



Spring 2024 Newsletter

Welcome

Welcome to the latest newsletter for Bedlinog and Trelewis Community Council. Some residents will already follow us on Social Media Channels, for those residents not on social media, paper versions will also be left in local shops for residents to pick-up a copy. Our Full Council meetings are held every month and the public are welcome to join.

Environmental Award

The Community Council was pleased to be commended for their environmental work over the last year at the recent One Voice Wales Conference Awards. The work acknowledged was for providing funding and equipment to Parc Nant Llwynog and the addition of more allotment plots in Trelewis and Bedlinog for community growing. The Community Council's Biodiversity report is available on our website and details our ongoing plans for environment and biodiversity work.



Community Hub



Join us on Thursday's, 2-4pm, at Bedlinog Community Centre for our Community Hub. Free tea/coffee/soft drinks and a sandwich or baguette provided. We also fund transport for Trelewis residents, so if you would like a seat on the bus, contact a Community Councillor or the Clerk to arrange.

It is a great opportunity to socialise with the community, and your Community Councillors and also have a game of bingo. As you can see in the picture above, you even receive a chocolate egg at Easter!

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Community Council Precept FY23-24

The Precept is set by the Community Council and is the amount of money used to fund all the activities that your Community Council carries out for the benefit of the community. There was no increase to the Community Council Precept this year. The figures for property bands A-D are in the table below:

Council Tax Band	Annual Precept Charge (£) FY 24/25	Increase per week from FY23/24
A	£22.19	0
B	£25.88	0
C	£29.58	0
D	£33.28	0

We are 50 years old! May 2024 marks the Community Council's 50th birthday— details of the community celebrations coming soon!

Allotment Improvement Work

Our allotment improvement work continues in Trelewis and Bedlinog. Following the new plots created at Trelewis Community Garden in Mandeg, and Bedlinog Bowling green last year, we have made further improvements by adding storage and fencing at Bedlinog Bowling Green. We also created a new garden at Manor View Trelewis, with six new allotment plots.



This work falls within our duty as a public authority under the Environment (Wales) Act 2016, to increase nature and biodiversity.

We have street planters and lamppost baskets within the community and we also built a bee hotel at a local park, designed to provide nesting and shelter

Community Group Grants

The Community Council awards grants throughout Bedlinog and Trelewis to benefit the local community. Since 1st April 2023 to date, we have awarded the following grants:

Bethel Gospel Mission — £500 awarded for roof repair costs.

Bedlinog RFC — £390 awarded for a new defibrillator cabinet and pads.

Neighbourhood Watch—Trelewis & Bedlinog —£200 awarded for picnic blankets for the Summer Fun Day

Foxes Family School Partnership— 2 x £500 grants awarded to arrange pantomime's for the school children.

Other work we have completed:

We held our first Macmillan Coffee morning and raised £110 for the charity; Provided Christmas lights in Trelewis & Bedlinog; Provided free Christmas lunch to those that needed it; Consulted on planning applications within the community; Dealt with community issues such as litter problems and street cleansing; Represented the community at various meetings including partnership boards and meetings regarding public transport issues.

Events

The Community Council has continued to provide free events within the community at October and February half-terms. Soft play, climbing, and sensory sessions were enjoyed by all.

We also held our first Christmas Fayre which was a great success—the raffle raised £111 for 4Tom charity.

Keep an eye out for forthcoming events.



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