

RUABON NEWS LETTER 396

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Ysgol Rhiwabon Launch TV Channel

Ysgol Rhiwabon have launched their own YouTube channel due to the success of their releases over the last twelve months.

The productions have been viewed by prospective and former students of the school, and cover a range of items from Year 11 leaving to Open Evenings and Tours conducted virtually.

The school has partnered with Firebox Media who have produced the films. Please follow the link to view the channel directly: -

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDtDhHaXefbS0hFSmW7ryUQ>

Firebox Media can be contacted on email: fireboxmedia@outlook.com

Further information on Ysgol Rhiwabon is available from

www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk End

Notes for Editors

Media enquiries about Ysgol Rhiwabon should be directed to Giles Evans, Business Manager on Evansg341@hwbmail.net

Background Information. Ysgol Rhiwabon, is an open entry secondary school, on the *Shropshire / Wrexham* border, with just over 550 students.

A MESSAGE FROM MELANIE FERRON-EVANS HEADTEACHER OF YSGOL RHIWABON WEDNESDAY 13 OCTOBER 2021

On Saturday 25th September 2021, together with the Mayor and Lady Mayoress, Ruabon residents and Councillors; members of the Church and Maes-y-Llan School; Simon Baynes MP and his wife Maggie, joined the Friends of Ruabon for a celebration of the renewal and enhancement of the Ruabon Heritage Trail at Ysgol Rhiwabon.

During the event, members of the Friends of Ruabon group gave a presentation about their recent work on the renewal and enhancement of the existing Ruabon Heritage Trail which was originally developed over twenty years ago, and their future plans to develop the historical information available on the village of Ruabon and surrounding area.

The group used the main hall and dining hall at Ysgol Rhiwabon to showcase their work to date, and provided refreshments before and after the presentation.

The Headteacher of Ysgol Rhiwabon, Mrs Melanie Ferron-Evans welcomed everyone to the school, and supporters of the project. Mrs Ferron-Evans then congratulated the Friends of Ruabon on their success, and in particular, the support of Jo Smith and Sybil Bremner to the school and local community.

The evening covered the following items: an outline of the project and boards from the Chair of Friends of Ruabon, Jo Smith; the Reverend Kate Tiltman on the importance of talking histories; the Heritage Trail pictures and wider local history by Jim Baker; the installation of the Heritage Boards by Wrexham County Council by Councillor David Bithell; and closing words of thanks from His Worship the Mayor, Ronnie Prince.

Simon Baynes MP said:

"It was a great pleasure to join residents, councillors, local community leaders and the Friends of Ruabon at their celebration of the renewal of the Ruabon Heritage Trail. The project has huge potential to excite and educate people visiting Ruabon as well as teaching us more about our own heritage for those who live locally. The group has worked incredibly hard to get this off the ground and I'm so pleased to see it all coming to fruition. Some of the topics discussed were very interesting, and the group's plans for the future will be of great benefit to the area."

Further information and detail are also available from Friends of Ruabon from <https://www.ruabonheritage.com/>.

HALLOWEEN COSTUME LITTER PICK

30th
October

From
10AM



**Meet outside the Village hall from 10am.
Little pick equipment will be provided.
*Weather permitting**



"Her Majesty The Queen, Their Royal Highnesses The Prince of Wales and The Duchess of Cornwall attended the official opening of the Sixth Senedd on Thursday (14th October).

Ken Skates reported: "It was an honour to represent Clwyd South at the official opening of the sixth Senedd and stand alongside my North Wales colleagues Clwyd South MS Ken Skates also attended alongside fellow Members of the Senedd

"After the most difficult period most of us will ever experience, I will continue working as hard as possible to make our area an even better place to live, work and visit."

(pictured l-r) Lesley Griffiths (Wrexham); Hannah Blythyn (Delyn); Jack Sargeant (Alyn and Deeside) and Carolyn Thomas (North Wales).



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✉ ruabon.library@wrexham.gov.uk

🌐 www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries

📘 Wrexham Libraries

🐦 @Wxm Libraries

Opening Hours

Monday 12.00pm - 5.00pm

Tuesday Closed

Wednesday 12.00pm - 5.00pm

Thursday 9.00am - 1.15pm

Friday 12.00pm - 5.00pm

Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

Gwau a Sgwrs

Dydd Gwener 2.00 - 4.00

Ruabon Library

Knit and Natter

Fridays 2:00 - 4.00



Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

Grwp Sgwrsio

Dydd Llun Tachwedd 1af

2.00 – 3.00

Ruabon Library

Welsh Second Language

Conversational Group

Monday, 1st November

2.00 – 3.00

GOOD NEWS

FROM RUABON LIBRARY

-BOOKINGS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN-

FOR MONTHLY EXHIBITIONS TO TAKE PLACE

NOVEMBER has already been booked!



**Ydych chi yn mwynhau darllen?
Fyddech chi yn hoffi rhannu a chymharu eich
profiad o ddarllen?**

Byddem yn hoffi eich gwahodd i gyfarfod ar
Ddydd Mercher 3ydd am 2yp i drafod

aildechrau y

Grwp Darllen

yn

Llyfrgell Rhiwabon

Am fwy a fanylion ffoniwch 01978 822002

**Do you enjoy reading?
Would you like to share and compare your reading
experience?**

We would like to invite you to a meeting on

Wednesday 3rd November at 2pm

to discuss restarting the

Reading Group in Ruabon Library

For more information call 01978 822002

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

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 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

using the contact details below:

Telephone: 07947 530140 or Email:

communityagentruabon@gmail.com



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thewaterloofoundation*

Do you have memories of Ruabon Bowling Club? Come and join us to find out about a new group sharing memories all about the club!



Date: Tuesday 21st Sep

Time: 2pm

**Location - Ruabon Bowls
Club LL14 6AD**

To register your interest

Email info@bookofyou.co.uk

Or call 01492 555381



NEW BIN AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CALENDARS AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE

October 12, 2021

The new **bin and recycling collection calendars for 2021-22** are now up on our website.

If you want to see your bin calendar for the next twelve months, just pop across

to wrexham.gov.uk/bins, scroll down and click on your calendar.



Things to note...

- Your collection day remains the same
- **Garden waste collections will run once a month from December 2021 to February 2022, for those who have paid for the service, with normal fortnightly collections resuming again in March**
- There will be no collections on 27th or 28th December; this year, although affected residents will be able to put extra recycling and food waste out the following week

Cllr David A. Bithell, Lead Member for Environment and Transport, said: "It's important for us to make sure residents are aware they can access their bin and recycling collection calendar easily online. It's a really simple way to see your collection information, and it can save you from missing bin collections. If you haven't already done so, have a quick look at your calendar on wrexham.gov.uk/bins - it won't take much of your time at all."

Ten parks in Wrexham are to be legally protected with green space charity 'Fields in Trust', following approval from the Executive Board.

Fields in Trust, protection will ensure the parks will remain available for recreational use and delivering environmental benefits forever! Ownership and management remain with Wrexham County Borough Council.



Cllr David A Bithell, Lead Member for the Environment and Transport, said, "I'm pleased that fellow councillors approved the report which will protect these parks from any future developments and will support our pledge to become carbon neutral by 2030.

"It also recognises the

significant contributions the country parks play to our communities and to the well-being of residents who can now benefit from them for generations to come."

Chair of Fields in Trust Cymru Committee, Nick Cooke QC, said:

"Through the pandemic we've realised just how valuable parks and green spaces are to our health and wellbeing, yet across the UK only 6% of parks are protected and access to them is not fairly distributed.

"We need to champion and support these precious spaces by protecting them for future generations to enjoy. That is crucially important, because once lost, they are lost forever. We welcome the pioneering decision by Wrexham County Borough Council to protect these ten green spaces for the health, wellbeing, community and environmental benefits this will deliver for Wrexham residents."

The ten parks that will become Green Spaces for Good are:

- Alyn Waters
- Ty Mawr
- Bonc yr Hafod
- Stryt Las
- Nant Mill
- Moss Valley
- Minera
- Acton Park
- Brynkinalt

- Ponciau

The Executive Board also agreed to receive further proposals for dedication as Green Spaces for Good.

Officers will now work with local members and Fields in Trust to progress the plans.

Independence at Home

Are you aged **over 60**?

Do you know anyone **over 60**?

Would you/they welcome a **reassuring visit**?

Then we may be able to help you with our new:

“What does the Visiting Warden Service offer?”

Our Wardens are experienced in giving advice and support on the many circumstances and issues faced by older people, so they can:

- Call regularly to see that you are well
- To help you look after your overall health and well-being.
- Help you to contact health services, agencies or anyone else, if your health or wellbeing should change.
- Advise and support in how to get involved in things that interest you.
- Give information and advice on services that are available to you.

The Visiting Warden cannot help with routine practical tasks, such as cooking, personal care or shopping, however they can provide advice and assistance with getting help with these services.

During their first visit the Warden will ask you what help you feel you need, discuss the kind of support that is available and assess how many Warden visits you require. You can have a friend or relative with you at this discussion if you wish.



Who can apply? - The service is available to people aged over 60.

You need to be willing to have a Basic Telecare package installed in your home. The Telecare service provides a telephone link, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year between your home and the Telecare Response centre and enables you to call for help by pressing the pendant or activating a Telecare sensor in an emergency or when you are having difficulties. This service gives you the added confidence of knowing that there will always be someone to contact if you need help.

What will it cost?

The current charge for the Visiting Warden is: £3.52 per week (Telecare is charged for separately). The charge is reviewed annually..

If you receive Housing Benefit you will not have to pay this charge yourself. If you are on a low income you may be eligible for a reduction in the charge and should apply for a financial assessment, which we can assist you with.

How to apply for the Visiting Warden Service

Contact the Supported Housing Team Tel: 01978 315460/315453

Email: housing@wrexham.gov.uk

Post: Housing and Economy Department, Ruthin Road Wrexham LL137TU.

If you would like more information or would like to receive this document in a different format, such as Braille, cassette, large print or in a different language, please contact us as above.

Member of the Senedd Ken Skates says the UK Government's 'sickening' cut to Universal Credit will leave a £6.5m-a-year black hole in his constituency.

The former Welsh Government Economy Minister said a total of 6,260 households claiming Universal Credit or Working Tax Credits in Clwyd South will be £1,040 a year worse off.

Mr Skates said: "I am one of many, many people who has called on the UK Government to reverse this cut. Some have asked Tory MPs to vote with their conscious, but it has been clear for some time that there is a moral vacuum at the heart of this Conservative Government.

"Every MP who voted to take more than £1,000 a year from some of the poorest people in our society is complicit in making the lives of millions of people even more difficult."

Mr Skates said 2,668 of people affected in Clwyd South - around 41% - are in employment.

He added: "There are also 4,749 children living in households in Clwyd South which are in receipt of Universal Credit whose parents are now going to be worse off. It's sickening - and it's ideological.

"This move will leave £6.5m-a-year black hole in Clwyd South. So much for 'levelling up'."

The Welsh Labour Government, along with the UK's other devolved administrations, had urged the Secretary of State for the Department of Work and Pensions to think again - but their pleas have fallen on deaf ears.

Last month Mr Skates and Lesley Griffiths, Member of the Senedd for Wrexham, called on the UK Government to 'show some humility' after it emerged their constituencies would be among the hardest hit in Wales.

Mr Skates added: "As Lesley said recently, this is the largest reduction to the basic rate of social security since the Second World War. It has become more clear than ever that Boris Johnson and his Tory lapdogs even begrudge normal people the crumbs from their table."

Figures recently published by the independent Joseph Rowntree Foundation revealed that all but four Welsh constituencies will see over a third of working-age families with children hit by the cut - including all six won by the Conservatives from Labour at the 2019 General Election.

Going to a nightclub or large event?

From 11 October you'll need to show your full vaccination status or a recent negative lateral flow test result



Find out more at gov.wales/nhscovidpass

#KeepWalesSafe



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

COVID-19 BRIEFING NOTE - GET YOUR COVID PASS SORTED IF YOU'RE HEADING OUT

If you want to go to nightclubs or similar venues or large events in Wrexham and across Wales, you'll now have to show your vaccination status or a recent negative lateral flow test result.

You can show these quickly on your NHS Covid Pass, which you can [download from the NHS website](#).

Please get your Covid Pass sorted out before you go into town.

It's quick and easy. Covid jabs for 12 to 15 year olds

Last week the local health board began vaccinating people aged 12 to 15. Invitations are being sent out by letter

Parents and carers will need to provide consent, and jabs will be administered at local vaccination centres (people in this age group won't be able to walk into pop-up clinics).

Help keep Covid away from schools

By sticking to the following guidance from Welsh Government, you can help keep Covid away from our classrooms this autumn...

- If your child has any symptoms, however mild, keep them at home and get a test.
- No symptoms? Make sure they take a rapid lateral flow test twice-a-week and report all the results.
- Follow the school rules on face coverings. Secondary pupils (Year 7 and above) will need to wear them on school transport.
- Get the vaccine if it's offered to you or your child.
- Wash hands regularly.

Library News

Library News for the week beginning 17 October





Half Term fun at Wrexham Library

Wrexham Library will be running activities for children during half term. Activities include free craft sessions for children aged 6+. These sessions are free but you must book a place for your children before the event. Places are limited to 12 children per session and an adult must stay with them during the session. If you're not able to attend these sessions the library will also have tables in the children's

library with spooky activity sheets which children can help themselves to. There will also be a ghost treasure hunt to complete...if you're brave enough! For more details please call the library on 01978 292090 or follow our social.

Story time at Wrexham Library

Have fun sharing rhymes and stories with your baby or toddler! Sharing books and coming to story-rhyme times are fun and a great way to help under 5s develop their listening, thinking and talking skills. Weekly story time sessions will start again at Wrexham Library on Friday's 10.00-10.30am, and they are free of charge so why not come along? The first session will take place on Friday 22nd October



Exhibition space at Wrexham's Libraries



Do you have any art work you would like to exhibit free of charge? Three of Wrexham's Libraries have exhibition space which you can book to display any art, photographic or craft work. You will need to be able to hang your own work and take it down when the exhibition is over. For more details please contact Chirk, Ruabon or Wrexham Library directly. Contact details can be found on the library's website www.wrexham.gov.uk/libraries.

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North East Wales Wellbeing Network
Rhwydwaith Lles Gogledd Ddwyrain Cymru



Asda Foundation - Bringing Communities Back Together Grant Phase 2

Phase 2 of Asda's Bringing Communities Back Together Fund aims to reunite communities, celebrate togetherness, and support groups as Coronavirus restrictions begin to ease. Grants of between £250 and £1,000 are available to either:

- get activities back on track such as gardening clubs, lunch clubs and recreational activities; or
- hold a get-together event such as a welcome back party or community celebration;
- or a combination of the two.

The types of groups that can apply include PTAs, local community groups, charity, Community Interest Group, sports group, not-for-profit, elderly clubs, lunch clubs, arts and crafts groups, other hobbyist clubs, etc.

Please note applicants must be based within the customer catchment areas for an Asda store. Please contact the Asda Community Champion to ensure eligibility. Applications forms are available from Asda stores and applicants have until the **1st of November 2021** to submit their applications instore to an Asda Community Champion.

<https://www.asdafoundation.org/how-to-apply>

Employers more concerned than ever about employee health and well-being

A new [report](#) from Public Health Wales highlights the increasing concerns that employers have for their employees' both mental and physical health and wellbeing, following the Coronavirus pandemic.

Employer research undertaken by the Healthy Working Wales team at Public Health Wales between March and May 2021, identified that 73% of employers stated poor mental health and well-being had become a bigger issue for employees and employers are more concerned than ever about their role is supporting and managing this.

Employers also expressed concerns about a perceived increase in physical health issues among their staff, particularly musculoskeletal disorders, and an increase in unhealthy behaviours such as alcohol consumption, a sedentary lifestyle and unhealthy eating habits leading to weight gain. All of these are risk factors for chronic health conditions developing over time.

****Update re: Having a Job: Workshops for people with learning disabilities, their families and/or carers****

Due to very low numbers of registrations for the face-to-face session Having a Job sessions we have had to cancel them all. The ZOOM sessions are still going ahead, and the details can be found below. Could you please let those you have contacted know about this and again promote the ZOOM sessions to people with learning disabilities, families and/or carers...

Next week we will also send out a self-facilitation toolkit for anyone who would like to use the pack to get feedback from individuals or groups.

Having a job: employment strategy ZOOM sessions for people

with learning disabilities, families and/or carers.

Workshop	Date	Time	Meeting I.D.	Passcode
Working & Benefits	18.10.21	5pm-6pm	817 5955 4941	885779
The best job for me!	20.10.21	5pm-6pm	823 4706 1307	492866
Finding, getting, keeping and learning a job	21.10.21	5pm-6pm	865 0385 6642	840664
Big employers: making it easier for people to work for them	22.10.21	5pm-6pm	828 1959 0745	823423

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MORE GOOD NEWS TO END THIS WEEK'S NEWS LETTER

MANY PEOPLE WILL REMEMBER RICHARD HENDY WHO
USED TO RUN 'CESAR'S PALACE' IN LLANGOLLEN

RICHARD NOW RUNS 'PLANTATION HOUSE HOTEL' IN
DEVON, AND EVERYONE WHO KNEW HIM WILL BE
DELIGHTED TO HEAR THAT HE HAS RECENTLY WON THE
GOOD HOTEL GUIDE FOR 2022.

