OUR WELSHPOOL

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



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Welshpool Town Council

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Welcome to our newsletter.

As Mayor of Welshpool, I continue to be inspired by the dedication, generosity and community spirit shown by people across our town. Over recent months I have had the pleasure of meeting residents, volunteers, organisations and businesses who all play a key role in making Welshpool such a special place to live and work.

There is much to look forward to in the months ahead. Progress continues on projects that will help strengthen our town centre, improve local facilities and enhance community pride. We also continue to prepare for the opportunities that events such as the Tour de France will bring, helping showcase Welshpool to a wider audience and creating a positive legacy for the future.

Alongside these exciting developments, I remain committed to supporting initiatives that promote mental wellbeing and help keep our town clean, welcoming and attractive. Thank you to everyone who gives their time, energy and support to our community. By working together, we can continue to build a Welshpool we are all proud to call home.



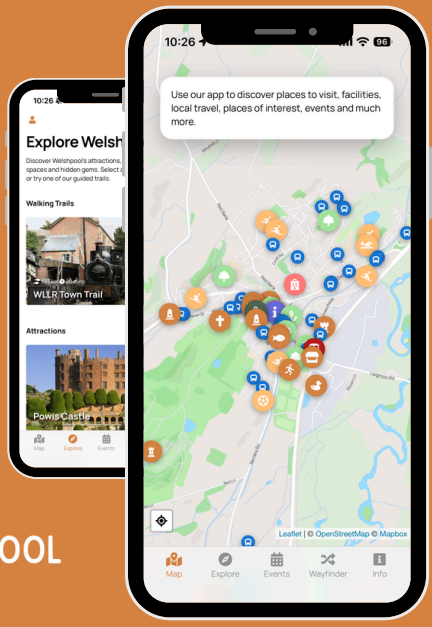
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Mayor of Welshpool

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Work Begins on a New Place Plan for the Town

Welshpool Town Council is delighted to announce the first steps towards developing a new Place Plan for Welshpool, helping to shape the future of the town through community-led planning.

The Place Plan will identify local priorities and aspirations, ensuring future development reflects the needs of residents, businesses and community organisations. Although formal progress is dependent on Powys County Council's Replacement Local Development Plan, the Town Council has begun gathering evidence and preparing for the project.

Members of the Place Plan Working Group have started site visits across the Welshpool area, assessing themes including transport, regeneration, retail, heritage, community facilities and the environment. The first visit took place at Pool Quay in August.

Community engagement will be central to the process, with opportunities for residents of all ages to share ideas. Regular updates and a dedicated webpage will help keep the community informed as Welshpool develops a shared vision for its future.





Town Centre improvements given green light

Welshpool Town Council's £83,000 Town Centre Improvement Project is moving into its delivery phase after the plans were approved by Full Council in September.

Funded by the UK Government's Pride in Place Impact Fund, the project will deliver improvements across the town centre including new and replacement benches and bins, improved wayfinding, planting, bus stop information and improvements to public spaces.

Detailed designs have been finalised and local contractors appointed, with improvements being installed progressively over the coming months.

The project is expected to be completed by the end of January 2027.



Council opposes changes to health services in Welshpool

Welshpool Town Council has unanimously opposed any reduction in services at Victoria Memorial Hospital as Powys Teaching Health Board prepares to consult on major changes to health services across the county.

Proposals being considered include removing physical-health inpatient beds from Welshpool, alongside changes to urgent care, diagnostic and other community hospital services.

The Council agreed to oppose reductions in the services currently provided at Victoria Memorial Hospital, support local campaigns and make Council resources available where appropriate.

Residents are being encouraged to take part in the Health Board's 14-week public consultation and make their views known. Physical copies are available at the Information Centre and a drop-in session on the 1st December 2026 in the Town Hall has been organised by the Health Board.





Parking trial outcome to be considered

Welshpool Town Council is reviewing the future of Saturday parking following the completion of its six-month trial at Church Street Car Park.

The trial ran from April to September 2026, with the Council covering parking charges to encourage visitors and support town-centre businesses. Results were positive, with 88% of surveyed users saying the scheme influenced their decision to visit Welshpool. Seven of eight businesses responding reported increased footfall, while town-centre data showed 26.6% more visits compared with equivalent Saturdays in 2025.

Councillors will consider the results and options for the future, including seasonal or year-round free Saturday parking, at the Events & Planning Committee on 4 November.

Welshpool's 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.



New Changing Places facility opens at Vicarage Gardens

Welshpool Town Council is delighted to announce the opening of a Changing Places facility at Vicarage Gardens, making the town more accessible and welcoming for residents and visitors.

The equipped facility is designed for people who cannot use a standard accessible toilet and may need space, specialist equipment or support from family members or carers. It provides a safe and dignified environment in a town-centre location.

The facility includes an overhead tracking hoist, a height-adjustable changing table, an accessible toilet and washbasin. Disposable changing mats are also available. This equipment and space will enable more people to visit Welshpool's shops, attractions, events and community facilities with confidence.

The project has been championed by Councillor Nick Howells, who played a key role in bringing the facility forward and making accessibility a priority.

Located within the public conveniences at Vicarage Gardens, the facility will benefit families, carers and visitors. Its central location will support longer, more comfortable visits and improve access to local businesses, services and events.





Council invests in specialist equipment for green space maintenance

Welshpool Town Council has invested £10,900 in specialist grounds maintenance machinery to improve the management of public green spaces across the town, funded entirely through savings within its existing budget.

The new Grillo Agrigarden Climber 10.27, purchased from local company Charlies AG & Turf, was funded through an underspend in the Council's End of Season Works budget, with no additional cost to Council Tax payers.

Responsible for approximately 65 acres of green space, the Council's Operations Team has already used the machine to tackle difficult-to-access and overgrown areas, including Maes y Dre and Burgess Lands.

The investment is helping staff work more efficiently, improve the appearance and accessibility of public spaces, and adopt a more targeted approach to vegetation management that also supports biodiversity and wildlife habitats.

Council recognised at national awards

Welshpool Town Council is celebrating after receiving five awards at the One Voice Wales National Awards 2026, recognising its work to modernise services, strengthen local democracy and support the community.

The Council received four Highly Commended awards for Governance, Digital Resources, Democratic Health and its Cost of Living initiative, together with a Commended award for the Devolution of Services or Assets.

Projects recognised included the Council's digital transformation programme, improvements to transparency and public engagement, the Welshpool Community Fridge and the transfer of the Ann Holloway Day Centre to Welshpool Community Haven.

The national awards celebrate innovation, good governance and excellence among community and town councils across Wales.





New councillor elected for Castle Ward

Welshpool Town Council is pleased to confirm that Vix Davies is the town's newest councillor representing Castle Ward, following the publication of the official Statement of Persons Nominated by the Returning Officer at Powys County Council.

As she was the only candidate, the poll scheduled for the 22nd October 2026 will not be contested and Mrs Davies has been declared elected as a community councillor for Welshpool Town Council.

Vix is well known locally for her photography business and her advocacy of women in business.

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 office@welshpooltowncouncil.gov.uk or phone 01938 553142.

Winter Festival

From 1pm
Lights switch
on at 5pm

28th November 2026

Christmas
Market
Santa's Grotto
Live
Entertainment
Food & Drink

Welshpool
Town
Centre



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 2026. Gates open at 5:30pm for a 7pm start. Food available.

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

Sat 07/11/2026 - 6:30pm
Maes y Dre
Free



Remembrance Sunday

Our annual Remembrance services will take place on Sunday 8th November 2026 in the Town Centre with a parade starting at 10:30am. A two minutes silence will also be held at 10:55am on Wednesday 11th November 2026.

Sun 08/11/2026 - 10:30am
Broad Street

Wed 11/11/2026 - 10:55am
Broad Street



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 28/11/2026 - 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.

12/12/2026 to 22/12/2026

Got an event coming up in Welshpool?

Welshpool Town Council is inviting local organisations, businesses, charities and community groups to submit their upcoming events to Visit Welshpool, our new digital platform showcasing what's happening across the town.

From markets and community fundraisers to concerts, exhibitions and family activities, we want to help residents and visitors discover everything Welshpool has to offer.

Simply visit www.visitwelshpool.org.uk and submit your event directly to the website, helping residents and visitors discover what's happening in Welshpool.

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Welshpool 10k 2027

Bringing together runners, supporters and volunteers, this popular community event celebrates fitness, wellbeing and local pride while showcasing all that Welshpool has to offer.

Sun 04/04/2027 - 9:00 am
Town Centre
adrenalinesportingevents.co.uk



Tour de France Grand Depart

Making history for the town, Welshpool will host the start of the Welsh stage of the Tour de France Grand Départ 2027, helping showcase the area to millions of viewers worldwide

Sun 04/7/2027
Town Centre
Free



Welshpool Country Music Festival

A highlight of the local events calendar, the festival brings together music lovers, visitors and local businesses, contributing to Welshpool's reputation as a welcoming destination for major events.

15/07/2027 - 18/07/2027
Powis Estates Showfield
countrywestern.org.uk

In the community

Welshpool and District Visually Impared Club meets every 2 weeks on a Tuesday between February and December at Welshpool Methodist Church from 2-4pm. More information from Secretary Pat Jones 01938 555264

Alongside the town's busy programme of community events, Ponthafren at The Armoury continues to provide a welcoming space for residents to connect, learn new skills and support their wellbeing through a varied programme of activities and groups. Contact 01938 552770

Welshpool Community Haven provides a welcoming community hub at the Ann Holloway Centre, offering activities, support services and opportunities for residents of all ages to connect, build friendships and access wellbeing support, for more information 01938 554458

Sally Gartell Academy of Dance offers ballet, tap and modern dance classes for children and adults in Welshpool, encouraging creativity, confidence and participation in the arts through a welcoming and supportive environment. Sessions are held at 1st Clive's Own Scout Headquarters & Community Centre, www.sallygartell.com

Flash Leisure Centre, located on Salop Road, offers a wide range of activities for residents of all ages and abilities. Facilities include a swimming pool, gym, fitness classes, indoor sports and outdoor activities, including adventure golf and an all-weather pitch. The centre also provides swimming lessons, children's activities and programmes for older adults. For more information, contact 01938 555952 or visit www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/centres/flash-leisure-centre.

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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 Information Centre next to Church Street Car Park or visit www.visitwelshpool.org.uk.















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.



Patchwork Catt

Tarot readings, palmistry, crystals and gemstones.



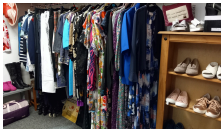
Grandma's Shop

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.



The Coffee Corner

Selling hot and cold drinks, together with pre-packed snacks.



2nd Hand Land

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



Sue's Stall

Seasonal local produce, books, fairtrade clothing and more.



Handy Fruit & Veg

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



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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