

Offa Community News

Newyddion Cymuned Offa



If you're passionate about your local area and want to make a real difference, becoming a Community Councillor could be the perfect opportunity to get involved and help shape your community.

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Community and town councils have the scope to deliver many services, depending on the size of the community they represent and their budget. Examples of services provided by community and town councils include:

- Public information signs and noticeboards
- Public seating and bus shelters
- War memorials
- Community centres and indoor recreation facilities

Community and town councils work closely with the county or county borough council in the area, representing the interests of their communities. They can also work in partnership with other organisations (including other community or town councils in the area) to deliver services. By offering support, including funding, equipment or premises, community and town councils can also help other bodies to provide services, such as child care, services for the elderly, environmental initiatives and arts and sports activities.

Who can become a community or town councillor?

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The role of a Community Councillor:

A councillor's primary role is to represent their ward or division and the people who live in it. Councillors provide a bridge between the community and the council. As well as being an advocate for local residents and signposting them to the right people at the council, you will need to keep them informed about the issues that affect them.

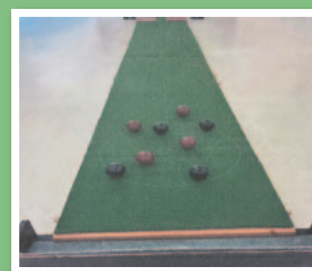
For further information on current vacancies please visit: www.offa-cc.gov.uk or contact the Clerk: clerk@offa-cc.gov.uk



Parciau Bowling Club meet in Bellevue Park where we have a Bowling Team in a Saturday League, and we have a Pairs Team.

For more information, please email: alexia07roberts@outlook.com

The Parciau Bowling Club look after two bowling greens. One is for competitions only, so the general public are asked not to use this green. The second is open to the public to play when they wish.



Wrexham Carpet Bowling Club

How do you fancy trying a new pastime in the winter months, away from the TV for a couple of hours on a Friday evening?

The oldest carpet bowling club in Wrexham is looking for new members.

The season runs from September until April. It takes place indoors at Parciau Community Centre Building. We start at 7:30pm, and the evening usually lasts a couple of hours. All equipments is supplied and there is no joining fee.

For more information, phone Malcolm on: 07963 842059/ or Paul on: 07885 848983

Pride in Place Impact Fund

Cronfa Cynllun "Pride in Place"

All Community Councils in Wrexham will have the opportunity to access up to a total of £44,117.00 of Pride in Place Impact Funding for the period 2025/26- 2026/27. This funding is being administered by Wrexham Council Borough Council (WCBC).

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The Pride in Place Impact Fund programme has been designed by the UK Government and has three objectives, which are:

Community Spaces

Creating, extending, improving or refurbishing existing community facilities and enabling community organisations to control or have ownership of underutilised but valued local assets

Public Spaces

Enhancing the physical environment in public spaces examples of such initiatives include new or improved green spaces or public squares, improved outdoor play, sports and leisure spaces, installing street furniture, public art or wayfinding.

High Street and Town Centre Revitalisation

making these areas more attractive and welcoming places where people congregate and encourage economic activity. Examples of initiatives that could be funded are shop frontage improvements, adaptations that bring properties back into use, street scape improvements, public art, trails and wayfinding, and creating or improving infrastructure for regular markets.

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Please choose from these examples of eligible spend, and email your answers to the email address detailed below.

Examples of eligible spend, as set out by the UK Government include:

- Funding to take ownership of a disused asset or building.
- Funding to refurbish or improve an asset already in community ownership examples of eligible items are: new and improved toilets/kitchens/windows/doors, energy saving methods, moveable furniture is not eligible.
- Funding to refurbish or improve assets owned by public bodies for community activity.
- Funding to create, improve or refurbish art galleries, theatres, museums, libraries, cultural or heritage sites, sports facilities.
- Creating or improving parks/community gardens, this would include landscaping.
- Works, planting schemes, park benches, accessible path surfaces lighting as examples.
- Creation or refurbishment of play areas, sports pitches or outdoor gyms.
- Providing new street furniture or re-painting of public spaces.
- Provision of new lighting and adaptations to reduce the fear of crime.
- Public art, including trails and signs that reflect local culture and history, this may include information and interpretation.
- Provision of public toilets and adaptations including the provision of changing places facilities
- Regeneration of High Streets and local shopping areas by shop front improvement schemes, grants to bring properties back into use.
- Creation and refurbishment cycleways and shared paths
- Improvements to a canal towpath, riverside walk or other leisure space
- Creating or refurbishing a pavilion or bandstand to support cultural, heritage, sporting and creative events
- Provision of infrastructure that supports street markets.

Offa Community Council would like to consult with its residents on how this funding should be spent in the community and are inviting suggestions using the idea above.

Please email your replies to deputyclerk@offa-cc.gov.uk
All responses should be received by **Friday 29th May at the latest.**

Offa Community Council would like to consult with its residents on how this funding should be spent in the community and are inviting suggestions.

All responses should be received by Friday 8th May at the latest.

Defibrillators in the Offa Community

Diffibrilwyr yng Nghymuned Offa

Offa Community Council in conjunction with the Welsh Ambulance Service have worked to establish full coverage of Defibrillator units throughout our community. There are five defibrillators funded and maintained by the Community Council.



Luke O Connor House Resource Centre,
Hightown



The Maesgwyn Hall,
Mold Road, Wrexham



Plas y Bryn Medical Centre,
Chapel Street, Wrexham



Hightown Community Centre,
Wrexham



Evangelical Baptist Church,
Bradley Road, Wrexham

Dancing Shoes Wrexham

Clwb "Dancing Shoes" Wrecsam



DANCING SHOES WREXHAM

DANCE

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES AND ABILITIES

4 YEARS UP TO ADULTS

I SATURDAYS | 10AM-5PM |

- ☆ LEARN TO DANCE, BUILD CONFIDENCE AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS IN A FUN AND SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENT ☆
- ☆ NO COMPETITIONS OR EXAMS-STRESS FREE ENJOYMENT OF DANCE ☆

CONTACT US NOW TO JOIN

CALL OR MESSAGE: 07702299334
OR MESSAGE US ON FACEBOOK

Location

Parciau Community Centre,
Bellevue Park,
Wrexham
LL13 7NH

DANCING SHOES IS A DANCE GROUP SOLELY RUN BY VOLUNTEERS. ALL TEAM MEMBERS HOLD AN ENHANCED DBS AND ALL CHOREOGRAPHERS ARE CHAPERONE LICENSED WITH WCBC.

www.dancingshoeswrexham.co.uk



Little Vawnog is a valued local green space, cared for by a passionate group of volunteers dedicated to preserving its beauty, wildlife, and accessibility for the whole community.

Our main aims are to ensure that the mature trees in the woodland are well maintained and protected, plant new trees where appropriate, improve biodiversity and create and protect wildlife habitats within the woodland.

We have been helping to manage Little Vawnog on behalf of Offa Community Council for almost five years. Our main aims are to ensure that the mature trees in the woodland are well maintained and protected, plant new trees where appropriate, improve biodiversity and create and protect wildlife habitats within the woodland. Another priority is making the woodland as safe and accessible as possible so that the local community can enjoy the mental and physical benefits of being out in nature.

Regular volunteer sessions are held where we carry out a variety of maintenance works such as mowing the meadow area, pruning fruit trees, maintaining the hedgerows and pathways, building dead hedges and keeping the invasive Himalayan Balsam plant under control. As well as regular volunteers, we have been pleased to welcome some students from Coleg Cambria and Wrexham University who undertake volunteering as part of their course.

Recently Little Vawnog became part of the National Forest for Wales, and we were delighted to receive a visit from Huw Irranca-Davies, the Deputy First Minister for Wales and Cabinet Minister for Climate Change and Rural Affairs. During his visit he took part in some volunteering activities and presented us with National Forest for Wales signage which will soon be in place in the woodland.

We have entered the Wales in Bloom "in your neighbourhood" award scheme for the last couple of years which involved an inspector assessing the work and improvements that we have made at Little Vawnog. We were delighted to have been awarded a level 5 "outstanding" award on both occasions, something we couldn't achieve without the help and support from our fantastic volunteers.

One of our aims is to encourage the local community to enjoy being outside in nature. We were fortunate to receive funding from AVOW in Wrexham to enable us to hold a circus skills and storytelling event for a group of Wrexham Young Carers and their families who enjoyed a fun evening learning new skills and getting to know each other. We hope to hold similar events again and others such as relaxation and meditation in nature in the coming months.

If you would like to join our friendly group of volunteers and enjoy the benefits of being outside in nature, we would very much appreciate any volunteer time that you can give us. There is no regular commitment needed, any time you can give is valued and supervised children are welcome.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or ideas about the woodland, or if you would like to volunteer.

Our contact details are **info@woodsworkcic.co.uk** and our website is **www.woodsworkcic.co.uk**



If you would like to join our friendly group of volunteers and enjoy the benefits of being outside in nature, we would very much appreciate any volunteer time that you can give us.

Come and join us every Wednesday from 10am - 1pm



Part of the Stroke Group Network, the **New Steps Life After Stroke Club** meet 50 weeks of the year and provides peer and social support to people affected by stroke.

The group believes in friendship and laughter, both of which are in great supply at the club

New Steps Life After Stroke Club

www.stroke.org.uk/stroke/support/groups/new-steps-life-after-stroke-club
Maesgwyn Community Centre Lilac Way Wrexham LL11 2BB
Contact: Arthur Millington on: 01978 366 943

FOOD HUB EVERY TUESDAY

FOR EVERYONE IN OFFA COMMUNITY

Luke O Connor House 1pm - 3pm every Tuesday



Cymuned - Cymorth - Cydweithrediad
OFFA
Community Council

Contact Offa Community Agent
communityagent@offa-cc.gov.uk
Anmarie Ruscoe - 07386 510736

YOUTH CLUB



LUKE O'CONNOR

8 YEARS +

**6:30PM
8:30PM**

ARTS & CRAFTS

FREE

WE DO A RANGE OF DIFFERENT WEEKLY ACTIVITIES TOO LIKE COOK AN EAT SESSIONS AND PLANNED ACTIVITES LED BY YOUNG PEOPLE

**BARTER COURT
HIGHTOWN WREXHAM LL13 8QT**

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Cyngor Cymuned **offa** Community Council
CPP Caia Park Partnership
PPC Partneriaeth Parc Caia

Offa Community Centres Canolfannau Cymunedol Offa

If you are looking for a venue to hire for a social event, meeting, or a party, we have two centres which are available



Parciau Community Centre,
Bellevue Park, Wrexham

Parciau Community Centre is available to hire with days available in the week for groups, exercise classes, parties or meetings. Suitable for up to 100 people. Tables and chairs are available in the centre.



Maesgwyn Community Centre,
Lilac Way, Wrexham

Maesgwyn Community Centre is available to hire on weekdays and weekends. Suitable for up to 50 people in the main hall, and 16 people in the meeting room. Suitable for parties, meetings, and exercise classes. Bouncy castles are not permitted. Tables and chairs are available.

Both centres have a discount for Registered Charities, and block bookings. Booking forms are available on request from deputyclerk@offa-cc.gov.uk or for more information telephone **01978 291562 / 073865 60808**

Harmony Morris Dancers Dawnsyr Morris "Harmony"



HARMONY MORRIS DANCERS

Practice Every
MONDAY & TUESDAY
Depending on age

Bellevue Community
Cente, LL137TG

Any age welcome

No Experience Needed

Fully DBS checked
trainers



More Information:  **Harmony Morris-Dancers**

Most people in Wrexham will be aware of the Wrexham Miners Project on Maesgwyn Road, which began in 2020. Since then, WMP has expanded its art-related and community activities, offering weekly art sessions and monthly exhibitions for local artists.

Throughout the year, visiting and resident artists deliver a wide range of workshops, alongside guest artists, and we also offer bespoke classes for children in residential care and those not in mainstream education.

Art Exhibitions

WMP has been running regular art exhibitions since 2025, inviting local artists to exhibit on a four-week basis, contributing 20% of any sales. Exhibiting artists have included Nicola Large (Largey), Janet Cooper, and Adrian Medcalf, who also has a permanent portrait exhibition in one of the galleries, viewable during opening hours. Open evenings are hosted for each exhibition on request, and artists can book available slots throughout the year.



Art Classes And Art Groups

The WMP runs the following art classes and groups, **Mini Art Buds** – ages 3 to 16; **Art 4 All**, all ages and abilities; and **Thursday Art Group** (known as TAG for beginners and accomplished artists), who meet and share ideas and skills. Programmes run throughout the year. Additionally, art events are arranged for Brownies Guides and Cubs. There are also opportunities to book private and seasonal arts and crafts workshops, including school holiday sessions for children and young people, summer Art Fests, and Christmas craft events. Throughout the year, visiting and resident artists deliver a wide range of workshops, alongside guest artists, and we also offer bespoke classes for children in residential care and those not in mainstream education.

Open Art Competitions

WMP has also been running open art competitions since 2023. We are looking forward to our **2026 Open Art Competition**, with a closing date of **30th April 2026**. Local artists are encouraged to enter their artwork in any medium. There are two categories: **under 16s** and **over 16s**. Entry is free for under 16s, and £10 per entry for those over 16.

Our daily opening times are **9am - 2pm, Monday to Saturdays**. AFC match days opening times are two hours before match begins.

Further details are available from the following:
Wrexham Miners Project, 3 Maesgwyn Road, Wrexham LL11 2AP
Tel: **01978 664832** / E: **info@wrexhamminersproject.co.uk**
communityarts@wrexhamminersproject.co.uk

Offa Community Council and The Wrexham Round Table with the Santa Float December 2025. The event is put on every year for the residents of Offa. Covering the four Offa Wards

MERRY XMAS

Routes are advertised in advance on Facebook. For more information email deputyclerk@offa-cc.gov.uk or Telephone 01978 291562

'School Streets' Pilot Scheme Extended

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A pilot scheme that could make travelling to school safer and easier for children in a busy part of Wrexham has been extended after some early signs of success.

'School Streets' is a nationwide initiative aimed at improving safety outside schools by reducing traffic and dangerous or inconsiderate parking.

Wrexham Council, in partnership with Letman Associates, has been trialling a 'School Streets' initiative at Victoria Community Primary School. This was in response to numerous parking and traffic issues outside the school, class work with pupils, surveys with parents and guardians, and conversations with local residents.



The trial saw timed traffic restrictions introduced to limit the number of vehicles driving and parking near the school at the start of the day, and at home-time, as well as a one-way system on Poyser Street west (between Hampden Road and Victoria Road) 24 hours a day, seven days a week, with diversion signage in place.

After some encouraging early signs, the trial has now been extended and will continue through an Experimental Traffic Regulation Order, which will be policed and supported with signage.

The new legal order will also extend the one-way to include Hampden Road and Edward Street. The order will be in place for up to 18 months.

'School Streets' is a nationwide initiative aimed at improving safety outside schools by reducing traffic and dangerous or inconsiderate parking. This is the first 'School Streets' trial in Wrexham, and it's being funded by the Welsh Government's Safe Routes in Communities fund.

Active travel to school increased from 66% prior to the School Street trial to 75% during the traffic restrictions, according to data compiled through Living Streets' Welsh Government funded WoW scheme.

Analysis of post-implementation engagement data shows that whilst 31% of respondents felt that they could walk safely in the area prior to the trial, this jumped to 73% during the trial.

17% of survey respondents noted that they could cycle safely beforehand, but once the trial was in place, this increased to 68%.

Larchwood Morris Dancers

Dawnsyr Morris "Larchwood"

WE ARE NOW RECRUITING FOR OUR 2026 SEASON

LARCHWOOD MORRIS DANCERS

All trainers are DBS checked

Get fit, build your confidence and make new friends.

Looking for a new hobby? Now is the best time to join to be ready for the new season

All ages welcome

We practice every Wednesday from 5pm
@Bellevue Community Centre
£4 a week (First practice is free)

Contact Nicola Moss for more info



SESIYNAU CHWARAE PLAY-SESSIONS

Offa

Dydd mawrth/ Tuesday: Bryn-y-cabanau park 3.30-5.30pm
yn ystod y tymor/ during term-time.

Dydd Mawrth/ Tuesday: Bryn-y-Cabanau Park 2-4pm
Dydd Mercher/ Wednesday: Bryn-y-Cabanau Park 2-4pm
Dydd Iau/ Thursday: Bellevue Park 2-4pm

Cynhelir yn ystod pob gwyliau ysgol (ac eithrio gwyliau mis Chwefror a'r Nadolig).
Run during all school holidays (excluding February and the Christmas holidays).

Sesiynau a ariennir gan Gyngor Cymuned Offa. Sessions funded by Offa Community council.

Am fwy o wybodaeth cysylltwch:
For more information contact: 01978 298361 / Play@wrexham.gov.uk

I gael gwybodaeth am ein holl sesiynau chwarae, sganiwch y cod QR:



www.wrecsam.gov.uk www.wrexham.gov.uk

Frequently asked questions about playwork provision

What is it?

Our staffed outdoor play projects are free, open-access sessions designed to create playful environments for children to engage in adventurous, freely chosen play. Each session lasts 3 hours and runs during school holidays across Wrexham. They're aimed at children over 5, though under 5s can attend with a carer.

What is open access?

Children can move freely, coming and going as they choose. Playworkers support play but do not supervise children for a set time; parents/carers arrange this with their children.

Who are the adults?

Playworkers are passionate about play, creating safe, engaging environments and supporting children without unnecessary interruption.

Are there organised activities?

The focus is on child-led play. Playworkers provide resources, inspire play, and may join in, but do not run adult-led activities.

What resources are available?

Children use loose materials like wood, tyres, tubes, crates, rope, paint, cardboard, plus tools such as saws and hammers to encourage creativity and imagination.

Isn't that risky?

Risk is part of play. Playworkers balance safety with opportunities for children to test limits, gain confidence, and achieve personal successes.

What should my child wear?

Comfortable clothing that can get messy is recommended.

What about fire?

Children can safely explore and use fire, cooking, experimenting, socialising, and learning fire safety. Fires also provide warmth in colder weather.

Where are the toilets?

Nearby public toilets are usually available, or local children may go home if preferred.

What if the weather is bad?

Play continues in all weather. Spacious tipis provide shelter, and campfire conversations are popular on chilly days.

What about additional support?

We work with families to ensure all children can access play, addressing any barriers to participation.

How do I register my child?

Complete a registration form and give it to playworkers on your child's first visit. Forms collect important information such as emergency contacts.

Further information:

Wrexham Play Development Team, phone: **01978 813912**

Brickfield Rangers FC

Clwb Pêl Droed "Brickfield Rangers"



Yoga Classes

Dosbarthiadau Yoga

Monday 10am
Chair Yoga
Wednesday 6.30pm
Multistyle Flow

For more information :
Tel.07892828041
Ins.goslayogaforeverybody
Fb.Gosla Szozyglol

YOGA CLASSES

Measgwyn Community
Centre Wrexham LL11 2BB

RWF FEST 2026 - SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Hightown Barracks, Wrexham
A DAY OF RWF HISTORY
TALKS - DEMONSTRATIONS - DISPLAYS

Offa Community Council would like to consult with the local Offa community on how best to allocate the budget for provision of youth services in Offa.

Offa would like to know from residents what they consider the best use of the available funding for youth provision, centre-based youth clubs or an outreach detached youth service.

For several years, the Community Council has entered into a partnership agreement with the Caia Park Youth Service for them to provide a youth service in Offa. This has centred around centre-based youth clubs at Maesgwyn Community Centre, Parciau Community Centre, Hightown Community Centre, Luke O Connor House Resource Centre and the Vic in town.

They have also delivered outreach detached youth work for us where a team of youth workers walk around various areas within Offa during the early evenings, engaging with any groups of young people they encounter. They are able to offer advice, sign posting and support to the young people they meet.

Going forward Offa would like to know from residents what they consider the best use of the available funding for youth provision, centre-based youth clubs or an outreach detached youth service.

Do you think there is enough for children to do?

If there was an option for more for children to do, what would you choose?

How often do you think youth/play provision should run?

Are there any activities you would like to see in your area?

What is the age of your child/children

Does your child/children attend any activities already?

Please can you email your answers to deputyclerk@offa-cc.gov.uk send a message to **07386 560808** or telephone **01978 291562**



WELL BEING OVER 50'S GROUP



OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL HAVE A WELL BEING GROUP WHICH IS OPEN EVERY WEEK TO RESIDENTS. ALL REFRESHMENTS ARE FREE. COME ALONG AND MEET NEW PEOPLE, HAVE A GAME OF BINGO TO WIN PRIZES, IN A SAFE AND WARM ENVIRONMENT.



- **1PM TO 3PM EVERY THURSDAY AT PARCIAU COMMUNITY CENTRE, BELLEVUE PARK.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION TELEPHONE 07386560808 / OR EMAIL CLERK@OFFA-CC.GOV.UK



**Offa Community Council, Luke O'Connor House Resource Centre,
21 Barter Court, Hightown, Wrexham, LL13 8QT
Tel 01978 291562**

EVERY YEAR OFFA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ARRANGE A FREE TWO COURSE MEAL
FOR PENSIONERS IN DECEMBER FOR
OFFA RESIDENTS. PLEASE LOOK OUT
FOR THE DETAILS FROM OCTOBER 2026
FOR THE DATE AND VENUE.

OFFA XMAS MEAL



OFFA PENSIONERS ONLY
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