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Ysgol Rhiwabon Virtual Open evening on Wednesday 29th September

Open Evening Trailer:

This year we will be hosting an online virtual open evening on the **September 29th from 6pm.**

We would like to invite you to watch it live and it will also be available to re-watch whenever you choose.

Please follow the link below for a taster of the event

<https://www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk/open-evening-trailer-video/>

<https://www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk/>

Deputy Minister issues
"NATIONAL CALL TO ARMS"
TO PLANT MORE TREES"

The Deputy Minister for Climate Change Lee Waters today issued a “national call to arms” to ask the people of Wales to help to deliver real change to tackle the climate emergency.

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According to the Climate Change Committee, Wales needs to plant around 86 million trees over the next nine years to achieve its ambition of reaching net zero by 2050

The Deputy Minister was visiting [Stump up for Trees](#) a small charity planting 100,000 native broadleaf trees in an area called Bryn Arw, near Abergavenny - it is the first significant tree planting on common land in Wales.

The Deputy Minister said:

I want everyone to appreciate the many benefits we gain from trees in Wales, not only in tackling climate change, but improving air quality, enhancing nature and improving people’s mental wellbeing. To tackle the climate emergency, Wales needs a step change in woodland creation and a transformation in the way Welsh wood is used across our economy.

According to the Climate Change Committee, to reach net zero, we need to plant 43,000 hectares of new trees by 2030, rising to

180,000 hectares by 2050. That means planting around 86 million trees over the next nine years.

Last year just 290 hectares of woodland was planted in Wales. Over the last three weeks I've been working intensely with a team of experts to understand how we can dramatically increase the number of trees we plant every year and transform the way Welsh wood is used.

It is a huge challenge and will only be possible through an alliance for change, involving many partners and every family in Wales.

Today I am issuing a national call to arms, asking everyone to join us in delivering this challenge to plant more trees for Wales.

People, and communities, across Wales will be encouraged to plant trees and the Welsh Government will work with farmers and landowners to identify opportunities for planting.

Work is also beginning to deliver the government's manifesto commitment to deliver a Timber Industrial Strategy to create jobs by developing a new Welsh wood economy.

At the moment 80% of the timber used in the UK is imported, and only 4% of the 1.5m of harvested Welsh timber is processed to be used as construction-grade timber. Most Welsh timber is used for lower value products, such as fence posts, panels, pallets and decking.

Meeting net zero, particularly in the construction sector, will mean using much more timber in Wales.

The Deputy Minister said:

"This means an important role for productive woodlands to sustainably grow more Welsh timber, rather than importing timber which has a negative environmental impact abroad.

There is an opportunity for timber processors and manufacturers in Wales to grow and create more jobs. This will require coordination across the supply chain, to ensure more Welsh timber goes to high value added uses, and that as much of the wealth created as possible is retained in Wales."

The Minister also confirmed that the Welsh Government would open a Woodland Investment Grant as part of plans for a National Forest for Wales.

Many of the woodlands and trees we plant could form part of the National Forest in the future, supporting our ambition to create a network of high quality, multi-purpose woodland across Wales, He said: To support this ambition, I am pleased to announce we will be opening the:

Woodland Investment Grant later in the week to allow people to apply for grants to create new woodlands or improve existing woodlands which could become part of the National Forest.

The Deputy Minister will set out the expert group's findings.



**Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament**

***News from the office of Lesley Griffiths, Member of the
Senedd for Wrexham***

Tuesday 21st September 2021

Politicians praise impact of emergency welfare fund

A team based in Wrexham that offers invaluable support to some of the most vulnerable people in Wales has been praised by local politicians.

Members of the Senedd, Lesley Griffiths and Ken Skates recently visited the Discretionary Assistance Fund headquarters based on the Wrexham Industrial Estate to hear more about their lifechanging work.

The Discretionary Assistance Fund (DAF) is a Welsh Government initiative that provides urgent grants to people who have nowhere else to turn. The nationwide service is managed by NEC and administered by the team in Wrexham, who work with more than 600 partner organisations.

There are two types of grants - the Emergency Assistance Payment helps in an emergency or when there is an immediate threat to health or wellbeing. It can help cover essential costs such as food, gas, electricity or emergency travel and people are eligible if they are experiencing extreme financial hardship, have lost their job or are awaiting a first benefit payment.

The Individual Assistance Payment helps people to remain or begin living independently and will cover the cost of home furniture or 'white goods' such as a fridge, cooker or washing machine.

With people facing extra financial pressures, the pandemic has seen people across Wales turning to the Discretionary Assistance Fund for help. The Welsh Government responded by outlining an additional £25.4m of financial support during the pandemic.

Wrexham's Member of the Senedd, Lesley Griffiths said: "After speaking with members of the team in Wrexham, it is crystal clear there is a need for a welfare fund like the DAF. An increasing number of clients contacting the service are in work yet struggling financially.

"The Fund's efficiency and flexibility often make all the difference. The speed in which the team in Wrexham can respond and offer support to those in need can help turn people's lives around."

Ken Skates, Member of the Senedd for Clwyd South commented: "This is a critical time for many local families as we start to look beyond the pandemic. Rising fuel prices, coupled with the controversial UK Government decisions to cut the £20 Universal Credit uplift and increase national insurance taxes will result in further financial hardship for many residents.

"More and more people are feeling the squeeze and I am pleased the Welsh Government hasn't abandoned those most in need and continues to support the Discretionary Assistance Fund."

In addition to providing a valuable service to people across Wales, the Discretionary Assistance Fund also provides job opportunities to local people. Approximately 50 people work in the Wrexham office and the organisation recently hired 4 apprentices.

Lesley Griffiths MS added: "There is such a wide range of careers accessible thanks to apprenticeships and it was a pleasure to speak to Lauren, Bethan and Ella to hear more about their experiences. I wish them the best of luck for the future." <ENDS>

Photo: Lesley Griffiths MS and Ken Skates MS

alongside DAF apprentices

Ella Matthews, Lauren

Williams and Bethan

Griffiths (L to R)

For any further information

or to request an interview

with Lesley Griffiths,

please email James Richards at james.richards@senedd.wales



Wales begins countdown to end the physical punishment of children

With six months to go before a new law ending the physical punishment of children in Wales comes into force, more than £2.9m is being invested in parenting support. The Children (Abolition of Defence of Reasonable Punishment) (Wales) Act 2020 gives children the same protection from assault as adults by removing an archaic 160-year-old legal defence.

The new law will apply to everybody in Wales, including visitors, from 21st March 2022. All types of physical punishment, such as smacking, hitting, slapping and shaking, will be illegal. To help raise awareness of this landmark legislation, a nationwide multi-media advertising campaign - called The Sound of Change - was launched on 21st September 2021.

Improvement Cymru launches new strategy to support improvements in patient safety across health and care in Wales

On World Patient Safety Day, Improvement Cymru, Public Health Wales, launched a new strategy '[Achieving Quality and Safety Improvement](#)' which will support organisations across Wales to deliver Welsh Government's [Quality and Safety Framework](#) published today.

Improvement Cymru's ambition is to support health boards, trusts and care services with their work to improve safety within their systems, ensuring everyone has access to safe, effective and efficient care - in the right place and at the right time.

To help deliver the new way of working, Improvement Cymru are also launching a new safety programme called 'Safe Care Together' which will provide nationally coordinated, locally delivered support to organisations across the continuum of care.

Safe Care Together will enable health boards and trusts to achieve evidence based clinical and operational safety improvements, helping them to embed the [Health and Social Care Act 2020](#). Work will be co-developed with organisations, offering bespoke support to help them to create the conditions, build the capability and make the connections for improvement to flourish. The programme is open to all health boards and trusts across Wales.

Read [the strategy](#) and share your thoughts on the new programme by emailing improvementcymru@wales.nhs.uk

[Well-being for Wales Lecture Series 2021](#)

27th - 30th September 2021

Over the past 18 months, COVID-19 has posed huge challenges for Wales' health and social care system, requiring innovative whole-system responses and new ways of working. Although the vaccination programme continues to reach new heights, providing the people of Wales with hope for the future and a pathway out of the pandemic, the NHS in Wales is experiencing demand across the system like never before.

The Welsh NHS Confederation invite you to join them at a virtual Well-being for Wales Lecture Series, where they will discuss the ongoing challenges faced by the system, highlight examples of best

practice, share ideas, opportunities and future plans.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund in Wales and Cadw have teamed up to offer the '15-minute heritage programme-Round 2'

Communities across Wales can now apply for a grant of between £3,000 and £10,000 for capital projects that will encourage engagement with local heritage.

The deadline for applications is noon, October 4th, 2021.

This is the second year the programme is running in Wales and it is based on a concept called the 15 minute city where everyone should be able to meet most of their needs within just a short walk or cycle from their home. The aim of the capital grant programme is to support projects that help to connect communities with the heritage on their doorstep so that local people can benefit from it. The programme can fund outputs such as interpretation boards, small scale capital works, and murals or pop up exhibitions and window displays. The programme can also fund digital outputs such as creating apps or websites. To compete for funding projects will need to demonstrate how they will offer opportunities for people to get involved through volunteering or participation events - as the Fund requires all projects to work towards our mandatory outcome that a wider range of people will be involved in heritage as a result of our funding.

You can read more about the programme in the application guidance :

[15-Minute Heritage Grants \(Round 2\) | The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

Support to applicants:

In order to support applicants we are offering virtual question and answer sessions - the aim of these sessions is to give applicants the opportunity to ask any questions they might have to the engagement team prior to applying.

Booking tickets for the virtual question and answer sessions :

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/heritagefundcymru>

If you'd like to discuss any ideas or enquiries - you're welcome to contact me via email at ellen.hywel@heritagefund.org.uk.

Mae Cadw a'r Gronfa Treftadaeth yng Nghymru yn falch o gyhoeddi cynllun grantiau 'Trysorau'r Filltir Sgwâr - Rownd 2'

Gall cymunedau ledled Cymru nawr wneud cais am grant rhwng £3,000 a £10,000 ar gyfer prosiectau cyfalaf fydd yn annog ymgysylltiad â'u treftadaeth leol. Trysorau'r Filltir Sgwâr - rownd 2.

Dyddiad cau ar gyfer ceisiadau - hanner dydd, Hydref 4ydd, 2021.

Dyma'r ail flwyddyn i'r rhaglen gael ei chynnal yng Nghymru ac mae'n seiliedig ar gysyniad o'r enw'r ddinas 15 munud lle dylai pawb allu ddiwallu'r rhan fwyaf o'u hanghenion o fewn taith gerdded fer neu feicio o'u cartref. Nod y rhaglen grant cyfalaf yma yw cefnogi prosiectau sy'n helpu i gysylltu cymunedau â'r dreftadaeth ar stepen eu drws fel y gall pobl leol elwa ohoni. Gall y rhaglen ariannu gwariant cyfalaf i greu allbynnau megis byrddau dehongli neu placiau QR, gwaith cyfalaf ar raddfa fach i eiddo treftadaeth, murluniau, arddangosfeydd dros dro neu prosiectau digidol fel apiau a gwefannau. I gystadlu am gyllid rhaid i'r prosiect gynnig cyfleoedd i bobl fod yn rhan o'r gweithgarwch gan weithio tuag at ein canlyniad gorfodol y 'bydd ystod ehangach o bobl yn rhan o dreftadaeth' yn sgil ein hariannu.

Gallwch ddarllen am y rhaglen a'r canllawiau yma :

[Grantiau Trysorau'r Filltir Sgwâr \(Rownd 2\) | Cronfa Treftadaeth y Loteri Genedlaethol \(heritagefund.org.uk\)](#)

Cefnogaeth i ymgeiswyr :

I gefnogi ymgeisiwyr rydym wedi trefnu sesiynau cwestiwn ac ateb rhithiol - mae'n gyfle i ymgeiswyr alw fewn i holi unrhyw gwestiynau cyn ymgeisio.

Sesiynau cwestiwn ac ateb - linc i archebu tocynnau :

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/heritagefundcymru>

Arts Council Wales - Connect & Flourish

Expressions of Interest will open on 20th September. The closing date for submitting Expressions of Interest is 5pm 11th October. We will then invite and support successful proposals to submit a full application to a second stage in January 2022. Connect and Flourish funds innovative, ambitious, artist led, audience and participant focused projects, that engage and connect to the public by supporting the development of collaborative proposals between organisations, individuals and creative professionals from all backgrounds.

Through Connect and Flourish, collaborators working within a shared set of values will deliver projects that mean something and matter to the people they're for. Finding real and meaningful ways of getting them involved whilst providing unheard voices an opportunity to define their own outcomes through the arts.

The budget for the next round of Connect and Flourish is £1.5million and is made possible by funds distributed by the Arts Council of Wales from the proceeds of the National Lottery.

[Full details and guidelines of the Connect & Flourish Fund here](#)

To support the forthcoming programme, we will hold a virtual briefing session to update the sector on our new approach and showcase some of projects from previous funding rounds. The event will take place on Wednesday, 8th September 2021, 9.30am - 11.30am

[Register and book for the virtual briefing session](#)

[Cyngor Celfyddydau Cymru - Cysylltu â Ffynnu](#)

Bydd Datganiadau o Ddiddordeb yn agor ar 20fed Medi. Y dyddiad cau ar gyfer cyflwyno Datganiadau o Ddiddordeb yw 5pm 11eg Hydref. Byddwn wedyn yn gwahodd ac yn cefnogi cynigion llwyddiannus i gyflwyno cais llawn i'r ail gam o Cysylltu â Ffynnu ym mis Ionawr 2022.

Mae Cysylltu â Ffynnu yn ariannu prosiectau arloesol, uchelgeisiol, dan arweiniad artistiaid, cynulleidfa a chyfranogwyr, sy'n ymgysylltu ac yn cysylltu â'r cyhoedd trwy gefnogi datblygiad cynigion

cydweithredol rhwng sefydliadau, unigolion a gweithwyr proffesiynol creadigol o bob cefndir.

Trwy Cysylltu â Ffynnu, bydd cydweithredwyr sy'n gweithio o fewn set o werthoedd a rennir yn cyflwyno prosiectau sy'n golygu rhywbeth ac o bwys i'r bobl y maent ar eu cyfer. Dod o hyd i ffyrdd real ac ystyrlon o'u cynnwys wrth roi cyfle i leisiau anhysbys glywed eu canlyniadau eu hunain trwy'r celfyddydau.

Y gyllideb ar gyfer y rownd nesaf o Cysylltu a Ffynnu yw £1.5 miliwn. Mae hyn yn bosibl drwy arian wedi'i ddosbarthu gan Gyngor Celfyddydau Cymru o elw'r Loteri Genedlaethol.

[Manylion llawn a chanllawiau Cysylltu a Ffynnu yma](#)

Er mwyn cefnogi'r rhaglen sydd i ddod, byddwn yn cynnal sesiwn friffio rithwir i ddiweddarau'r sector ar ein dull newydd ac arddangos rhai o brosiectau o rowndiau cyllido blaenorol. Bydd y digwyddiad yn cael ei gynnal ar Fercher 8fed Medi 2021, 9.30yb - 11.30yb.

[Cofrestru ac archebu lle ar y sesiwn friffio](#)

[ERDDIG IN OCTOBER](#)

As the pleached limes begin to turn gold and a blaze of red Boston ivy covers the west front of the hall, Erddig will be celebrating the joys of the season of mellow fruitfulness.

Visit this autumn and you'll see Erddig's orchards full of ripening apples - over 180 varieties are grown in all.

[Apple harvest celebrations](#)

2 to 31 October, 10am to 4pm

This year we'll be celebrating the humble fruit with an apple display in our historic stables.

Alongside the impressive display, we'll be selling some of our historic varieties of apples and giving talks and garden tours.

Join a talk during the first three weekends in October, with apple tours of the garden planned for the 2, 5, 9, 14, 16 and 19 of October at 12.30pm and 2.30pm.

Don't forget to bring along your home-grown unknown apples as our own Head Gardener, Glyn Smith, will be on hand on the 2 and 3 October to identify your own varieties.

Come and spot our decorated window displays and celebrate the sights and sounds of autumn at Erddig.

Rich pickings in Erddig's orchards

Half-term fun with a Welsh folklore twist

From 25 to 31 October, we'll be celebrating all things spooky with our Hwch Ddu Gwta trail.

On 31 October or Nos Calen Gaeaf (the night before winter eve), Welsh legend warns of the Hwch Ddu Gwta, the tailless black sow, that might appear, trying to catch those who stayed out too late.

If you're brave enough, come along and follow our spooky trail through the garden and outbuildings. On 30 and 31 October, join Jake Evans for his unique and entertaining storytelling sessions. This time he'll be exploring scary tales of the season.



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

50mph schemes successful in driving down air pollution



From 4 October, motorists exceeding the 50mph speed limits on some of the most polluted roads in Wales could receive a letter or fine through their doors, the Welsh

Government has warned.

The decision to introduce environmental speed limits to improve air quality levels in five locations across Wales in 2018 was the first of its kind in the UK, demonstrating the Welsh Government's commitment of putting the environment at the heart of

everything it does.

The schemes have already been successful in significantly lowering the levels of nitrogen dioxide in affected areas by up to 47%, helping to protect people from serious illness as well as playing a part in tackling the climate emergency.

Air pollution is considered to be one of the largest environmental health risks of our generation, according to the World Health Organisation, increasing our risks of heart and lung disease and contributing towards the worsening of pre-existing health conditions such as asthma.

Deputy Minister for Climate Change, Lee Waters, who has a responsibility for Transport said:

"We've made significant progress in bringing emissions levels down in recent years, but we now have to go further and faster.

"We know that slower speed limits are not a popular choice, but we need to do things differently and be bold if we are to stand a chance of tackling climate change.

"It's clear that the speed restrictions we've introduced on our most polluted roads are working - the results speak for themselves - but compliance with these limits is essential if we are to achieve the reductions we need to make in the shortest possible time.

"We need to act now to make Wales a safe place to live with clean air for everyone."

South Wales Police, Roads Policing Lead for Wales, Assistant Chief Constable, Mark Travis commented:

"The implementation of the 50mph speed limits, for environmental reasons, on some of Wales's busiest roads is an important issue to tackle pollution and to give Wales and its communities a cleaner and healthier future.

"All four Welsh Forces are supporting its implementation, with the enforcement of these speed limits approached in a consistent, proportionate and transparent manner."

GoSafe Partnership Manager, Teresa Ciano, added:

"Driving at the posted speed limit has benefits for safety, but it can also improve our lives in other ways. By supporting the Welsh Government's ambition to improve air quality for Wales, we know our roads will be safer too. By implementing a first of its kind advisory letter programme, we will be able to inform people of the importance of complying with the speed limit at these locations, whilst still prosecuting the most dangerous

drivers."

The roads which are affected by the 50mph speed restrictions and enforcement measure include:

- A494 Wales/England border to St David's Interchange, Deeside;
- A483 Junction 5 to Junction 6, Wrexham;
- A470 Upper Boat Interchange to Bridge Street Interchange, Pontypridd;
- M4 Junction 41 to Junction 42, Port Talbot;
- M4 Junction 25 to Junction 26, Newport - a change from variable speed limit enforced by spot speed cameras to a permanent 50mph to be enforced by Average Speed Enforcement at a future date.

Statistics:

Annual mean NO₂ concentrations (µg/m³)

	2018 Annual Mean	2019 Annual Mean	Percentage difference 2018 to 2019	2020 Annual Mean	Percentage difference 2018 to 2020
A483 Wrexham - North Wales	50.2	40.9	-18.53%	27.5	-45.22%
A494 Deeside - North Wales	42.2	36.6	-13.27%	26.5	-37.20%
A470 Pontypridd - South Wales	56.8	48.1	-15.32%	30.5	-46.30%
M4 Newport - South Wales	63.5	59.2	-6.77%	38.4	-39.53%
M4 Port Talbot - South Wales	48.4	43.0	-11.16%	28.2	-41.74%

Note:

Data recorded via diffusion tubes and adjusted using national bias adjustment factors
50mph speed limits have been in operation since June 2018

- The 47% reduction relates to the greatest difference in values when comparing nitrogen dioxide concentrations recorded at the roadside before

and after implementation of the 50mph speed limit and includes data up until the end of 2019.

- Data recorded for 2020 and the early part of 2021 has indicated that concentrations of nitrogen dioxide at all five locations have generally remained below the legal limit of $40\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$, principally as a result of lower traffic flows associated with the Covid-19 pandemic. Traffic flows have now started to return to pre-pandemic levels and it is hoped that with better compliance with the speed limit, we will maintain the positive improvements in air quality at all 5 locations.
- The enforcement of the environmental 50mph limit is focused on action required to meet our legal limits for nitrogen dioxide. This is one part of a wide range of work we are undertaking with Government departments and sectors, and the public, to drive forward ambitious action to reduce exposure to air pollution in our Clean Air Plan for Wales.
- This includes a combination of evidence based policy, legislation, guidance, regulations and investment to reduce air pollution. For example, we are developing and delivering sustainable infrastructure, planning guidance and travel choices.

Research:

Research conducted by the European Environment Agency and Welsh Government has showed that reducing traffic speeds to around 50 mph has produced significant reductions in pollution, because it:

- Improves and reduces fuel consumption, which then creates less pollutant gases.
- Promotes consistent speeds, which produces less braking and accelerating, reducing pollution.

Reduces turbulence and the spread of road dust and particulate matter suspended in the air. Visit the Welsh government website for more information <https://gov.wales/50mph-speed-limits-to-reduce-pollution>.

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Opening Hours

Monday 12.00pm - 5.00pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 12.00pm - 5.00pm

Thursday 9.00am - 1.15pm

Friday 12.00pm - 5.00pm



Ruabon Heritage Trail Celebration

This occasion was celebrated at Ysgol Rhiwabon, courtesy of Melanie Ferron-Evans (head teacher) and Giles Evans (the school's Manager); no-one could have received a better nor a more friendly welcome by two people who had given up their

precious free time for the celebration.

The speakers at the celebration were:

1. Sarah Giles (Friends of Ruabon member) who welcomed everyone to the event. Sarah has an abundance of energy (so it seems to me!) and is also a member of the RCC, who apart from everything else, is also responsible for the beautiful flowers around the village.
2. Melanie Ferron-Evans whose message was of praise for the Heritage Trail and the work put in for its formation.
3. Jo Smith who spoke of the Heritage Boards and Project.
4. The Rev'd Kate Tiltman, Vicar of St Mary's Church Ruabon until her retirement on the 30th September. Kate is also a key member of Friends of Ruabon and one who has continued to support Ruabon Community throughout lockdown (wearing more than 'one hat!')
5. Jim Baker, member of Friends of Ruabon, an artist and wood carver, with a sense of humour! Jim gave a talk on Ruabon's past history.
6. Wrexham Cllr David A Bithell gave a short talk on the installation of the information boards he had had carried out for Jo.
7. We were so lucky to be able to also welcome the Worshipful The Mayor of Wrexham, Cllr. Ronnie Prince with the Lady Mayoress. He thanked those who had spoken and reminded everyone that he was a 'Welsh Prince' but could not quite explain why he had not yet been crowned a Welsh King!

For those of you who have not heard about the 'renewal' of the Ruabon Heritage Trail:

Jo Smith, Chair of Friends of Ruabon, has worked tirelessly on this project since before lockdown, encouraged and aided by not only members of the group but also by community members who have supplied Jo with a great deal of information and memories from their childhoods.

As with everything else, the best equipment costs a great deal, so Jo had to access funding for the project and quickly, before the sum, then available, went back to source. She was aided in this by AVOW and Ruabon Community Council, but first having everything checked

thoroughly.

The first part of the trail is now in place for everyone to follow, starting from Ruabon Station to the Hill Fort with the new information boards in place. Those that had to go into the ground was a worry for Jo, but Cllr A Bithell immediately arranged their placement as soon as he saw them. The wall plaques were fixed by Ruabon Cllr. Bill Smith.

Everything is now in place for everyone to follow, either via the website: ruabonheritage.com or with your smart phone through the QR code on each information board.

The next step will include Watt's Dyke, which won't happen for a while; BUT the website will be ongoing with new material and also some to include the children. More information from residents will also be very welcome, as Kate Tiltman remarked in her talk, once this information is lost it can never be recovered.



This photo of the Lady Mayoress Sunanda, Jo Smith, The Mayor Ronnie Prince and Tia, Sunanda's Daughter, was taken by the Mayor's driver Luke on arrival at Ysgol Rhiwabon

This photo, taken by Nia Evans of the two

smart children are the head boy and girl representing Ysgol Maes-y-Ilan School



Just enjoying a tea and coffee on arrival.

I am sure there will be a great deal more to report on the Ruabon Heritage Trail as more people travel the paths. Please send in your photos and information for those unable to walk the distance themselves.
Sybil (Bremner)