**Ruabon News Letter 392**

**20.09.2021**

**Ruabon Bowling Club**

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**The Ruabon Vets Team formed this year**

After over 12 months of Covid-19 isolation people were feeling flat, isolated and adrift from normal life, in particular social activity.

Since April 2021 Ruabon Bowling Club has been able to open its doors again and have a bowls season with Ruabon involved in 4 leagues. Primarily this year, playing in the various leagues, was more about getting people out and about, socialising again through a family sport.

Although the leagues were played on a competitive basis it was decided from the start that there would be no promotion or demotion of clubs within their respective leagues.

For Ruabon it’s fair to say that all the teams have done really well this year and attracted new members.  In particular the Veterans Team in their first season finished top of Division 5 of the Wrexham League, taking that top spot with a last home game win of 9-1, A FANTASTIC ACIEVEMENT!

**Veterans Wrexham League – Division 5**

Ruabon - 1st position – 110 points

**Pairs Wrexham League Division 1**

Ruabon – 4th position – 61 points (A really tough division to play in)

**Saturday Wrexham League – Division 1**

Ruabon – 3rd position – 140 points

**Oswestry League**

Ruabon – 3rd position – 79 points

Apart from the league matches, members met up socially 3 times a week, not only to practice, but also to keep that social interaction -particularly for those over 60, who have either retired or semi-retired.  These bowling club members have really enjoyed the experience and it has given them something to look forward to, filling a gap in the weekly calendar! We are now approaching the end of the season with the closure of the green for Winter Maintenance from 1st October.

Some quotes from members:

“It’s such a shame the season has to come to an end”

“It’s been great to mix with other people again and get to grips with a new activity”

“It feels like it will be a long winter without the bowls to look forward to”

All in all 2021 has been a really good season for the club, attracting new members and seeing more people playing competitive bowls, but recreational too.

All of the above gives us some optimism for 2022 so we are hoping that the autumn and winter months are kind with no significant rises in the Covid-19 infection rates.

Well done to all the teams, best wishes to all and take care - we will open again in April 2022 when we would love to increase our membership further.

Paul Tincello

Chairman, Ruabon Bowling Club.

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The Wynnstay Arms Ruabon

Will be holding

**A WEDDING FAYRE**

on

SUNDAY 26TH September 2021

Between 12.00 and 4pm

Free Admission and Parking

We look forward to seeing you



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| Coming up at Tŷ Pawb this weekend - Comedy Night & Family Art Club |

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# £48m COVID recovery fund to support social care in Wales

**A new £48m package of funding to support social care in Wales has today (Tuesday September 14) been announced by Deputy Minister for Social Services Julie Morgan.**

The majority of the funding – £40m – has been allocated to local authorities and will be used to help the social care sector meet the ongoing challenges caused by the pandemic.

A further £8m will fund a number of specific priorities, including extending the carers support fund; tackle loneliness in older people; investing in the social care workforce’s wellbeing and in residential services for care-experienced children.

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

We place huge value on social care in Wales and we ask a lot of the sector. It is facing significant pressures as a result of the pandemic and – just like our NHS staff – the workforce is exhausted from working so hard for so long.

This new funding recognises the challenges the sector is facing and will help to address some of the financial pressures it faces. It also includes new funding to invest in priority areas to improve services, in line with our ambitions and commitments.

We will continue supporting social care in Wales and, as we recover from the pandemic, will build a strong and resilient social care sector.

Social care COVID recovery fund allocations:

* £40m to local authorities
* £2.8m to the Family Intervention Fund to support child and family wellbeing to safely divert cases from child protection registration
* £2.8m for regional residential services for care experienced children and young people with complex needs (formerly safe accommodation for children with complex needs)
* £1m to continue the carers support fund
* £600,000 for learning disability health checks
* £220,000 to support for older people to re-engage with their communities
* £190,000 to improve the wellbeing offer for the social care workforce
* £150,000 to support the Hillside Secure Children’s Home
* £140,000 for ADSS Cymru to support delivery of the recovery framework
* £100,000 to promote a rights-based approach for older people

Groups supporting older people to engage with their communities and helping to tackle loneliness will receive £220,000 from the £48m Welsh Government social care covid recovery fund.

Older people take an active role in social groups within their communities. The fund will reintroduce them to the activities they were taking part in pre-pandemic, rebuild their confidence their confidence and help re-engage with their communities after the pandemic.

Minister for Finance and Local Government Rebecca Evans said:

We are fully committed to supporting health and social services to recover from the pandemic and move beyond it. The funding we are announcing today is part of a broader package that will help services like these manage the ongoing effects of COVID and deliver high-quality care for people.

**Thank you to David Goodban (Member of the support staff)**

**for this information from the Senedd and for the two items following.**

# COVID-19 booster vaccine roll out begins in North Wales

**Frontline NHS staff working in North Wales have become the first people in Wales to receive their COVID-19 booster vaccines, as the programme started in Wales today.**

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board began to offer its staff the booster vaccine just days after the Joint Committee on Vaccination and Immunisation (JCVI) issued its final advice about the autumn booster programme.  
  
Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board will begin its booster vaccination programme on Saturday, starting with care home residents.  
  
Swansea Bay, Hywel Da, Aneurin Bevan, Cardiff and Vale and Powys health boards have all confirmed they will begin offering the booster vaccine to care home residents and healthcare staff from Monday [20th September].  
  
Health Minister Eluned Morgan confirmed Wales has accepted the JCVI’s advice to offer all over 50s, frontline health and social care workers and people with underlying health conditions – people in priority groups one to nine – a booster dose of the COVID-19 vaccine.    
Booster vaccination for other adults will be considered by the JCVI at a later date.

Letters inviting 12 to 15-year-olds to have a single dose of the Pfizer vaccine will begin to be issued next week and the first vaccines are expected to be administered from 4 October.  
  
All vaccines will be delivered either in care homes, in mass vaccination centres, hospitals or GP surgeries. People will be advised where their vaccination will take place when invited.

Eluned Morgan, Minister for Health and Social Services, said:

“Wales’ vaccination programme has been world leading and we have been working with the NHS to deliver the autumn booster safely and efficiently.

“I would urge all those who are eligible for a booster take up the offer when they are called for an appointment, as there is the possibility of reduced immunity from their earlier doses of the vaccine as time passes.

“If you haven’t had the first dose of the vaccine yet, it’s not too late. I encourage anyone who has not yet taken up their offer to do so.”

Dr Gill Richardson, deputy chief medical officer for vaccines, said:

“Today, the first doses of the booster vaccine have been provided to frontline healthcare staff who look after some of our most vulnerable people as we continue to protect individuals from the virus, serious illness and the risk of hospitalisation.  
  
“We have already seen the benefits that come from having as many people as possible vaccinated and have been preparing for this throughout the summer.  Vaccines remain our strongest defence from the virus and to maintain the levels of immunity that people have achieved.”

People across Wales are being urged to wait until they are invited to have their booster and not to contact NHS or health services to request a Covid-19 booster vaccine.

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**“It is indefensible and frankly deplorable that the UK Government are refusing to listen and to stand by those who need them the most.”**

**Minister for Social Justice Jane Hutt on the UK Government’s cut to the Universal Credit uplift.**

**During a Senedd debate on Universal Credit today, Minister for Social Justice Jane Hutt, led a stern condemnation of the UK Government’s plan to cut the £20 per week uplift that will see thousands of individuals across Wales, in work and out, worse off.**

Minister for Social Justice Jane Hutt said:

*“It is inconceivable that the UK Government would now choose to abandon those who need us the most and who played their part in protecting our country from Covid-19.*

*Since last summer, we have repeatedly called on the UK Government to make the £20pw increase permanent.*

*In my latest letter, signed jointly with Ministers’ from the Scottish Government and the Northern Ireland Executive, we asked the UK Government to share with us their assessment on what impact the cutting this £20 lifeline would have on poverty levels.*

*We have still not received a response.*

*And if this cut of £20 per week wasn’t draconian enough, couple it with the ending of furlough, the rise in fuel costs, the unnecessary 5-week wait and the recent announcement that the UK Government will increase national insurance. A move which HMRC said could lead to a breakdown for families already on the breadline.*

*The UK Government is cutting a lifeline to some of the most disenfranchised in our society.*

*The warnings and evidence are clear, it is those who most need a safety net, who most need their Government to have their backs that will suffer.”*

Outlining the Welsh Government’s response to tackling poverty in Wales the Minister said:

*“The ending of the £20pw means households across Wales are heading towards a financial cliff edge. It is vital we help people to deal with the financial difficulties that they are facing now.*

*In the Child Poverty – Income Maximisation Action Plan, we delivered a range of projects that had a simple aim – to put more money into people’s pockets.*

*I am pleased that all the projects have been successful, including our first national welfare benefit take-up campaign, which, during March, helped people to claim over £650,000 of welfare benefit income.*

*We will deliver our second national take-up campaign this autumn.*

*The pandemic has seen people across Wales turning to the Discretionary Assistance Fund for help with the financial pressures they are facing.*

*We moved quickly to bolster the support we could offer through the DAF, which received additional £25.4m in funding during the pandemic.*

Finally, the Minister stated:

*“When there is so much opposition to the £20 cut, it is indefensible and frankly deplorable that the UK Government are refusing to listen and to stand by those who need them the most.*

*Austerity is clearly and firmly back for the poorest and lowest paid.”* **ENDS**

**Notes to editors:**

* Through the Programme for Government, the Welsh Government have set out our commitment to improve outcomes for low income households. This includes, amongst others, continuing to support our flagship Flying Start Programme; a commitment to review eligibility criteria for free school meals; and additional funding for childcare where parents are in education and training.
* The Trussell Trust report:1 in 4 people will very likely need to skip meals – That’s 64,000 people in Wales. 1 in 5 will very likely be unable to afford to heat their homes this winter – 61,000 people across Wales.
* The Bevan Foundation has found that approximately £286 million will be stripped from the Welsh economy.

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MARK DRAKEFORD EXPLAINS NEW COVID PASS SYSTEM FOR NIGHTCLUBS AND EVENTS

People will have to show an NHS Covid Pass to enter nightclubs and attend events in Wales from next month, Mark Drakeford announced today.

The [**Welsh Governmen**](https://www.dailypost.co.uk/all-about/welsh-government)t says it's introducing the pass, which will show that the holder has been vaccinated, to help control the spread of [**coronavirus**](https://www.dailypost.co.uk/all-about/coronavirus). The NHS Covid Pass allows a person to show they are fully vaccinated. It also allows people to show they have had a negative lateral flow test result within the last 48 hours.

It comes as case rates remain very high in Wales, but the alert level will remain at zero for the next three weeks.

[**Hundreds of new covid cases in North Wales as region's total passes 60,000 infections**](https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/north-wales-records-another-579-21587360)

Nightclub owners in Wales had warned the Welsh Government that introducing vaccine passports [**would have a "catastrophic impact” on the sector.**](https://www.dailypost.co.uk/news/north-wales-news/nightclub-owners-last-ditch-plea-21593390)

In England, plans to force all nightclubs to ask for vaccine passports in England from the end of September were ditched, after the proposals sparked protests in London.

However, they could still be brought in should cases soar under Boris Johnson’s Plan B for winter.

**Mark Drakeford**

Announced the outcome of the latest three-week review of the coronavirus regulations today, the First Minister also encouraged everyone to work from home whenever possible and to make sure they are fully vaccinated.

Awareness and enforcement of other key Covid protection measures, including face coverings in indoor public places and on public transport, will be increased.

Mr Drakeford, said: “Across Wales, coronavirus cases have risen to very high levels over the summer as more people have been gathering and meeting. Tragically, more people are dying from this terrible virus.

“The very strong advice we have from our scientific advisers is to take early action to prevent infections increasing further.

**People eagerly queued outside Cube Nightclub in the downpours to get inside when nightclubs reopened** (Image: North Wales Live)

“The last thing we want is further lockdowns and for businesses to have to close their doors once again. That’s why we must take small but meaningful action now to control the spread of the virus and reduce the need for tougher measures later.”

The requirement to show an NHS Covid Pass will come into force from October 11. It will mean all over-18s will need to have a NHS Covid Pass to enter:

* Nightclubs
* Indoor, non-seated events for more than 500 people, such as concerts or conventions
* Outdoor non-seated events for more than 4,000 people
* Any setting or event with more than 10,000 people in attendance

People who are fully vaccinated in Wales can already download the NHS Covid Pass, to securely show and share their vaccine status. It also allows people to show they have had a negative lateral flow test result within the last 48 hours.

Mr Drakeford said: “My message to you today is a simple but serious one – the pandemic is not over and we all need to take steps to protect ourselves and our loved ones.

“We have high levels of the virus in our communities and while our fantastic vaccination programme has helped stop thousands more people from becoming seriously ill or dying, the pressure on the NHS is increasing.

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# Free Swimming for Age 16s and Under in Wrexham

# If you are aged 16 years or under you can take advantage of our FREE swimming sessions at your local leisure and activity centre during the school holidays and at weekends.

**Free Swimming Under 16’s**

### **[Chirk Leisure & Activity Centre - 01691 778666](http://old.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/leisure_activity_centres/index.htm)**

[Sunday 2pm - 3pm](http://old.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/leisure_activity_centres/index.htm)

### **[Gwyn Evans Leisure & Activity Centre - 01978 269540](http://old.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/leisure_activity_centres/index.htm)**

[Sunday 10am - 11am](http://old.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/leisure_activity_centres/index.htm)

### **[Plas Madoc Leisure Centre - 01978 821600](http://old.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/leisure_activity_centres/index.htm)**

[Saturday 3pm - 4pm](http://old.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/leisure_activity_centres/index.htm)

### **[Waterworld - 01978 297300](http://old.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/leisure_activity_centres/index.htm)**

[Saturday 3.30pm - 4.30pm](http://old.wrexham.gov.uk/english/leisure_tourism/leisure_activity_centres/index.htm)

**Terms and Conditions**

* Entry to free swimming at all centres is open to Welsh residents only
* Children under 8 years must be accompanied by a full paying adult
* First come, first served basis
* Maximum of 1 hour in the pool

This is a Welsh Assembly Government initiative working in partnership with Wrexham County Borough Council and the Welsh Amateur Swimming Association.

## Swim Ratio Policy

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## **Swim Ratio Policy**

## The WCBC Policy for swim ratios for parents or guardians with children under 8 years of age are as follows:

Normal Admission:

* Children aged 0-4yrs - 1:1 (1 Child to 1 Adult)
* Children aged 5, 6 & 7yrs - 2:1 (2 children to 1 Adult)
* A suitable adult (16 years of age) must provide supervision.

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Opening Hours

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Wednesday 12.00pm – 5.00pm

Thursday 9.00am – 1.15pm

Friday 12.00pm – 5.00pm

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**Science Investigations**

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activities

# AND a very Successful End to the

# SWAN Project for Year 7

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**Ruabon Community Council – Community Agent**

It has been a challenging year for everyone, and although things are getting closer to normal, some restrictions remain and will stay with us for some time such as face masks, hand cleansers and of course NHS Track & Trace. People in the community still have some anxieties about getting out and about and it may be a while before their confidences are restored.

If you, a relative, friends, a neighbour or just someone you know 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**

A person taking a selfie

Description automatically generatedAre 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 that may be bothering you? As Covid 19 lockdown restrictions start to relax perhaps we can arrange to meet and talk things through and identify a way forward – the service is free!

**Just contact your**

**Ruabon Community Agent Paul Tincello,**

using the contact details below:

**Telephone: 07947 530140 or Email:** [**communityagentruabon@gmail.com**](mailto:communityagentruabon@gmail.com)

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Including the delightful account of HOUDINI on the final page of this News Letter, my thanks to everyone for your contributions.

Best wishes, Sybil (Bremner)

**LUCKY HOUDINI**

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**Eileen’s story:**

“I found a hedgehog yesterday on Albert Grove during daylight which means there’s an issue as they’re nocturnal.

I took it home and started contacting rescues, it turned out it was a rare Blond usually only found in Alderney in Channel Islands.

He was here 24 hours while I found a rescue that I trusted to take him.

They are updating me and will let me know when he’s released back into the wild, but at a secret location for safety. I called him Houdini.”

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