

Defibril-locator

Be aware of where the nearest defibrillator to you is located.

Just a reminder that there are 3 defibrillators located in Llay to be used in case of an emergency. These are located at the following places:

- Crown
- Llay Miners Welfare
- Llay Royal British Legion



Llay Welfare Defibrillator – 1 of 3 in village.

The defibrillators were purchased by Llay Community Council back in March, 2020. Residents are urged to be aware as to which one of these is nearest to their homes just in case the worst were to happen.

Plenty going on in Llay.

WHATS ON

Llay Organisations

We want to hear from you and share your details with the wider village. What is there to do in Llay? That is a question that is sometimes asked by residents, particularly new ones to the village. The answer is "plenty".

Despite there being plenty of organisations and plenty of events happening regularly around Llay, the community council are not aware of everything. **Community Councillor Sandra Apsley** is keen to put forward a directory of all local organisations and events in the village.

"We managed to create a directory a few years ago that enabled us as a community council to signpost residents and other interested parties to local organisations", recalls Sandra. She goes on to explain, "Unfortunately, the covid pandemic has seen some of those organisations fold but at the same time new ventures are happening now which are only coming to light. I would urge any village organisations or those planning any events to get in touch with us so we can assist with the publicity."

So whether you are a community organisation that has been around for a long time or have recently started, please contact Llay Community Council so we can record you in our **community directory**. You can find the website at <https://www.llaycommunitycouncil.co.uk/> or contact either Bryan or Rob using their details below.

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Alternatively, you can write your comments below and return them:

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Address:

Phone/Mobile:

Email:

Comments:

Return to Bryan at: 13 Vale View, Llay, LL12 0NH
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LLAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

SPRING 2023
From Llay Community Council



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ACCIDENTS WAITING TO HAPPEN?

New Highway & Footway Safety Audit to be conducted for the village to highlight any potential dangers.

Llay Community Council are to undertake a "Highway & Footway Safety Audit" around the village due to concerns of potential dangers. The audit will enable the community council to collate evidence and document where the highway & footway dangers are in Llay.

Councillor Rob Walsh who is co-steering this initiative believes this is long overdue. "The most common complaints I receive as a local councillor are related to highway and footway issues", says Rob.

He elaborates, "The term **accident waiting to happen** is used very frequently by residents who believe that unless action is taken soon on *certain stretches* then we could have a serious injury to someone or worse.

Fortunately, since I have been a councillor there have been no serious highway or pedestrian accidents in Llay, but I don't want to take comfort with that. If we can identify the dangers now, it reduces the chance of any future accidents of a serious nature in the village."

Llay Community Council wishes to hear residents views as to where the highways and footways dangers are in Llay. More importantly, our councillors would like to receive witness statements of near misses or even minor accidents that have not come to the public attention.

More details of the Highway & Footway Safety Audit can be found on Page 2.

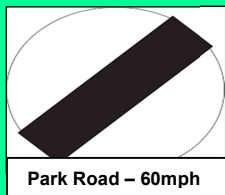


Reduction to 20mph.

20 To Become The New 30 Speed Limit Reduction from 30mph to 20mph due in September

New legislation from the Welsh Government will see all 30mph stretches of roads (with streetlights) automatically become **20mph zones** from **September**. This will mean all of our estate roads, the **Avenues, Llay New Road and Gresford Road** will have speed limits of 20mph.

Councillor Bryan Apsley who sits on Wrexham Council's **Homes & Environment Scrutiny Committee** has welcomed this move. "I am very pleased that the Welsh Government are prioritising road safety with this 20mph scheme, as it is in line with what we are trying to do in Llay", explains Bryan. He goes on, "There will be some roads where a 20mph limit maybe too restrictive but there is nothing to stop us looking long-term at reviewing those roads and making some exceptions." Any views residents have regarding the forthcoming 20mph zones particularly in relation to Llay's roads are encouraged to submit their views to the community council.



Park Road Speed

Still a 60mph speed limit despite pedestrians & horses.

One of the roads that will certainly be under the microscope for the "Highway & Footway Safety Audit" is Park Road, that runs adjacent to Alyn Waters Country Park.

Despite the poor surface condition of this road, and the fact that it is regularly used by pedestrians, cyclists & horse riders, this stretch remains a 60mph zone. Councillor Rob Walsh who has had many conversations with residents and stakeholders along Park Road, is amazed that there hasn't been a serious accident.

"It is a very narrow windy road, yet residents tell me some motorists still put their foot down simply because they are not breaking the law", states Rob. He continues, "Residents are amazed that there has been no serious road accident along this stretch and are anxious to see the speed limit dramatically reduced. Considering the winding nature of the road, those who use it every day would like to see it reduced to a 20mph limit, something I would personally support. However, the most important thing is to get the current speed limit dramatically reduced first."

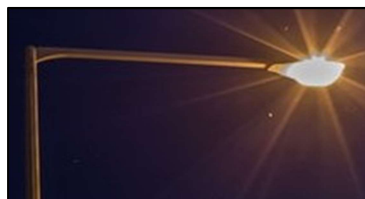
Anyone with any opinions about Park Road or who is able to share their experiences on this stretch are asked to come forward with their first-hand accounts.

Public Meeting

Come & meet with Llay Community Council at Legion on Wednesday 26th April at 6.30pm.

To enable further and more thorough conversation on the "Highway & Footway Safety Audit" in the village, Llay Community Council are hosting a public meeting at the Legion on Wednesday 26th April at 6.30pm. This will give residents the chance to discuss their concerns and share their experiences.

Another issue very closely related to the safety audit will be a discussion about streetlighting in Llay. The community council are always looking for ways to save ratepayers' money on lighting bills but at the same time keeping everyone safe with timely repairs to broken lanterns/columns.



Streetlighting – Decisions required.

Future plans could involve installing new lamps that could allow reduction of lighting output during the early hours to save energy. However, no such move would be made without the backing of Llay residents. Please come along to this public meeting to share your thoughts with us.

Wrexham Local Development Plan 2013 - 2028

LDP – Final Report Complete.

LDP Complete

Inspectors produce final report but will it help us?

After many years of public meetings, hearings and controversy, the Wrexham Local Development Plan final report has finally been published by the planning inspectors. Whilst the report confirms what the inspectors said last year that the Gypsy Traveller site originally allocated from Pont-Y-Capel Lane has been removed, it still allocates an extra 7-8000 new houses to Wrexham. Such a move will have a knock-on effect to the village due to infrastructure pressures.

Councillor Bryan Apsley who is a member of Wrexham Council's Planning Policy Panel has urged residents to let their views be known. "This final report goes before Wrexham's full council on Wednesday 19th April to either adopt or reject", says Bryan. He adds, "In the meantime, myself and others councillors are interested to know whether Llay residents believe that this final report is acceptable or not to take us forward."

The final copy of the Wrexham Local Development Plan can be found at https://wrexham-consult.objective.co.uk/portal/inspectors_report but if anyone wishes to obtain a paper copy then please get in touch.



Join us – you'll be bowled over!

Llay Welfare Cricket Club on the lookout for new players & anyone else who is able to help.

Llay Welfare Cricket Club are looking for new players ahead of the season this summer. Dating back to the 1930s, Llay Welfare Cricket Club is very much at the heart of the village. However, despite its rich heritage, the club are always looking out for new players.

Join the Chester & District Midweek League too. A few social events are also planned attached to the cricket matches as well, so there is plenty going on.

Senior Net Sessions take place on Thursdays at 6pm (from 13th April onwards). Contact is Nathan Humphreys on 07581016925.

Llay Welfare Cricket Chairman Steve Partington, is keen to recruit new players from the village. "We are very proud of our cricket history in Llay. That's why we want local people to come and join us", states Steve.

The Junior/All Star cricket will take place on Tuesdays at 6pm (starting from 9th May). Contact is Huw Jones on 07980010588.

He further adds, "Whether you are an experienced cricketer who has taken time out of the game or a complete novice, we would like you to come and join us. We are a great bunch and you will receive a warm welcome. We are particularly interested in hearing from youngsters as are you are the future. Our experienced players are happy to develop the skills of our future stars."

With the recent success of the England & Wales cricket team and an Ashes summer to look forward too, now is the time not to like cricket, but to love it!!!

The team currently play on a Saturday during the summer months in the North Wales Cricket League but are hoping re-

Interested in joining us? Please contact the club by going online to <https://llaywelfare.play-cricket.com/Aboutus> or by phoning Chairman Steve Partington on 07728327164. You can also see the "Llay Welfare Cricket Club" Facebook page or Twitter account @LlayWelfareCC.



Red Telephone Box – Now a much valued school book exchange.

Phone Books!!!

Old Red Telephone Box finally put to good use.

The ongoing saga of the old Croeshowell red telephone box has finally come to a happy conclusion. Now fully refurbished it is now used by Llay Park CP School as a "Book Exchange" where children can "take a book and leave a book".

Councillor Rob Walsh who was present at the official opening of the project says, "It was an honour to be present. The children were all clearly very excited and I look forward to hearing all about the stories they are reading and who knows it may inspire them to read more. The pupils are welcome to swap books before and after school." Rob concludes by saying, "A huge thank you to my colleagues at Llay Community Council for supporting this exchange project."