



Llandeilo Fawr Town Council

Newsletter | Summer 2026



Llandeilo in Bloom Growing a Colourful Future Together

LLANDEILO HAS LONG BEEN KNOWN as a colourful and welcoming town, and over the past year **Llandeilo in Bloom** has helped that reputation flourish once again. What began as a small, community-led initiative has quickly grown into something that residents, businesses and visitors alike can feel proud of.

In its first year, Llandeilo in Bloom introduced friendly local competitions and entered the RHS It's Your Neighbourhood scheme as a "tester" project. We are delighted to share that the town was awarded a Level 3 award by the Royal Horticultural Society and Wales in Bloom – a fantastic achievement that reflects the enthusiasm, care and collaboration shown across the community.

Judges assessed three key areas: community participation, environmental responsibility and horticultural achievement. Their feedback highlighted not just the flowers and planting, but the way people came together – neighbours, volunteers, businesses and local organisations – to enhance shared spaces

and create a stronger sense of pride in Llandeilo.

Last year's competitions brought colour and creativity to every corner of the town, from sunflowers stretching skyward to vibrant hanging baskets, wildlife-friendly gardens and beautifully planted business displays. Generous support from local sponsors and partners made this possible, along with the dedication of those who planted, watered and cared for displays throughout a very warm summer. A special highlight was the introduction of the Mayor's Choice Award, with a unique trophy created by Onnen Studios, ensuring a lasting legacy for years to come.

As we look ahead to the coming season, the message is simple: let's build on this success together. Whether you have a large garden, a small window box, a business frontage or simply time to help water a planter, there is a place for everyone in Llandeilo in Bloom. Taking part is about more than flowers – it is about wellbeing, connection, and creating an environment that lifts spirits and welcomes visitors. ▶▶



▶▶ Plans are already underway for this year, with hopes of even greater participation and continued progress within the RHS scheme. With spring approaching, now is the perfect time to start planning, planting and sharing ideas.

A colourful town in bloom is a happy town – and together, Llandeilo can continue to grow, thrive and shine.



Let There Be Lights

LLANDEILO TOWN COUNCIL was delighted to celebrate the winners of this year's **Let There Be Lights Christmas Competition**, which brought festive sparkle and community spirit to the town throughout the festive season.

Councillors were impressed by the high standard of entries and the wonderful displays that helped create such a warm and welcoming atmosphere for all to enjoy.



In the Business Category, the winners were:

- 1st Prize **Morgan Edward Hairdresser**
- 2nd Prize **Florence Wood Hairdresser**
- 3rd Prize **Barr & Co Jewellers**

In the Residential Category, the winners were:

- 1st Prize **Col and Chris, Heol y Garreg Las**
- 2nd Prize **Aaron Jones and family, Heol y Garreg Las**
- 3rd Prize **Laura, Lllys Pencrug**

The Council extends its thanks to everyone who took part in the competition and helped make Llandeilo shine so brightly over the festive period. Your creativity and community spirit continue to make the town such a special place to live and visit.

It may seem a little early to be thinking about Christmas, but we will be doing it all again this December. If you would like to take part, keep an eye out for further details coming this autumn.

Outgoing Mayor



SERVING AS MAYOR this past year has been an honour. It gave me opportunities to represent our community, celebrate achievements, and listen to the voices of residents and visitors. I've attended local events and

seen first-hand the incredible volunteering thread which runs through Llandeilo, and the dedication that individuals put into getting things done.

During my year I noticed there often seems to be the same people volunteering in many different groups, it made me question how do we encourage a new

generation of volunteers young and old to give their time and energy to keep the community volunteering thread going for future generations? I hope one of you reading this can help by putting yourself forward to volunteer within Llandeilo.

As Mayor I have supported two charitable causes Llandeilo Town Band, and Llandeilo Youth and Children's Society raising nearly £8000 between them, I couldn't have done this without your support and encouragement. Both are looking for new members to join them and premises that they can call their own.

I have made so many incredible friendships and memories and even though I'm no longer in office I will still be active in the Community and in the Town Council.

Youth Clubs in Llandeilo

YOUNG PEOPLE IN LLANDEILO are fortunate to have access to two welcoming and engaging youth clubs that provide opportunities to socialise, learn new skills and build confidence in a safe environment

Llandeilo Youth and Children's Society runs the popular Llandeilo Youth Club at Civic Hall, offering a safe and inclusive space where young people are encouraged to help shape activities and events. The club aims to empower young people to become actively involved in their local community and to make a positive difference in the town. Sessions include a wide range of activities such as pool, crafts, music, cooking and trips out, ensuring there is something for everyone to enjoy. The club meets every Monday and Thursday from 4.00pm–6.00pm at Civic Hall, Llandeilo. Anyone interested in finding out more can visit the group's Facebook page or come along to a session.



Meanwhile, **Menter Dinefwr Youth Club** provides a fun and friendly Welsh-medium club for children in Years 6, 7 and 8. Held every Wednesday during term time from 3.30pm–5.30pm at Hengwrt, Llandeilo, the club offers a different activity each week in a welcoming and supportive atmosphere.

The club's mission is to encourage young people to use and enjoy the Welsh language naturally outside the classroom, while also helping them develop confidence, make new friends and create positive experiences together. Menter Dinefwr Youth Club is proud to work alongside Urdd Myrddin to support Welsh-language opportunities for young people across the area.

For more information about Menter Dinefwr Youth Club, contact Glyn Jones at glynjones@menterdinefwr.cymru or call **01558 263123**.

Llandeilo Town Band needs you!



DUST OFF THAT INSTRUMENT and come join the fun! Whether you're a complete beginner, a rusty old pro or anywhere in between – all abilities welcome!

We're a lively, friendly band who love making great music and even better memories. We play wind, brass and percussion instruments.

- **Every Wednesday at 7:00pm**
Capel Newydd, Llandeilo.

Come along and have a go – you might just rediscover your musical mojo! No pressure, just good vibes and great tunes. Please message us if you're interested.

Llandeilo Dementia Group

THE LLANDEILO AND DISTRICT Dementia Friendly Community was founded in 2018. Its initial aim was to make Llandeilo a "Dementia Friendly Town", raising awareness and making it a place where those living with such conditions were welcomed and assisted.

In recent years we have developed a more supportive role to those living with dementia and those who care for them, extending our remit a little to include other mental health issues, neurodiversity etc.

Whilst we provide organised short trips and events for our members, the jewel in our crown is our fabulous Cradle Choir, which has been running since 2022 in partnership with Welsh National Opera. Our members, their carers and, latterly, our friends from Ammanford's Social Activities Centre, get together ►►

►► every Tuesday afternoon to sing for an hour followed by an hour of socialising with a cuppa and cake.

The benefits of singing for those with dementia and mental health problems are proven and well-documented and choir sessions also provide a little respite and social interaction for carers. The choir has developed so well that we were recently invited to sing at an event during the Llandeilo Literature Festival.

For more information contact Alan Thomas **07923 557495** or alanthomas714@hotmail.co.uk.



Llandeilo 55 Plus

OUR AIM IS TO PROVIDE a monthly opportunity for Llandeilo's senior citizens and those a little younger to gather to enjoy entertainment of various types including talks, games, trips out or simply chat. Our meetings are held in the Civic Hall, Crescent Road on the last Thursday of each month at 2pm unless there is a Coach Trip arranged in which case we will be meeting the coach at Jones International bus depot on Station Road. Coaches leave at 9:30 unless otherwise advertised.

5 trips have been arranged for this year including trips to Leominster and Bath. Our first trip is to Cyfarthfa Castle this is on the Thursday 26th March. We always stop for a meal on our way home, usually a carvery, saves you cooking.

All our events are advertised on the notice board under the arch in the centre of town and on the Civic Hall notice board.

If you would like to join us or like more info please contact **Colin** on **07853 017 116**.

Introducing Ynni Sir Gâr*

WE TOOK UP RESIDENCE in the former Llandeilo Station Hub back in June last year. The main focus was to establish a small community E-bike hire scheme in the Dinefwr area (Bwrlwm Beics), linking with our work at Pethau Pawb, our lending library in Llandovery. With the new multi-use path being developed at the time, the hope was to encourage the use of cycling as a means of commuting as well as leisure. The biggest challenge is securing further funding to enable us to buy bikes. Regardless of other issues, it wouldn't be much of a bike project without them!

Other aspects of our project are around building awareness of sustainability and environmental impact in the town. One area that is in clear need of attention is the railway station. We are working with TfW to establish a Friends of Llandeilo Station group. Each station along the Heart of Wales Line is looked after by volunteers who maintain the planters and help keep the stations looking loved.

Communications with them are rather slow but we hope that we can start work there soon.

We held a sustainability event in February, utilising Yr Hen Farchnad as a venue. This was well attended with various sustainable organisations present, including Llandovery Repair Café, Dolen Teifi, TrydaNi and Llandeilo District and Civic Society. We would like to hold more of these events in the future, to highlight the services already available and showcase any new ones.

Our hub is currently open on a Tuesday and Thursday and is slowly developing into a drop-in centre for anyone wishing to chat about community energy and sustainability. It is also the go to for questions about the train times, the directions for town and the location of the nearest café and toilets. Contact Vanessa vanessa@ynnisirgar.org / **07393 593699** for more information or share ideas.

*Ynni Sir Gâr are a Community Benefit Society, who's aims are to work with communities to reduce energy costs, promote energy efficiency, tackle fuel poverty, generate clean renewable energy, install locally owned and managed electric vehicle charge points and keep profits and jobs local. The Bwrlwm Beic project is supported through the Targeted Finance Fund administered by Carmarthenshire Council.

Parks – Volunteering Caring For Our Parks Together

IN A TOWN LIKE LLANDEILO, our green spaces are more than just places to pass through — they are where community happens. From morning walks to children playing, parks like Parc Le Conquet and Penlan are at the heart of daily life.

Behind the scenes, over the last decade a dedicated group of volunteers has been quietly making a real difference.

Working alongside Llandeilo Town Council, the volunteers of Ffrindiau Parc Llandeilo Park Friends meet one Sunday a month to help care for Penlan Park. Tasks vary with the seasons, from planting and tidying to small improvements that make the space more welcoming for everyone.

They are supported by the fantastic **Grillo Group**, a hands-on team of local volunteers who regularly mow, strim and carry out the unseen maintenance of the parks. This initiative has not only improved the appearance and biodiversity of our parks but has also helped reduce maintenance costs — allowing more investment into enhancing these spaces for the community.



An often unseen but essential part of keeping the parks welcoming has been the emptying of bins and early morning tidy-ups. This responsibility is now shared on a rota by councillors, ensuring it is consistently covered. For many years, however, this work was quietly carried out by one individual who took it upon themselves to walk the park in the early mornings, keeping it clean and presentable day after day without expectation or recognition. Their contribution set a standard of care that continues to shape how we look after our parks today.

But perhaps the most important outcome is not just better places — it's a stronger community.



Play in the Park

THIS SUMMER the award-winning Immersion Theatre Company will be returning once again to Penlan Park to proudly present their unforgettable adaptation of William Shakespeare's iconic, **Romeo & Juliet**.

This powerful story of forbidden love and bitter rivalry is brought to life in a visual spectacle infused with comedy, heart-break and danger.

Moving, funny and tragic in equal measure, this beautiful production will see Immersion continue to build on their reputation for producing Shakespeare for all, be it the seasoned theatre-goer or budding literary enthusiast. This is Shakespeare as it's meant to be: interactive, fun, and highly accessible!

Recommended age **10+**

Approximate run time

Act 1: 50 minutes | Interval | Act 2: 40 minutes

DATE ANNOUNCED SOON – KEEP AN EYE OUT!

Volunteering brings people together, builds friendships and creates a shared sense of pride in where we live. As the Town Council has highlighted, community involvement has played a vital role in improving local parks and open spaces.

We would love to see more people get involved. You don't need specialist skills or lots of time — just a willingness to lend a hand for an hour or so and be part of something positive. Whether you can join regularly or just occasionally, every contribution makes a difference.

If you enjoy our parks, will you join us to help care for them? Together, we can continue to build a community that looks after Llandeilo — for today and for future generations.

Memorial Benches – A Lasting Tribute



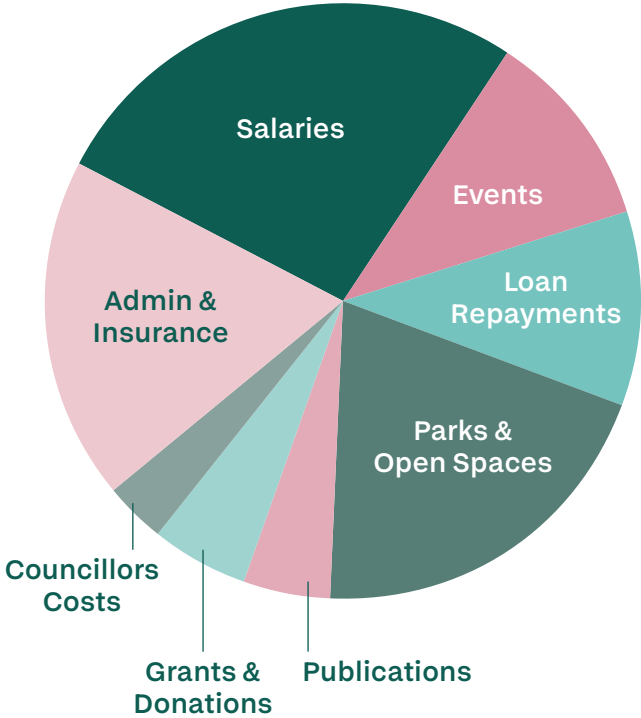
Honor the memory of a loved one with a special place for reflection. You can choose from:

- **A New Bench** An environmentally friendly recycled plastic bench, complete with your personalised commemorative plaque.
- **Shared Plaque Option** A single plaque placed on a community bench shared with others.

Each memorial bench provides comfort, beauty, and a lasting legacy in our shared spaces. Contact us today to arrange your memorial tribute.

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Llandeilo Town Council Budget 2026/27



Salaries	£28,512
Events	£11,500
Loan Repayments	£11,089
Parks & Open Spaces	£21,569
Publications	£5,000
Grants & Donations	£5,500
Councillors Costs	£3,600
Admin & Insurance	£19,698

Total £106,468



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