

## November 2021 Highlights



### NEW BIKE HUB OPEN

We are pleased to announce that a new bike shelter/storage solution, managed by Open Newtown is now officially open for use. Registered users will be given an access code to the door and will be required to use their own lock to secure their bike to a stand. The bike hub, located next to the playpark and near Dolerw Park, also houses the town's first e-charging facilities for users with electric bikes. For a small annual fee, regular users can now access this facility, allowing them to store their bike securely in a central location when travelling to and from work, as well as for accessing services in the town.

The hub has been designed and constructed by Turvec Bike Storage Solutions and is being funded by Welsh Government and Avanti West Coast through their Community Rail Partnership Fund, with additional support from Open Newtown, The Cambrian Rail Partnership, Newtown and Llanllwchaeriarn Town Council and Powys County Council.

For more information on how to access the bike hub please contact: [contact@opennewtown.org.uk](mailto:contact@opennewtown.org.uk).

### RANGER UPDATE

#### DOG FOULING

Our Ranger attended a meeting with Keep Wales Tidy regarding the issue of dog fouling. He has requested a pack of awareness raising materials to use in problem areas. The target areas will be monitored before and after the materials have been used to evaluate the effectiveness of the campaign.

#### ACCESS TO MILFORD RD

Our Ranger has been making improvements to the access at Milford Road, including pruning and clearing the overgrowth from the path edges.

A site meeting regarding the flooding issue at the Milford Road access to Dolerw park has enabled us to plan a workable solution to the flooding issue.

#### TREE MANAGEMENT

Vickers Tree Surgery have continued to work on various trees on our green spaces. A large oak tree will be reduced to a wildlife monolith for safety reasons, near the bridge in Dolerw Park. We continue to respond to fallen trees representing a hazard on our green spaces.



## PENYGLODDFA COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL VISIT

Our Ranger recently attended Penygloddfa school at the request of the teaching staff, so the children could meet a real-life park ranger. Our Ranger took a variety of tools and equipment to show the pupils and he explained the importance of maintaining our green spaces. There was a question and answer session at the end, which was fantastic. Thanks to all at Penygloddfa school for hosting us.

## RIVERSIDE DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Work recommenced on our 'Riverside' development, with triple glazing being fitted during November. 78% of the sub-contractors appointed are from within a local 50-mile radius and the remaining 22% are specialist contractors, such as the pile-driving company, part of the design required to protect existing tree roots.



## YOUTH ENGAGEMENT

Kerala Irwin, our Youth Engagement Officer has had a busy month!

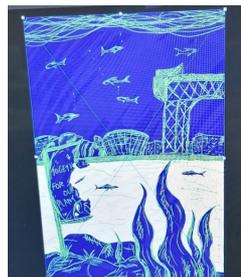
With the COP26 Summit taking place at the beginning of the month, climate change has been at the forefront of many of our minds.

Kerala has been working with learners studying Art and Design at NPTC Group College in Newtown, introducing students to a variety of artists' work who explore climate issues. The learners are now working on their own pieces, each one approaching the brief from a different angle and in an array of mediums. We're excited to see the finished pieces at an art exhibition at Oriel Davis Gallery in the new year.

Kerala has also been working with learners undertaking the Welsh Baccaalaureate. As part of their work to achieve this qualification, the learners will have to undertake a Global Citizen Challenge. Their challenge will be looking at biodiversity around rivers. and Kerala will be supporting the learners in their research.

Kerala had a fun session with Newtown Police Cadets learning about the environmental impact of different foods, and coming up with solutions to these issues.

Finally, to mark the COP26 Summit, we decided to give our community artwork another outing. The footprints, created by young people in Newtown were displayed in a window on Broad Street. We're hoping the children were happy to see their artwork displayed and it inspired the community to think about what steps they can take to reduce their impact.



Thank you to Newtown & Llanllwchaiarn Town Council for their continued support, without which Open Newtown could not provide the service we do for the town.

## NEW WELSH GOVERNMENT FUNDING SECURED!

Open Newtown are delighted to announce we have secured funding from the Welsh Government to launch a series of local partnership projects to improve the wellbeing and resilience of people and businesses in Newtown.

Five exciting and innovative projects will focus on wellbeing in green spaces, building resilient businesses, sustainable farming, young people planning a sustainable future and nature-based events.

The five projects will be managed by Lynne Burns who said: "We are delighted to have been awarded the ENRaW funding. These new projects bring together a strong partnership of local organisations to collaborate in a way that enables our natural resources to be linked to people's wellbeing."

All five projects will be officially launched early in the new year. Look out for more details on our website and social media channels soon.

Each project has received support from the Welsh Government Rural Communities – Rural Development Programme 2014-2020, which is funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural development and the Welsh Government



Want to report any problem or issue on our green spaces? Then please contact our Ranger by clicking on the feedback form text below.

### Feedback - Open Newtown

You can also use this form to offer ideas and find out more about our projects. The form will put you in direct contact with the Park Ranger, Project Managers or Directors.