

LLAY COMMUNITY

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From Llay Community Council



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BACK FOR THE FUTURE???



Would residents support turning the Llay New Road speed limit back to 30mph?

The Welsh Government have given the go-ahead to allow councils to explore the possibility of removing some of their 20mph limit roads back to 30mph. As a result, both highways officers from **Wrexham Council** and **Llay Community councillors** have been looking at options to see whether any of our roads need changing.

Bryan Apsley confirms that Llay New Road is the main route that residents wish to see returned to a 30mph limit. "Of course different people have different opinions on different roads, but Llay New Road is the one road where everyone we speak to wants this returned to 30mph", explains Bryan.

It is the recommendation of Llay Community Council, that both **Llay New Road** and **Miners Road/Davy Way** through the industrial estate return to 30mph with all other 20mph roads remaining as they are. However, the community council want to hear from you. Do you agree with the recommendations or do you have another opinion?

Based upon the feedback already received from the public, it is clear that one road is mentioned far more than any other – **Llay New Road**.
Chair of Llay Community Council,

He adds, "None of us at Llay Community Council have come across a single person who wants Llay New Road to remain as a 20mph limit."

Please get in touch with either **Bryan** or **Rob** or alternatively you can send comments directly to Wrexham Council at **20mphConsultation@wrexham.gov.uk**.



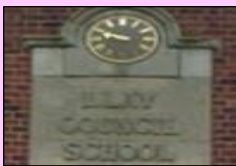
From Round to Straight???

Section of Llay Road to become 30mph limit?

In addition to the possible changing of some 20mph limits back to 30mph, WCBC highways officers have hinted that there could be changes to the speed limit on **Llay Road**. The current speed limit from the **Croeshowell restaurant** to the **Flintshire border** before the **Hollybush** is **40mph**. However, it is being suggested that the section between the **Llay Welfare roundabout** and the start of the **Straight Mile** by the **Crown Crossroads** could be reduced to a **30mph limit**.

Such a move is unlikely to happen soon but **Councillor Rob Walsh** would welcome this change. "I have had many complaints especially from residents who live on both **Acacia Court** and **Birch Court** that this stretch is far too busy and developed to have a 40mph limit" says Rob. He continues, "There's also no official crossing there so expecting individuals to cross this road with a speed limit of 40mph is not very safe. So I would personally support the speed limit reduction along this stretch."

As always opinions and views are always sought on any changes if and when they happen so please get in touch if you have a view on this matter.



Llay School – Began in 1924.

100 Not Out!

Llay School will mark a major milestone in September.

Llay School will celebrate its 100th anniversary on 15th September. Llay Council School as it was known back then opened on 15th September, 1924.

Community Councillor John O'Keefe who is also a committee member for the Llay Miners' Heritage Centre explains, "Llay Council School began in 1924 with 2 sites". He adds, "Infants were taught on the present St. Martin's Mews site whilst Juniors were on the Tir-Y-Capel site. The present school building didn't open until 1926." Other upcoming anniversaries include 90 years since the Gresford Colliery Disaster (22nd September 1934) were 12 Llay men lost their lives. Also there is the less well-known Llay Main Colliery Disaster (5th December, 1924), marking its 100th anniversary.

Special events will be occurring to mark these anniversaries so please keep an eye out for these.

Alright Governor?

Want to get involved in the running of Llay Park CP School? There are vacancies on the governing body.

Llay Park CP School has vacancies on its governing body for any community minded individual who wants to help shape the next generation of Llay residents.

Councillor Rob Walsh who sits on the school's governing body states, "Llay Park CP School is at the heart of our village and I would urge anyone interested to come forward." Rob continues, "The role



of the governor is to support the staff and oversee that the school is run for the benefit of the children and the wider community."



Overgrown Dingle Footpath.

On The Verge???

Highlighting the overgrown hedges & verges.

There have been plenty of complaints this summer about the number of overgrown hedges/verges, overgrown footways, overhanging trees and weeds around the village. Whilst some of these issues are down to restricted council resources most can be dealt with if reported regularly and persistently.

Councillor Rob Walsh who has been highlighting the problem of the unsafe footways particularly on Llay Road for many years feels it is an endless battle. "There is nothing I would like more than to see major financial investment on our footways, particularly on Llay Road towards Cefn-Y-Bedd and on the Straight Mile", states Rob. He explains, "Unfortunately, verge removal and pavement resurfacing costs are astronomical and getting funding for this is a bit of a lottery. We managed to get some funding to widen the Llay Road footway 5 years ago but that wasn't as effective as I had hoped. Best bet is to keep nagging stating that the hedgerows need cutting urgently. This is what I do but any assistance from residents is always a big help".

Councillor Bryan Apsley, who sits on Wrexham Council's Homes & Environment Scrutiny Committee has also expressed concern with some of the grass cutting regimes. "Whilst Llay has fared better than most villages this year with the cutting of our green open spaces, some of our footpaths, such as on the Dingle are still badly overgrown", explains Bryan. He follows on by saying, "Like everywhere in Wrexham we have seen an explosion in weeds this year. Whilst the wet spring hasn't helped, clearly lessons need learning in future to make sure this doesn't happen again. In the meantime, we will continue to push to get these matters resolved".

Any issues residents wishing to raise queries with regard to overgrown hedges, verges, footways or unsightly weeds then please get in touch.



Legion Development

Application for 9 more houses on site submitted.

As reported in the **Spring** edition of the **Llay Community newsletter**, a planning application has now been submitted for **additional 9 houses** at the front of the **Llay Royal British Legion** site. These properties will be in addition to the 50 houses that are currently being built at the car park end of the site.

Councillor Bryan Apsley urges any local resident with a view on this to make their comments known. "An additional 9 houses may not seem like a lot, but it will put more pressure on our local health provision", admits Bryan. He also states, "In addition we will see more residents having to cross a

busy road without an appropriate pedestrian crossing and the removal of an important outdoor community facility."

Further details of this application can be found at <http://planning.wrexham.gov.uk/Planning>, where there is the facility to submit comments. The planning application number is **P/2024/1070**.

For those without internet access, you can write your comments by sending them to the **Planning Department, Wrexham County Borough Council, Lambpit Street, Wrexham, LL11 1AR**.



There is more with the 34

No.34 Bus Service may not be widely known.

For those who are unaware, there is a minibus service that operates every **Wednesday, Friday & Saturday** between **Wrexham & Rossett** and **back again**. It operates with the same rules as a normal bus service. Please see timetable below:

Llay, after Pentre Street	10:01	12:01	16:01	Rossett, before Alyn Drive	10:24	12:24	16:24
Llay New Road (nr 31)	10:02	12:02	16:02	Rossett, before Butchers' Arms	10:25	12:25	16:25
Llay, opp Plas Mehefin	10:02	12:02	16:02	Rossett, after Alyn Bridge	10:25	12:25	16:25
Llay Miners Institute (nr)	10:03	12:03	16:03	Burton, nr Orchard House	10:28	12:28	16:28
Llay, before Crown Inn	10:04	12:04	16:04	Burton Nurseries (nr)	10:29	12:29	16:29
Llay, before Oldfield Park	10:06	12:06	16:06	Burton, after Greenfields	10:31	12:31	16:31
Llay, after Meadow Rise	10:07	12:07	16:07	Burton, nr Mount Pleasant Inn	10:33	12:33	16:33
Llay, nr Knowle Cottage	10:08	12:08	16:08	Llay, before Oldfield Park	10:36	12:36	16:36
Llay, nr Knowle Cottage	10:08	12:08	16:08	Llay, after Meadow Rise	10:37	12:37	16:37
Llay, before Meadow Rise	10:08	12:08	16:08	Llay, nr Knowle Cottage	10:38	12:38	16:38
Llay, after Oldfield Park	10:08	12:08	16:08	Llay, nr Knowle Cottage	10:38	12:38	16:38
Burton, nr Mount Pleasant Inn	10:09	12:09	16:09	Llay, before Meadow Rise	10:38	12:38	16:38
Burton, before Croes Howell Lane	10:10	12:10	16:10	Llay, after Oldfield Park	10:38	12:38	16:38
Burton, before Greenfields	10:10	12:10	16:10	Llay, after Crown Inn	10:39	12:39	16:39
Burton, before Croes Howell Lane	10:11	12:11	16:11	Llay Miners Institute (nr)	10:39	12:39	16:39
Burton, after Roseway	10:11	12:11	16:11	Llay, o/s Plas Mehefin	10:39	12:39	16:39
Burton Nurseries (nr)	10:12	12:12	16:12	Llay New Road (nr 47)	10:40	12:40	16:40
Burton, nr Orchard House	10:13	12:13	16:13	Llay, before Pentre Street	10:40	12:40	16:40
Rossett, o/s Christ Church	10:17	12:17	16:17				

The timetable is taken from <https://bustimes.org/services/>, so apologies for any inaccurate place names above.

“Remember” the Date



This year's **Remembrance Sunday** parade will take place on the **10th November**, starting at **Llay Royal British Legion** at **10am**, then continuing to **St. Martin's Church** for **10.30am** and then back to the **Legion**. A short **Armistice Day** commemoration will take place on **Monday 11th November** from **10.55am** at the **Central Gardens** on **Market Square**.



Garden Bin

Renewal not until the end of February.

Anyone who paid for their "Green Bin Collection" last year and is preparing to renew this service before **1st September** can rest easy. Renewal of the green bin payment is now not due until **28th February**. Last autumn's industrial action by some members of Wrexham Council staff meant that many green bin customers did not have a collection for several weeks. As a result, the renewal date has been put back by 6 months.

Councillor Rob Walsh outlines, "Many residents who paid £35 for the green bin service last year felt very



Green Bin Payment – Due in February.

aggravated when no collections took place for most of last autumn." He expands, "As the service was not being delivered it was only right and proper that residents were not charged for this period. Rather than getting bogged down in issuing refunds, it was decided to extend the subscription by 6 months." Please get in touch if anyone has any problems with bin-related matters.



Llay Gardening Show – Bank Holiday Monday.

Garden Show

Forget Chelsea & Shrewsbury, Llay Welfare is the place to be.

Monday 26th August (Bank Holiday) is a date to save as the **annual Llay Gardening Show** returns for another year. The event which will begin at **2pm**, is run by the **Llay**

Gardening Society and always attracts a big crowd. **Llay Community Councillor Ken Cupit**, a long standing society member urges anyone who can visit this great event to do so. "It is the show's **45th anniversary**", states Ken. He goes on to say, "Not only does it give our gardeners the opportunity to display the flowers, plants and vegetables that they have grown but it also allows the public see these for themselves. It is free entry and there are plenty of other attractions too such as stalls, refreshments and raffle prizes (£50 1st prize). The show comes to a head at **4pm** where the winners of specific gardening categories are revealed." So please give your support to an enjoyable village event. If there are any other events that anyone would like highlighting in the future then please contact **Llay Community Council**. You can find the website at <https://www.llaycommunitycouncil.co.uk/> or contact either **Bryan** or **Rob**, details below:



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