maintenance o Argoed</i>	2 February 2018 at Newport Magistrates Court. <i>Stating that new parts had been fitted to a vehicle when they had not. Making an article used to commit fraud.</i>	<i>£332 fine, £568 compensation to consumer, £1,320 costs to the council & £30 victim surcharge. Fraud Act 2006.</i>
Dylan Jones <i>o Abertridwr, yn masnachu fel "Castle Fire & Stoves"</i>	12 Ionawr 2018 yn Llys Ynadon Casnewydd. <i>Gan ddweud ei fod yn osodwyr cofrestredig o dan y "Cynllun Profi a Chymeradwyo Offer Gwresogi" pan nad oedd. Yn nodi bod tystysgrifau'r "Cynllun Profi a Chymeradwyo Offer Gwresogi" ar gael mewn perthynas â stofiau llosgi tanwydd solet pan nad oeddent. Yn gwrthwynebu gofynion diwyddydd profesyynol mewn perthynas â chyllenwi a gosod stofiau llosgi tanwydd solet.</i>	<i>£3,920 o ddirwy, £1,538.40 o iawndal i ddefnyddwyr, £1,518.75 o gostau i'r Awdurdod Lleol a £73 o ordal dioddefwyr. Deddf Twyll 2006. Rheoliadau Diogelu Defnyddwyr rhag Masnachu Annheg 2008.</i>
Dylan Jones <i>of Abertridwr, trading as Castle Fire and Stoves</i>	12 January 2018 at Newport Magistrates Court. <i>Stating he was a registered installer under the "Heating Equipment Testing and Approved Scheme" (HETAS) when he was not. Stating that "Heating Equipment Testing and Approved Scheme" (HETAS) certificates were available in relation to solid fuel burning stoves when they were not. Contravening the requirements of professional diligence in relation to the supply and fitting of solid fuel burning stoves.</i>	<i>£3,920 fine, £1,538.40 compensation to consumers, £1,518.75 costs to the council and £73 victim surcharge. Fraud Act 2006. Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.</i>
Robert Andrew Evans <i>o Ben-Y-Bryn yn masnachu fel 'Reds Property Maintenance'</i>	12 Ionawr 2018 yn Llys Ynadon Casnewydd. <i>Yn nodi y byddai gosod stôf llosgi tanwydd solet yn cael ei gofrestru o dan y "Cynllun Profi a Chymeradwyo Offer Gwresogi" pan nad oedd.</i>	<i>£500 o ddirwy, £360 o gostau i'r Awdurdod Lleol a £50 o ordal dioddefwyr. Rheoliadau Diogelu Defnyddwyr rhag Masnachu Annheg 2008.</i>
Robert Andrew Evans <i>of Penybryn trading as Reds Property Maintenance</i>	12 January 2018 at Newport Magistrates Court. <i>Stating that the installation of a solid fuel burning stove would be registered under the "Heating Equipment Testing and Approved Scheme" (HETAS) when it was not.</i>	<i>£500 fine, £360 costs to the council and £50 victim surcharge. Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.</i>
Alwyn Maguire <i>o Goed Duon</i>	12 Ionawr 2018 yn Llys Ynadon Casnewydd. <i>Methu â datgelu'r ffaith ei fod yn gwerthu cerbydau modur yng nghwrs busnes.</i>	<i>£1,400 o ddirwy, £1,100 o iawndal i ddefnyddwyr, £860 o gostau i'r Awdurdod Lleol a £140 o ordal dioddefwyr. Rheoliadau Diogelu Defnyddwyr rhag Masnachu Annheg 2008.</i>
Alwyn Maguire <i>of Blackwood</i>	12 January 2018 at Newport Magistrates Court. <i>Failing to disclose the fact that he was selling motor vehicles in the course of a business.</i>	<i>£1,400 fine, £1,100 compensation to consumer, £860 costs to the council and £140 victim surcharge. Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008.</i>

Erlyniadau Iechyd Amgylcheddol • Environmental Health prosecutions

Enw Name	Tramgwydd Offence	Dyfarniadau Court Decision
Mr Phillip Anthony Payne <i>o Gwrt Graham Caerffili</i>	8 Ionawr 2018 yn Llys Ynadon Casnewydd. <i>Gwaredu gwastraff o gerbyd ar dir nad yw'n drwyddedig i'w dderbyn, yn Heol Rhydi, Caerffili.</i>	<i>Plediodd y diffynnydd yn euog. Cafodd ddirwy o £83, £227.83 o gostau, gordal dioddefwyr o £30, lle roedd yn rhaid iddo dalu ar gyfradd o £30 y mis. Deddf Diogelu'r Amgylchedd 1990 Adran 33 (1) a 35 (5).</i>
Mr Phillip Anthony Payne <i>of Graham Court Caerphilly</i>	Newport Magistrates Court on 8th January 2018. <i>Deposited waste on land not licenced to receive it from a vehicle, at Rudry Road, Caerphilly.</i>	<i>The defendant made a guilty plea. He was issued with a £83 fine, £227.83 costs, £30 victim surcharge, whereby he had to pay at a rate of £30 per month. The Environmental Protection Act 1990 Section 33(1)& 35 (5).</i>

Gellir gweld y rhestr yn llawn ar www.caerffili.gov.uk/erlyniadau
To view the full list, visit www.caerphilly.gov.uk/prosecutions

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