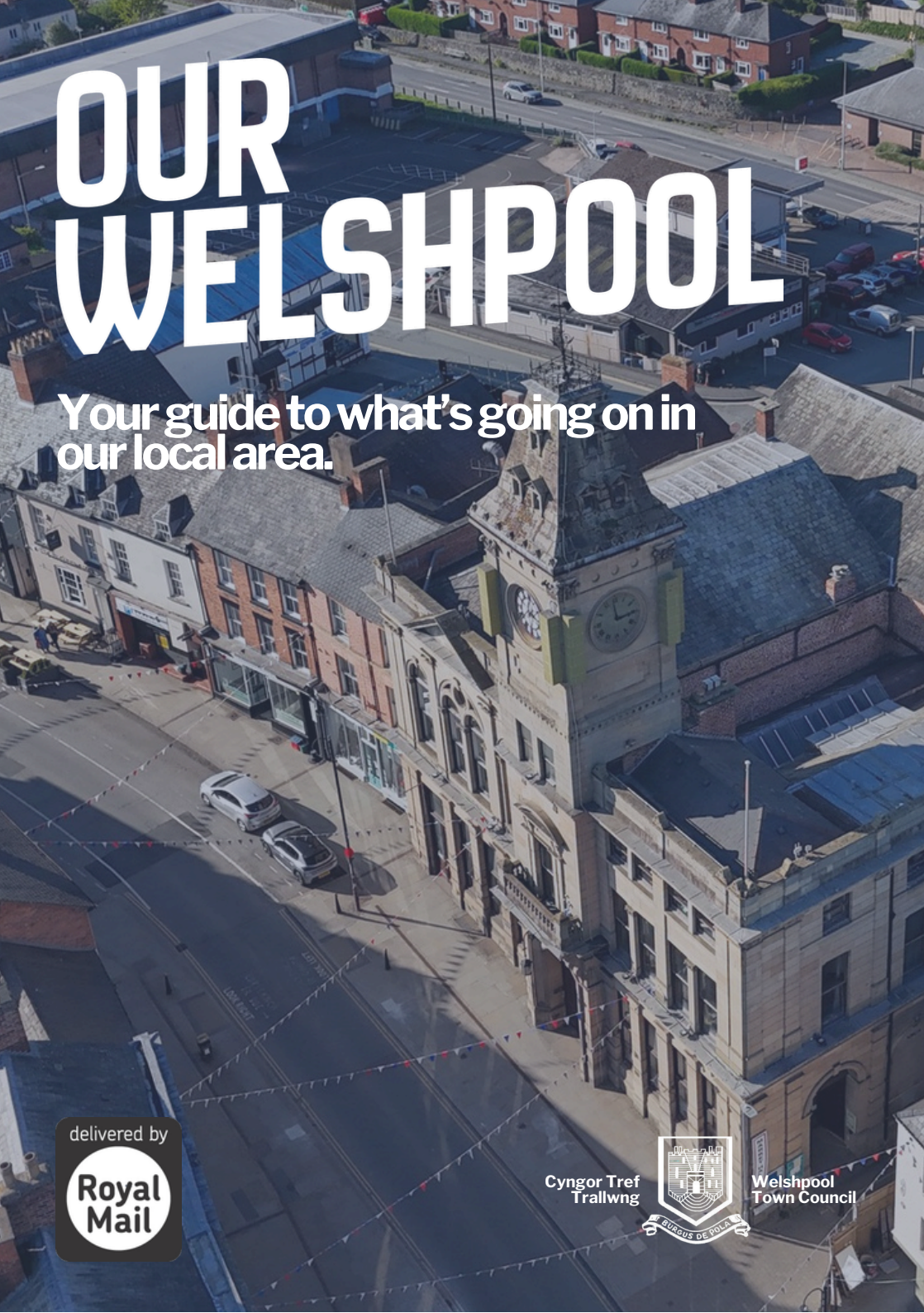
OUR WELSHPOOL

Your guide to what's going on in our local area.



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Welshpool Town Council

Welcome to our new newsletter.



Cllr Phil Owen
Mayor of Welshpool

It has been a busy and exciting six months here in Welshpool. From the fantastic turnout at this summer's Carnival to the many community projects taking shape, it is clear that our town continues to thrive thanks to the energy and dedication of local people.

As we look ahead to the winter months, there is plenty to look forward to – from our Christmas Lights Switch-On to the continued development of the Town Hall Transformation Project. The Town Council has also been working hard behind the scenes to secure our finances, protect services, and plan for the future.

I would like to thank every resident, business and volunteer who plays a part in keeping Welshpool vibrant. Together, we are making a difference, and I look forward to sharing the next chapter of our town's story with you all.



It's been just seven months since I joined the team as Town Clerk, and in that time I've been struck by the enthusiasm and commitment of our community. From the Carnival to important conversations about the future of our town, it's clear that Welshpool is brimming with potential.

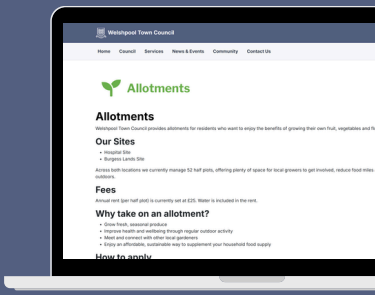
Over the coming months, the Council will continue to work hard to deliver events, improve our facilities and listen to your views. If you ever have an idea, or want to give us some feedback, please get in touch - town.clerk@welshpooltowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01938 553142.

Richard Williams
Town Clerk

Did you know?

You can stay up to date with all our updates via our website or our Facebook & Instagram pages.

www.welshpooltowncouncil.gov.uk
www.facebook.com/welshpooltc
www.instagram.com/welshpooltowncouncil



Carnival 2025

Welshpool's Carnival on 22nd June 2025 brought colour and excitement to the town, with a parade, stalls, entertainment and live music at Maes y Dre. Families especially enjoyed the BMX stunt show, free face painting and the chance to come together as a community.

Feedback highlighted areas to improve, including a bigger and livelier parade, more variety on the field, and stronger advertising so everyone knows the Carnival is happening. People also asked for more seating, shade and better use of the PA system to keep the atmosphere buzzing.

Planning is already under way for the 2026 Carnival on Saturday 27th June, with ideas such as a new layout, inflatables and games, a sports theme, and more involvement from schools, businesses and community groups.

If you'd like to help shape next year's event, the Council will be setting up a Carnival Group – please get in touch if you'd like to be involved.

Together, we can make 2026 the best Carnival yet!





Fresh new look for Dol y Felin play park

Welshpool Town Council is delighted to announce the completion of brand-new fencing at Dol y Felin Play Park, representing a £13,000 investment in the community.

The work replaces the original boundary, which had reached the end of its life and suffered further damage during the storms of 2024.

The new high-quality green bow-top fencing now ensures the space is fully secure once again.

Community Award winners honoured

Welshpool Town Council celebrated its 2025 Community Award winners in July.

Honourees included Meals on Wheels volunteers Ann Watt & Sonia Wyatt, Dr Tony Harvey and Dr Revd Roger Brown for their service to the town, the Postbox Topper creators, and the Community Transport Scheme volunteers.



Residents help shape the future of Welshpool

Welshpool Town Council has formally approved its Interim Strategic Plan 2025–2028.

Between June and August, more than 1,000 comments from 22 responses were received from residents, businesses and community groups, which directly shaped the final plan.

The plan, approved at Full Council on 24th September 2025, sets out the Council's vision and priorities for the next three years.

It focuses on five key themes: improving the town centre and markets, investing in parks and play areas, protecting vital community services, expanding events and tourism, and strengthening the Council's communication and financial resilience.





Clock ticking once more

Welshpool's much-loved Town Clock is once again keeping the right time and sounding its bells after a period of silence.

The landmark, at the heart of the town, had suffered ongoing faults which meant both the clock and its chimes were out of action. Thanks to specialist repairs, it is now fully operational – with its hands back on time and its bells ringing proudly across Welshpool once more.

The delay in repairs was caused by emergency works needed to make the clock tower safe. During this work, it was also discovered that the clock hands will need attention in the near future, and that the 125-year-old mechanism is beginning to show signs of wear after an remarkable 1.3 million hours of continuous operation.

Welshpool's Tourist Information Centre is your one-stop shop for railway tickets, National Express coach tickets, holidays and day trips with Owens Coaches, and local fishing permits. You'll also find a great range of gifts, books, maps and souvenirs – perfect for residents and visitors alike.



Freshly prepared hot meals, cooked daily at the Anne Holloway Centre and delivered to your home by volunteers. Each delivery includes a main meal and dessert from just £6.50*.

Available Monday to Friday for anyone living within the local area who needs the service.

Meals take into account dietary requirements, with a varied menu from all-day breakfasts to meat pies, curries, fish cakes, lasagne and more.

*price varies for areas outside of Welshpool

Meals on Wheels

New energy saving project helps cut costs and carbon footprint



Welshpool Town Council has completed the installation of new solar panels and battery storage at the Town Council Offices and Tourist Information Centre, as part of its project to reduce its carbon footprint and costs.

The project, supported by a grant of £23,775 from Carno Wind Farm through Windfall (Mid Wales Community Energy Trust), has delivered:

- 32 x 445W solar panels, generating up to 15.4kw of renewable energy
- 28.8kw of battery storage, ensuring that excess energy can be stored and used when needed

Since installation at the beginning of September, the system has already reduced CO_2 emissions by 332.8kg and cut 208kWh of usage from the grid, helping the Council to save money while reducing its environmental impact.

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Council backs safety measures at Red Bank

Welshpool Town Council has written to Powys County Council calling for urgent safety improvements on Red Bank following growing concern from residents and a recent serious road incident.

The decision follows a meeting of the Full Council during which members backed what are being described as “Stage 1 improvements” to address long-standing issues on the steep and narrow stretch of road linking Church Bank to the Guilsfield Road junction.

Concerns about the safety of Red Bank were recently raised at a multi-agency meeting held in the Town Hall and convened by County Councillor Graham Breeze. Representatives from Powys County Council and Dyfed-Powys Police joined town councillors to explore ways to reduce speeding, deter inappropriate HGV use, and improve overall safety for drivers and pedestrians.





New councillor elected for Llanerchyddol Ward

Welshpool Town Council is pleased to announce that Jackson Quarrell has officially taken up office as the newly elected Town Councillor for the Llanerchyddol Ward, following his election victory on Tuesday 19th August 2025.

The results were as follows:

- Kelly Meredith – Independent – 92 votes
- Jackson Quarrell – Independent – 120 votes
- Richard John White – Independent – 17 votes

Turnout for the election was around 15.5%.

Our Welshpool is your community newsletter from Welshpool Town Council, sharing local news, updates and events. It’s delivered to homes and businesses across the town and published every six months, keeping you informed about what’s happening in your community.

If you wish to submit your event for inclusion, or you have a good news story or an amazing idea on how to improve our community - please get in touch with us. You can email town.clerk@welshpooltowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01938 553142.

Event Spotlight

Winter Festival 2025

Welshpool is set to shine this December with the return of the Winter Festival and Christmas Lights Switch-On – a highlight of the town's festive calendar.

Broad Street will be transformed into a bustling Christmas market, filled with stalls offering gifts, crafts, and seasonal food and drink – the perfect place to find that special present while enjoying the festive atmosphere.

Live entertainment will take place throughout the day, creating a lively backdrop for shopping and socialising. Families can also visit Santa's Grotto, where every child will receive a free gift.

The celebrations will build towards the magical moment at 5pm, when the Christmas Lights are officially switched on and Welshpool sparkles into the festive season. With music, laughter and plenty of festive cheer, it promises to be a wonderful day for residents and visitors alike.



Sat 29/11/2025 @ 1pm
Broad Street
Free

Grow your own in Welshpool

Fancy growing your own fruit, veg or flowers? Welshpool Town Council manages two allotment sites with half plots available from just £25 a year (including water).

Spaces are limited and may be subject to a waiting list. To apply, contact the Town Council via our website or via phone on 01938 553142.



Allotments

What's On

There is so many activities and events taking place in Welshpool and the surrounding area. Here are just some of the few taking place in the next few months!



Annual Fireworks

Our popular annual fireworks show returns for 2025. Gates open at 6pm for a 7pm start. Food available.

No dogs and no vehicles. Entry via foot only via Howell Drive or Canal footpath.

Sat 01/11/2025 - 6:30pm
Maes y Dre
Free



Remembrance Sunday

Our annual remembrance services will take place on Sunday 9th November 2025 in the Town Centre with a parade starting at 10:30am. A two minutes silence will also be held at 10:55am on Tuesday 11th November 2025.

Sun 09/11/2025 - 10:30am
Broad Street

Tue 11/11/2025 - 10:55am
Town Hall



Winter Festival

Come and explore our Winter Festival with stalls and food in Broad Street - the perfect place to find that special gift this year.

Live entertainment throughout the day, Santa's Grotto with free gift and Christmas Lights switch on at 5pm.

Sat 29/11/2025 - 1pm
Broad Street
Free



WLLR Santa Specials

Combining festive fun with steam - and Father Christmas!

All trains depart from Llanfair Caereinion (SY21 0SF). Pre-booking Essential.

Visit www.wllr.org.uk to book today.

06/12/2025 to 23/12/2025



An Enchanted Christmas

Experience the joy of a Christmas at Powis Castle and Garden with a sprinkling of Narnia magic.

The first floor of the castle transforms into a charming festive spectacle, inspired by the classic series.

29/11/2025 to 04/01/2026



Children's Christmas Party & Disco

The ultimate Children's Christmas Disco before the big day arrives.

Bookings required please contact the Town Council to book your space.

Sat 20/12/2025 @ 5:30pm
Town Hall
Free

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Welshpool 10k 2026

The Welshpool 10k brings together an active community of people taking part in sporting events for reasons ranging from fitness, competition, charity, health, fun or to simply finish.

The participants vary from nervous first-timers of all ages through to competitive runners.

02/03/2026 - 9:00am
Broad Street

Welshpool Country Music Festival

The much beloved Welshpool Country Music Festival will return in 2026. Featuring Derek Darby, Peter Shaw and more.

Grab your tickets online from 15th December at countrywestern.org.uk

16/07/2026 - 19/07/2026
Powis Castle Showground



Longest Yarn 2 Britain At War

The Longest Yarn 2: Britain at War is a traveling exhibition of intricate wool art, featuring 80 one-meter panels.

01/09/2026 - 30/09/2026
Town Hall
Tickets £6

Welshpool Town Council is in the process of developing plans for a new digital platform for our town enabling you to learn what's happening across the area - from local markets and community fundraisers to concerts, exhibitions and family activities.

If you're organising an event, we'd love to hear from you. Together, we can make it easier than ever for people to discover what's on in Welshpool.

Send your event information to admin@welshpooltowncouncil.gov.uk



Exploring Welshpool

Whether you're visiting for the day or rediscovering what's on your doorstep, Welshpool has plenty to offer. From historic landmarks to family-friendly attractions and beautiful countryside walks, there's something for everyone.

Powis Castle & Gardens
One of Wales's most famous landmarks, this National Trust property boasts stunning gardens, a world-class art collection and sweeping views across the Severn Valley.

Welshpool & Llanfair Light Railway
Step back in time aboard a narrow-gauge steam train running through the beautiful countryside between Welshpool and Llanfair Caereinion – a favourite with families and railway enthusiasts alike.

Offa's Dyke Path & Canal Walks
Explore miles of walking routes including the famous Offa's Dyke Path, or enjoy a gentler stroll along the Montgomery Canal – perfect for birdwatching, cycling and spotting wildlife.

Outdoor Activities
Try fishing with a local permit, enjoy family time in one of our play parks, or head to Maes y Dre Recreation Ground for sports and leisure.

Markets & Independent Shops
Browse our weekly markets in the Town Hall and explore a variety of independent shops, cafés and restaurants across town – perfect for picking up unique gifts or enjoying a local bite to eat.

For more information, tickets and local guides, visit the Tourist Information Centre next to Church Street Car Park and Welshpool Bus Interchange.















Our Markets

Welshpool Markets

Discover the best of local shopping at Welshpool Indoor Market, based on the lower level of the Town Hall. Open Mondays, Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays (9:30am to 4:00pm), the market offers everything from jewellery and unique gifts to fresh produce and more. Free public toilets are available at the rear of the building during market hours.

On Mondays, Broad Street comes alive with our traditional Charter Market, a tradition dating back to 1263, when a royal charter first granted Welshpool the right to hold a weekly market.



The Basket Case

Wicker baskets, storage boxes, bird houses and more.



Tarot

Tarot readings, palmistry, crystals and gemstones.



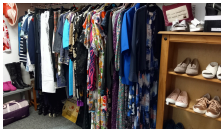
Grandma's Shop

Toys, crafts, gifts, puzzles, haberdashery and more.



Flowers by Coz

Artificial flower arrangements, floral paintings and more.



Jackie's Stall

Knitted and crocheted toys, adult clothing and household decor.



Mollie's Embroidery

Embroidered clothing and workwear & personalised gifts.



2nd Hand Land

Furniture, books, mirrors, antique items, records, lamps and more.



Sue's Stall

Seasonal local produce, books, fairtrade clothing and more.



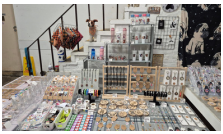
Lilly's Little Things

Personalised pet pawtraits, candles, crafted goods and more.



Handy Fruit & Veg

Fresh seasonal fruit, salad and vegetables, dairy produce, honey and eggs.



Crafted by CoCo

Handcrafted items such as mugs, glasses, keyrings, coasters and more.



Nick Grinsell Seasonal Plants

A range of seasonal plants (Saturdays only).

About us

Welshpool Town Council is the most local tier of government for our town, working to represent residents and provide services that make a difference to daily life.

The Council is made up of 15 councillors, supported by the Town Clerk and a team of staff, who together deliver services, run community facilities, and organise events throughout the year.

The Council is responsible for a wide range of local priorities – from managing parks, play areas, allotments and public toilets, to running events like the Carnival and Winter Festival. It also plays a key role in shaping the future of the town through projects such as the Town Hall redevelopment, the Strategic Plan, and ongoing consultations with residents and businesses.

As the most local level of government, the Town Council is here to listen, support and act on behalf of the Welshpool community. Residents are welcome at Council meetings which are held in public, and councillors can be contacted directly to raise issues or ideas.



To view who your local councillor is, or view our decisions please scan the QR code below.

Welshpool Town Hall offers a range of rooms for hire – from the street-level Corn Exchange, ideal for coffee mornings and community events, to the grand Assembly Room, perfect for weddings, dinners and large meetings.

Smaller spaces, including the Judges Retiring Room, are also available.

Contact us today to secure your booking.

Book Now

Welshpool Town Hall

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