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Notices to the community Nº 25

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I understand that applications are now being considered for the next round of grants from the Clocaenog Forest Wind Farm Fund.

Covid recovery grants will be considered up to £5k. Small grants up to £10k and larger grants over £10k. For more info visit the Funds website at www.cvsc.org.uk/en/funding/clocaenog .

The latest advice from the car industry is to ensure that you keep your electronic car keys well away from your front door? Car thieves are now becoming more sophisticated and they are using electronic devices to read the codes to open and start your cars.

Sadly, you may wake up one morning only to find your car has gone from your drive. You can purchase a Faraday Pouch to store your car keys in at home and that prevents the scanners acquiring your car access codes. Otherwise, it is best to store your keys well away from the front of your home.

All PPE should be placed in the black bin because these items are not recyclable, this includes such things as PPE face masks. Also, if you drop your face mask please pick it up put it in your pocket and dispose of it in the black bins when you get home.

We are seeing an increasing number of face masks discarded in our country lanes. Please help to keep Wales tidy.

Libraries across Denbighshire reopened their doors on Monday 29th March for browsing for books, using a computer and printing and accessing the One Stop Shop Services (*paying council tax, rents, etc*). To ensure a safe visit you will still need to telephone your local library make an appointment to visit.

Memory bags for people with Dementia are also available to borrow from DCC libraries. They contain items that will help to stimulate the senses and promote reminiscence and discussion. Again, contact your local Library for further information.

Please take part in the DCC Consultation on its proposed replacement for the current Public Space Protection Orders. The vast majority of dog owners are responsible but some still do not clean up after their pets and this can lead to health issues for children in play grounds and other public open spaces.

The County are looking at all public open spaces and to review the maps of the proposed restricted areas for dogs etc and to give feedback please visit <https://countyconversation.denbighshire.gov.uk/project/573>. The closing date for comments is 18th April.

All the car parks in our Country Parks are now open again for all UK visitors and Denbighshire have now reopened all their public toilets including those at Loggerheads and Moel Famau. Care should still be taken when using them because the covid virus remains on solid surfaces for some time. It is recommended that you use your own hand sanitisers at all times.

Did you know that the Ysgol Bro Famau school building in Llanarmon is 150 years old this year. The school hope to hold an event to celebrate this fact at the end of the summer term.

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Work will begin soon to repair the worst of the Fire Damage on Llantysilio Mountain and the moor land around the Horseshoe Pass. NRW are funding the work with the help of DCC Countryside Services and they will be using a helicopter to transfer heather brash (cut dried heather) and for sowing grass seed.

There have also been a number of joint wild fire exercises between the North Wales Fire Service and Countryside Services although rain stopped play when the first exercise was to be held recently on Moel Famau.

A new EE mast has been erected near Ffordd Maeshafn which will be fully operational by the Autumn. This will help to improve mobile phone reception in the surrounding areas which is excellent news.

The County has announced that since the covid lockdowns they have received an increase in complaints about dog fouling and they are therefore intending to increase visits by the enforcement team across the County including our rural villages.

Communities have asked for more dog fouling signs and additional bins and I have already asked for these in villages such as Eryrys and Maeshafn.

There has also been an increase in the number of complaints about speeding vehicles on many of our rural roads. Some of these have been Quarry vehicles and if you witness this sort of activity could you please note the name of the companies involved.

Tarmac is more than happy to take these cases up with their contractors if the vehicles are working from their quarries.

Llanarmon Community Council have produced some "Please Slow Down" signs and if you would like one for your garden please let us know. They are on boards with a stake.

Can I remind everyone that we are now in the lambing season and if you are crossing farm land all dogs should be on a lead. Owners of dogs who attack sheep can face heavy fines.

Covid Vaccinations continue at a pace and the top groups are all well on their way to being vaccinated. At the age of 64 I had my first shot three weeks ago and my mother at the age of ninety had her second jab the following week. Please see the BCUHB web site for full details.

The final date for the occupants to leave the illegal site on the A525 near the County Border with Wrexham is the 6th May, 2021

I will be attending a briefing meeting next week to hear how the County plans to enforce that notice. If you have concerns about this development now is the time to contact your local Senedd Members and MPs to ask for their support. You should also register your concern with Denbighshire County Council. It is important that any complaints focus on the fact that the site has been built without planning permission, its access is onto a dangerous and fast road and that it is close to a reservoir that supplies water to neighbouring communities.

As soon as I have more information, I will let you know.

There will be some changes to bus services and school bus services as from the 12th April.

Please visit the revised timetables on the Denbighshire County Council website.

If you have any concerns about school bus services please contact the DCC school bus team on 01824 706956.

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A formal planning application has now been submitted to build twelve houses at Erw Goed on the Llandegla road in Llanarmon Yn Ial you can view the application by visiting the Denbighshire County Council web site under the planning portal. You then need to search for the application under the planning number 15/2021/0318.

It is a mixed development and if you have any observations, you can register your comments on line

I am not a voting member of the planning committee but I will be taking part in the debate when this comes to the planning meeting in June.

The Community wanted this parcel of land to be included in the last LDP but now is our opportunity to say how we would like this to look and to comment on such things as the impact on the B5431 and neighbouring properties. I will be pressing for the 30mph speed limit to be extended beyond the playing field.

Finally, as we start to open up after the lock down and the success of the vaccination programme, it is important that we all still act as good neighbours and keep an eye on those people in our Communities who may have felt isolated. A knock on their door or a telephone call a day can still help to keep those blues away.

If I can be of any assistance please drop me an e-mail or give me a call.

Keep well.
Regards,
Martyn