

# **RUABON NEWS LETTER 351**

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**CHRISTMAS ISN'T CANCELLED!**

**SANTA IS COMING TO TOWN,  
COVID STYLE....**

**Details to follow...**





## **Schoolchildren asked to design First Minister's Christmas card**



The winning card will be sent to the Queen and US President-elect Joe Biden.

First Minister Mark Drakeford is asking budding young artists to enter this year's Christmas card competition. The winning design will be chosen by the First Minister and used as his official Christmas card.

The First Minister sends his Christmas card to thousands of people around the world, including to the Queen and to the President-elect of the United States, Joe Biden, and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris.

While rainbows may not be traditionally associated with Christmas, the children, who must be aged seven to 11 to enter the competition, are being asked to pay tribute to the efforts of critical workers during the pandemic by using their imagination to incorporate the colourful symbol into their design.

**First Minister Mark Drakeford said:**

*"I'm looking forward to seeing my desk, which is usually piled high with work papers, covered in brightly-coloured designs and festive rainbows.*

*"We all need a little cheering up after a difficult year and a rainbow never fails to make me smile. I'm really looking forward to seeing the results of the children's imaginations in my post bag!"*

### **Entry Guidance**

- The closing date for the competition is **Wednesday 2nd December**
- The competition is open to school-aged children in years three to six (age seven to 11)
- The design could include a rainbow and a Christmas star
- All entries should be to a maximum size of A4 (210mm x 297mm)

- Entries can be in portrait or landscape orientation
- All entries should be "flat" - no uneven surfaces, no cotton wool, glitter etc.
- Bright, vibrant colours reproduce well
- Dark backgrounds should be avoided
- If you want to include text on the artwork then please ask your teacher for help with translation or use Google Translate. Here are some standard phrases too: Nadolig Llawen- Merry Christmas / Cyfarchion y Tymor- Season's Greetings. Please put Welsh first followed by English.
- Please include the person's name and contact details with the entry
- Please note that unfortunately we will not be able to return any entries.
- Images made on a computer device can be sent by email. Non-digital designs can still be sent by email - please take a clear and well-lit photograph of your hard-copy design, but please keep the original artwork so you can send it in if you are successful.
- Email your entries to [cabinetcommunications@gov.wales](mailto:cabinetcommunications@gov.wales) or by post to: First Minister's Christmas Card competition, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF10 3NQ.



### **Temporary Visitor 'PODS' for Care Homes to be rolled-out.**

**Temporary 'pods' are being provided to care homes across Wales to better facilitate visits over Christmas and the winter months, the Health Minister has announced today [Monday 23].**

The £3million pilot will cover the procurement, installation and lease of 100 units, with an initial 30 being installed and ready to use before Christmas.

The semi-permanent units will be available for a period of 6 months, whilst longer-term solutions are sourced and put in place.

This also includes £1million for plans to support providers who prefer to make their own arrangements on a similar basis.

Expanding capacity within care homes will help to better support risk-assessed visiting during the winter months as some care providers have found it difficult to support socially distanced visits due to a lack of internal visiting space.

Visiting restrictions for care homes were eased as wider lockdown restrictions were lifted in the summer, and again following the fire-break. Since August, guidance has supported the reintroduction of indoor visits where possible with a designated indoor visitor.

Health Minister Vaughan Gething said:

*“We all know how difficult recent months have been for people living in care homes and their loved ones, however ensuring the safety of our most vulnerable has always been paramount.*

*“We recognise both the distress and sadness that has been experienced since March, but also the desire from care homes to facilitate visits before and during Christmas as well as throughout the winter. Having engaged with key stakeholders, we are confident these units are a way to enable meaningful visits to take place.*

*“The pilot scheme will help us to understand whether visiting pods are an effective and practical way of supporting meaningful visits. We will use this learning to determine whether we should consider commissioning a bespoke Wales-based solution in future if the course of the pandemic means this is required.”*

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## WREXHAM C.B.C WILL PROVIDE EXTRA ACCOMMODATION AND SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE IN DEPERATE NEED OF HELP

The Covid-19 pandemic has had a significant effect on everyone's lives – not least those people who are vulnerable, and who've suffered financial and emotional hardship.

Many individuals and families who didn't need our support before the pandemic, are now in need of urgent help from the council and its partners.

**As a result, we've responded to the needs of local people and successfully acquired 19 units of supported accommodation in the form of an established bed and breakfast situated within the town centre at 36 Chester Road, Wrexham.**

This will provide accommodation and 'wrap around' services to help get people back on their feet.

The facility will be fully supported by an on-site team, and will be part of a wider portfolio of accommodation. Although the pandemic has created

hardship for many people, it's also shown how communities can come together to help each other during difficult times.

Providing this accommodation and support for people who find themselves in desperate need of help, is another example of how Wrexham is pulling together to get through this difficult time.

## **BILL TO REVOLUTIONISE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND DEMOCRACY, PASSED IN THE SENEDD.**

A bill to reform local government elections, democracy, performance and governance has been passed in the Senedd.

Exactly a year since it was introduced, the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Bill will provide increased opportunities for public participation and transparency in local government.

The Bill will reduce the voting age in local government elections to 16 and 17 year-olds and extend the franchise to foreign citizens legally resident in Wales, allowing them to have a say in how their communities are run. This reflects the rights of 16 to 17 year olds and qualifying foreign citizens to register and vote in the Senedd elections next year.

Greater diversity amongst elected members in principal councils will also be supported by providing for job-sharing by office holders, more flexible remote working and updating family absence provisions.

Speaking after the Bill was passed, Minister for Housing and Local Government, Julie James said:

*"This Bill will enable a local democracy which reflects our diversity as a nation, provide local government with new ways to support and serve their communities and reinvigorate local democracy in Wales."*

The Bill enables greater accessibility and participation in local government by making it easier to register to vote and enfranchising more people to vote. It enables more people to stand for election from a range of different backgrounds so that councils can fully reflect the communities they serve.

Increasing accessibility has been a prominent feature of the Bill, not only making it easier for people to be included on the electoral register but also easier for people to stand for election.



Councils will now be required to consult and publish a public participation strategy with the aim of making it easier for local people to understand how local government functions; how it makes decisions; how local people can follow proceedings and how they can input their views and have them taken into account. To help facilitate greater participation, the bill seeks to promote more effective use of petitions within local government, introducing petitions schemes already in place with other public bodies including the Senedd.

The Welsh Government believes people should be able to watch council meetings at any time. The Bill will require principal councils to live broadcast meetings of their full council that are open to the public electronically and to make the broadcast available electronically for a reasonable period after the meeting. It will also enable more meetings to be broadcast in this way in the future. People attending community council meetings will now have greater opportunity to make representations during meetings about any business. For community and town councils the Bill will also allow for remote attendance at meetings allowing those with caring responsibilities and in employment to stand for election to this important level of local government.

The Minister for Housing and Local Government said:

*"The ways in which we live and work in Wales are constantly changing and our public service organisations are working hard to keep pace with that change. I believe we now have a Bill which will deliver effective reform and has been designed with local government. Anything we do to achieve greater accessibility and improved public participation in local government will be hugely valuable to Welsh democracy.*

*"The Bill ensures that local authorities can take a lead in making the arrangements that ensure the regions of Wales can take responsibility for their shared interest in transport planning, land use planning and economic development. This is the next step in devolution in which Welsh Government supports the regions of Wales in exercising control over what matters to them."*

*"Some provisions in the Bill, particularly the introduction of the general power of competence and corporate joint committees, will enable councils to build on the innovation and joint working which has been central to dealing with the pandemic."*

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### **GREATER WELL-BEING SUPPORT PLEDGED FOR SOCIAL CARE WORKERS DURING THE PANDEMIC**

Social care workers in the independent sector in Wales are to be given greater support to protect their well-being during the pandemic.

The emotional support, including one-to-one counselling with the same counsellor, aims to provide easy access to well-being support for care workers who have been affected by their experiences working in the pandemic.

Throughout the pandemic social care workers have continued to provide vital care and support for people who have been among the most vulnerable.

Many have been exposed to higher levels of stress, longer working hours and higher than usual number of deaths of the people they work with.

The scheme recognises the personal impact this has had on many workers and will provide more consistent support across the sector. It will build on well-being support already available through the Social Care Wales website, where the Covid-19 and well-being pages have been accessed the most since the pandemic started.

The Welsh Government is supporting the scheme, which is being procured and managed through Social Care Wales, with funding of up to £200,000. The scheme will be available to around 55,000 social care workers in the independent sector.

Minister for Mental Health and Well-being Eluned Morgan said:

*"We understand the great strain social care workers have been under at the forefront of the battle against coronavirus, and the toll this has taken on their mental health and well-being."*

*"This support will help ensure consistent provision of short and longer term emotional support across the sector."*

*"This programme already comes on top of free access for social care workers to "Silvercloud", an independent provider of mental healthcare, which offers four on-line programmes to help people with sleep, stress, and resilience.*

*"We would urge social care workers who could benefit from it to access this professional support, as it's important they know someone is there to care for them when they need it."*

*Deputy Minister for Health and Social Services Julie Morgan said:*

*"Social care workers play a vital role in supporting some of the most vulnerable people in our communities and within our health service.*

*They have been at the heart of our response to the coronavirus pandemic, however the impact of their work on their own mental health during such pressurised times cannot be underestimated.*

*"Additional support such as this, delivered through Social Care Wales, will provide easy-to-access and timely help and advice for our dedicated social care workers. If you're a care worker and you're struggling, we see the incredible work you're doing and please access the support that is here for you too."*

*Sue Evans, Chief Executive of Social Care Wales, said:*

*"Every day we see thousands of social care workers providing excellent services to those needing care and support, under the most challenging and stressful of situations, brought on by this awful pandemic.*

*"This makes it so important we support their health and well-being as much as possible. This is not only vital for the workers themselves but for those they support.*

*"This new employee assistance programme will be a huge boost to those working in social care, giving them the reassurance that they can access a range of services that can help them and their families through this extraordinarily difficult time. It will also mean there are consistent arrangements across Wales for those working for private and voluntary service providers."*

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## **NOW'S YOUR CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY ON IMPROVING OUR ENVIRONMENT**

Climate Change. It's affecting all of us and we are committed to doing all we can to become a carbon neutral organisation.

What we do now will set out the infrastructure for future generations to build on and become a blueprint for protecting and improving our living and working environments as new technologies are developed and old ones improved.

But we need your help finalise our Decarbonisation Action Plan which will help us move our plans forward.

The Action Plan sets out what we've already done to reduce emissions and what we're planning to do in the coming years and now is the opportunity to have your say on it.

It only takes a few minutes and will help us ensure we have a sustainable, effective and achievable plan in place.

Cllr David A Bithell, Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said: "We've already undertaken a huge amount of work to reduce our carbon emissions including opening a solar farm, installing electric chargers in car parks, installing solar panels on suitable housing stock and our own buildings and undertaking largescale environmental improvements by planting woodlands and wildflower meadows across the county borough.

It's clear we can do more and we're encouraging residents, organisations and businesses to take part in order to ensure we are working on the most achievable and sustainable options.

It only takes a few minutes to fill in and we'd really appreciate your views. You can take part

here: <http://www.yourvoicewrexham.net/KMS/DMart.aspx>

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**AS PART OF A PHASED REOPENING, Tŷ PAWB ARE  
NOW TAKING BOOKINGS FOR FREE FAMILY VISITS  
TO OUR GALLERY!**

These slots are available for household bubbles (maximum 15 people, including member(s) under 18 in order to count as a 'family' group).

The booking includes a guided gallery tour and drawing activities. Limited slots are available Wed-Sat. If you would like to book a visit for your family group, email us

via [typawb@wrexham.gov.uk](mailto:typawb@wrexham.gov.uk) or phone us on 01978 292144.

**Tickets for general public release will be available to book from December 7.**

## Tŷ Pawb

### Recruitment of a Youth Advisory Board

Tŷ Pawb (Everybody's House) is a cultural community hub bringing together arts and markets to celebrate Wrexham's cultural identity. We organise art exhibitions, socially engaged (and distanced) projects, along with live-performances and other artful interventions.

Our programme emphasises skills and craft, working with emerging and established artists from all backgrounds. We champion socially engaged artwork, working in collaboration with community members and artists to enhance the wellbeing and cultural access of local people.

We're really excited to announce that we're launching a Youth Advisory Board (YAB), comprised of young people aged 16-25 who live or work in and around the Wrexham area. We're looking to recruit 10-12 young people to be a part of it.

YAB will be advising Tŷ Pawb on how to make the programme more inclusive, more engaging and more in-line with the wants and needs of young people. Working with artist Harold Offeh, we'll be running a program of creative sessions with an aim of boosting the transferable skills and confidence of the young people. The sessions will start to take place online from January 2021.

If you know a young person who might be interested, why not get in touch with us for an informal chat?

If you have any questions, queries or you'd like some more information, please don't hesitate to contact me or my colleague, Heather.

Cofion Cynnes/Best Wishes,

**Yasmin Begum**

Cynhyrchydd Creadigol // Creative Producer [www.typawb.cymru](http://www.typawb.cymru) // [www.typawb.wales](http://www.typawb.wales)

Rafat Arshad-Robert Community Development Officer Swyddog Datablygu Cymunedol

## **Tŷ Pawb**

### **Recriwtio Bwrdd Ymgynghorol Ieuenctid**

Mae Tŷ Pawb yn ganolbwynt cymunedol diwylliannol sy'n dwyn ynghyd y celfyddydau a marchnadoedd i ddathlu hunaniaeth ddiwylliannol Wrecsam. Rydym yn trefnu arddangosfeydd celf, prosiectau sy'n ymgysylltu'n gymdeithasol (ac thros bellter cymdeithasol), ynghyd â pherfformiadau byw ac ymyriadau celfyddydol eraill.

Mae ein rhaglen yn pwysleisio sgiliau a chrefft, gan weithio gydag artistiaid newydd a sefydledig o bob cefndir. Rydym yn hyrwyddo gwaith celf sy'n ymgysylltu'n gymdeithasol, gan weithio ar y cyd ag aelodau o'r gymuned ac artistiaid i wella lles a mynediad diwylliannol pobl leol.

Rydym ni'n gyffrous iawn i gyhoeddi ein bod ni'n lansio Bwrdd Cynghori Ieuenctid (BCI), sy'n cynnwys pobl ifanc 16-25 oed sy'n byw neu'n gweithio yn ardal Wrecsam a'r cyffiniau. Rydym ni'n edrych i recriwtio 10-12 o bobl ifanc i fod yn rhan ohono. Bydd BCI yn cynghori Tŷ Pawb ar sut i wneud y rhaglen yn fwy cynhwysol, yn fwy deniadol ac yn fwy unol â dymuniadau ac anghenion pobl ifanc. Gan weithio gyda'r artist Harold Offeh, byddwn yn cynnal rhaglen o sesiynau creadigol gyda'r nod o hybu sgiliau trosglwyddadwy a hyder y bobl ifanc. Bydd y sesiynau'n dechrau cael eu cynnal ar-lein o Ionawr 2021.

Os ydych chi'n adnabod rhywun ifanc a allai fod â diddordeb, beth am gysylltu â ni am sgwrs anffurfiol?

Os oes gennych unrhyw gwestiynau, ymholiadau neu os hoffech ragor o wybodaeth, peidiwch ag oedi cyn cysylltu â mi neu fy nghydweithiwr, Heather, sydd â CC yn yr e-bost hwn.

Cofion Cynnes,

**Yasmin Begum**

Rafat Arshad-Roberts: [Swyddog Datablygu Cymunedol](#)

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## **First Minister sets out plans to hold 'Covid secure' 2021 Senedd elections**

Plans to ensure the people of Wales can vote safely at the 2021 Senedd elections, and that they take place as planned on 6 May 2021, have been set out by the First Minister of Wales, Mark Drakeford today.

The 2021 Senedd elections are already set to be historic - they are the first elections to be subject to laws made in Wales, and for the first time, 16 and 17 year olds, as well as qualifying foreign citizens, will have the democratic right to vote.

However, the Coronavirus pandemic has created significant challenges to maintaining the safety and integrity of the election.

The First Minister established the Elections Planning Group in June to consider the impact of Coronavirus and in particular, what legislative adjustments might need to be made as a result.

The group has agreed on a number of measures to increase flexibility and resilience of election operations, reflecting public health advice on how best to protect the safety and wellbeing of all involved.

These include:

- **Measures to encourage vulnerable voters and others to consider applying for a postal vote and to apply early if possible;**
- **To provide greater flexibility around the nomination of candidates,** as well as postal and proxy voting;
- **Measures to ensure the safe operation of polling stations and count venues.** The Welsh Government will do everything that it is appropriate to support Returning Officers to make the necessary arrangements;
- **Ensuring Coronavirus regulations do not inhibit voting.**

In addition, the Welsh Government is making contingency plans in the event that the Coronavirus pandemic presents such a serious threat to public health that it is not safe to hold the election in May next year.

Preparations are underway for a draft Bill to enable the Llywydd, the Senedd's Presiding Officer, to postpone the election for up to six months, if that becomes necessary. This would enable Ministers to introduce the required legislation before the Senedd in January, if the situation after Christmas indicates that this is likely to be needed as a last resort.

**Addressing the Senedd, First Minister Mark Drakeford said:**

*"Let me take this opportunity to once again state that this Government's clear intention is that the next Senedd election should be held on 6 May*

2021. We are also determined to do everything in our power to ensure people can vote when the election takes place.

*"I believe we must pursue every option for enabling people to exercise their democratic right in the face of Coronavirus.*

*"Much communications activity is planned to encourage postal voting, and everything will be done to make polling stations covid secure."*

**The First Minister added:**

*"I would like to thank the members of the Elections Planning Group for their work to help us prepare for next year's Senedd elections.*

*"This has been a remarkable year and a remarkable Fifth Senedd. Let us work together to ensure that the people of Wales, including those newly enfranchised, can exercise their democratic right safely."*

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## **Ruabon Community Council**

[clerk@ruaboncommunitycouncil.gov.wales](mailto:clerk@ruaboncommunitycouncil.gov.wales)

MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS - new surgeries coming soon!

Learn more about your council or get answers and solutions to your issues and enquiries.

Meet Cllr Linda Davies and Cllr Donna Adams - Friday, November 20th from 2pm-3pm. Email: [clerk@ruaboncommunitycouncil.gov.wales](mailto:clerk@ruaboncommunitycouncil.gov.wales) for a link and to discuss a suitable time.

Masks must be worn until sitting down, distance must be kept inside and outside and please wait outside until called in. Message or email for a suitable time if you're interested in attending. Thank you.

More surgeries will be added with a variety of times and dates, with Village Hall and Zoom being used. Sometimes an answer may not be able to be given immediately but councillors will take your contact details to get back to you with information.

Let us know if you want to meet councillors this coming week.

This will be a regular occurrence so there will be plenty more opportunities if you can't make this one and have things to discuss.



## There WILL be a Christmas Tree Festival in St Mary's Church this year!

We would like the trees to come into church during the week  
beginning Monday 30th November so that they are all there by  
Saturday 5th December.

Please keep your trees to no more than 5ft tall, and they can be decorated to advertise your group or business.

Once the trees are in place they will be videoed and put on social media so everyone can see them.

Please let me know whether you would like to put up a tree, thank you. ([katherinetiltman@gmail.com](mailto:katherinetiltman@gmail.com)).

### St Mary's Church



The Church is now open again for Sunday services at 9.30am every Sunday.

Up to date information can be found on our website:  
<https://stmaryschurchruabon.co.uk/>

The Vicar's phone number is: 01978 824087 and her email address ([katherinetiltman@gmail.com](mailto:katherinetiltman@gmail.com)).



# VIRTUAL FROST FAYRE

**FOLLOW THE ONLINE EVENT  
ON**

**THE FRIENDS OF RUABON**

**FACEBOOK PAGE**

**THROUGHOUT**

**NOVEMBER 2020**

**FURTHER DETAILS**

**[sarah@friendsofruabon.co.uk](mailto:sarah@friendsofruabon.co.uk)**

**CALL 07789 727413**

**PERFECT  
SAFE WAY  
TO DO YOUR  
CHRISTMAS  
SHOPPING**



## **Frost Fayre 2020**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November – Senoj Crochet**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Truly Scrumptious**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November – Megan Stokes**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November – Tropic Skincare with Jen**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November – Anne Marie Textiles**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November – Jim Baker**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November – Shabby Craft Box**

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Woollywood**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Larks Mirth**

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Ann Walker Crafts**

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November – WI**

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> November – Country Chic**







During this tough time, why not put a smile on a loved one's face by nominating them to receive a Cream Tea and activity pack.

## Friends of Ruabon Cream Tea

Running from 2<sup>nd</sup> November

### To Nominate

Simply send a message to Friends of Ruabon Via Facebook messenger or E-mail [info@friendsofruabon.com](mailto:info@friendsofruabon.com)



## **RUABON COMMUNITY COUNCIL COMMUNITY AGENT**

It has been a challenging year for everyone, and this is set to continue into the rest of 2020 and 2021. If you or a relative or friends are experiencing loneliness, isolation, anxiety - or just simply a lack of contact to help with everyday life, particularly if you are over 50, then help is available.

Supported by the Ruabon Community Council, the Community agent works with over 50's in Ruabon providing easy access to a wide range of information to help people make informed choices about their present and future needs.

**HELP - SUPPORT - SIGNPOSTING - ADVICE -  
GUIDANCE - ASSISTANCE**

Are you or someone you know looking for free confidential, information and advice on local services?



You are not sure who to turn to and you live in Ruabon? Or if you just want to chat about your concerns or an issue? The service is free!

Just contact your Ruabon Community Agent Paul Tincello using the contact details

below:

Telephone: 07947 530140

Email: [communityagentruabon@gmail.com](mailto:communityagentruabon@gmail.com)





WORKING IN PARTNERSHIP WITH

**Ruabon Community Council**

**Do you or somebody you know need any help  
at this challenging time?**

**If you are affected by the current COVID 19 crisis  
we are now able to help with**

**Emergency Food Packs - Available in different sizes  
Family Activity Packs**

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**We are all learning to adapt but if you need some extra support**

**Call or text: 07741 596 812 or 01978 824087**

**email: [info@friendsof ruabon.co.uk](mailto:info@friendsof ruabon.co.uk)**

**Facebook: Friends of Ruabon Viral Kindness**

**VOLUNTEERS FROM  
FRIENDS OF RUABON &  
RUABON COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
ARE HERE TO HELP FOR FREE**

**HERE TO HELP**



# £60,000 pot gives power to people over cash seized from criminals



A £60,000 fund will give "power to the people" to decide who receives cash seized from criminals in North Wales.

The "Your Community Your Choice" scheme was launched to reward local

crime busters across the region and North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner Arfon Jones is urging community groups to bid for a share of the pot.

Up for grabs are three grants of up to £2,500 for groups in each of the six counties of North Wales and three grants of up to £5,000 for organisations working in three or more counties.

This is the eighth year of the scheme which is organised by the police and crime commissioner in conjunction with North Wales Police and the North Wales Police and Community Trust (PACT).

Over that period a total of £310,000 has been awarded to 106 projects working to support the priorities in the commissioner's Police and Crime Plan which sets out a blueprint for policing North Wales.

Entries close on Friday, December 11, with the Your Community, Your Choice entry form available on the Police Commissioner's website, North Wales Police website and PACT website.

A shortlist of applicants will be chosen by a special panel with the winners being decided by a public vote.

The cash for the awards comes partly from money seized by the courts through the Proceeds of Crime Act with the rest from the Police Commissioner's Fund.

Commissioner Jones, a former police inspector, said: "These awards are important because they involve the community and the communities decide where the money can best be spent. It gives power to the people.

"A lot of what we fund is aimed at providing something for young people to get involved with in their spare time rather than being tempted to commit crime or indulge in anti-social behaviour.

"We want to support communities so they are able to take responsibility for their own areas.

"Smaller community groups like them can do a great deal to make communities safer, reduce crime and reduce re-offending, It also sends a good message to the communities because it shows we are listening to them."

His message was backed by Assistant Chief Constable Sacha Hatchett who said:

"This is the eighth year of the scheme and it has been a great success because it gives the public and local communities the chance to have a stake in how local issues are addressed and how we together tackle crime and disorder.

"I get particular satisfaction that part of the funding comes from the proceeds of crime, so that money is taken out of the pockets of criminals and their ill-gotten gains by the courts and is put back into community initiatives.

"It's turning bad money into good and it's making a real difference because it is local people who recognise and understand their local issues and how to solve them.

**"Policing is part of the community and the community is part of policing and this scheme is a positive way of building trust in policing."**

"It's great to see those relationships flourish because without the community we won't know what's going on, without the community we don't get intelligence, and we can't solve crimes."

PACT chairman Ashley Rogers added: "Your community your choice is a really valuable way of supporting communities and putting the choice of which projects are supported in their hands.

"It's a very democratic process which is why I think it's been such a long running and successful scheme.

"At a time when community groups are struggling for funding, I was delighted that the Police and Crime Commissioner and the force increased the size of the funding pot by 50%.

"It's a lovely project to be involved with and you can directly see the benefits from the funding in strengthening our resilient communities."

Completed applications must be returned by e-mail to  
[yourcommunityyourchoice@nthwales.pnn.police.uk](mailto:yourcommunityyourchoice@nthwales.pnn.police.uk)

**by 5pm on the closing date of Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December**

For more information go to:

North Wales Police - [www.north-wales.police.uk](http://www.north-wales.police.uk)

Police and Crime Commissioner's - [www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk)

North Wales Police and Community Trust - [www.pactnorthwales.co.uk](http://www.pactnorthwales.co.uk)

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## **MY Show** by Dave Williams

Hi everyone, I hope you have all been keeping well and safe during this horrible time.

For those of you who regularly listen to:

**Calon Fm: Wrexham's Community Radio Station,**  
it's time for me to be the bearer of some good news.



After just over 6 months off-air, I'm delighted to say that my "Community and Charity focus programme" has returned to the airwaves.

All the usual features are still here, so, a mix of wonderful guests and music old and new, in fact something to suit all tastes.

For now, the shows are 1 hour long and can be heard on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning 9-10am and at lunchtime on Mondays and Tuesdays 12-1pm.

At the moment, to comply with Covid guidelines, each show has only 1 guest and you and I, for the time being, will be in separate studios.

If you would like to be a guest, could you arrive at ten minutes before each hour but no sooner please?

I very much look forward to chatting to you all in the New Year so if you are involved with a community group, charity, have a business that you'd like to promote or are thinking of organising an event, please get in touch. In the meantime, stay safe and look after each other.

You can get in touch with me by emailing [info@calonfm.com](mailto:info@calonfm.com), Amy Hughes who is our station manager will forward your emails on to me. For those of you on facebook, you can find me @dave williams calon fm and message me. I am also on twitter @davecacf

1. Thanks to Natalie and Anastacia from 'Outside Lives'; Sue Prior from 'Wow Project' and Alison Fuller from 'Orangutans' for coming on to the show last week.
  2. Dave has also recommended a 'youtube' performance by Frank Kelly: "FRANK KELLY- Countdown (12 days to Christmas) youtube.com".
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## UPSKILLING THROUGH ONLINE TRAINING

Here at '**Communities for Work Plus**' we have been utilising online training for our clients to upskill and put them in a better position to gain employment in a competitive market. Since the present working conditions nearly 50 people have accessed online training with about half of those already achieving a qualification. These range from qualifications supporting building and factory work such as:

Asbestos Awareness, Warehouse Safety training and Manual Handling to teaching support and care jobs, with Child Mental Health Training, Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults (SOVA) Training and Managing Challenging Behaviour. Our clients and mentors have found online training to be a quick and effective way to gain a qualification. This has helped clients to build their confidence and boost their CV. As well as helping individuals, we have used online training to support community groups. Two groups in Llay have had members enrol on a Food Hygiene course which has enabled them to assist in preparing food in their community.

For general enquiries contact us on: 07976200413/07976200414 .

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**"Just do it, you can achieve so much.  
It opens so many doors"  
from Damian**

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## REMINDER: MONTHLY GARDEN WASTE COLLECTIONS DURING WINTER PERIOD

We want to remind residents signed up to the garden waste collection service that collections are going to be monthly again during the winter period of December, January and February.

Cllr David A Bithell, Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said: "We are reducing garden waste collections to monthly over the December, January and February period, as we have done for the past couple of years. We do this as demand for the collections drop sharply and it allows us to free up staff to help us deal with any issues caused by the winter, such as gritting routes or general maintenance."

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**An exhibition celebrating lockdown creativity**

Artwork from over 100 artists from across Wales and the UK

**03/10/2020 - 23/12/2020** Wed-Sat, 10am-4pm

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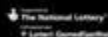
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- TIPS OF STUFF TO DO WITH THE KIDS
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- JOB OPPORTUNITIES
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Please do keep sending in your articles and 'THANK YOU'.  
Sybil Bremner.