

Biodiveristy Projects

- **Mid Well and West St Pool**—The site has now been opened up and the public has access all the way to the Ancient Well. It can be a bit boggy if it rains so make sure to wear suitable footwear. Thanks to Plant Llantwit for their help planting the hedgerows which were kindly donated to us by the Vale Local Nature Partnership. Plans are going ahead to further improve the area.
- **Stradling Park**— We have planted a small apple orchard and installed bird and bat boxes. Thanks again to the Vale Local Nature Partnership and Plant Llantwit. Also you might have a seen a closed off area in the park. Thanks to SMK Contractors for clearing the area and installing a fence, their generosity has enabled us to proceed with our plans to create a Community Garden, where we will be growing vegetables, create a sensory garden, hold workshops. This will be a community led project.
- **Volunteering**—From September we If you are interested in volunteering in the Stradling Park Community Garden. Please contact us at the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Improvements in the Town

- **The Town Hall Clock** has been refurbished and is back in the clock tower. Plans to have the chime restored are under way
- **The Blue Plaques** have been restored and or replaced thanks to a grant received from the Stronger Communities Fund
- **Digital Notice Board**—Hopefully you have noticed the Digital Notice Board in the Precinct. We are displaying community events and news. Information on local support groups. If you have any of the above that you would like advertised on the board please contact us at the town hall.
- **Small Grants**— Every year the Town Council gives small cash grants to local organisations as a small reward for all their hard work and dedication, to also help towards keeping the good work they do going. Through applications we helped: **These3Streams, Llantwit Major Chamber Music Festival, Llanilltud in Flower, More in Common Llantwit Major, Valeplus, Llantwit Major 10k, Llantwit Major Christmas Committee**

Weddings and Event Room Hire

Since 2018 the Town Council is licenced to allow civic wedding ceremonies to take place in the Council Chamber, at the back of the Old School. We have seen many happy couples tie the knot! Less than 200 meters from the Old School is the Town Hall Building, an ideal location for the wedding reception/ evening entertainment, holding a maximum capacity of 100. The Town Council hold a music and alcohol licence for the venue. The Town Hall has also been a popular place to hold parties, family and group celebrations, thus providing Llantwit Major with a venue to hold functions, in the heart of the community, at cost effective prices.

We have availability for 23/24, please contact the Town Council for more information.

<https://www.yourvaleceremony.co.uk/>



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LLANTWIT MAJOR TOWN COUNCIL
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A Message from the Town Mayor

I would like to thank Llantwit Major Town Councillors for putting their faith in me and electing me as Town Mayor. Llantwit Major has been my home for over 60 years so for someone who was born, educated and work in the town it is a privilege to take on this prestigious roll. I have seen the town grow and evolve into the wonderful place that it is today and as Mayor I will do my best to see that it continues to be an amazing place to live. As a town council we are tasked with preserving the towns heritage and its assets but we must also look to the future and to new projects that will enhance the town. The environment and its bio-diversity is a passion of mine and something I am hoping I can look to improve in the town. I have recently attended Barry and Cowbridge Town Councils Civic services representing Llantwit Major. It was interesting to meet other Mayors and Dignitaries and to discuss ways in which all the towns can work together for their benefit. Place-making is a new project that will involve all town councils in the Vale and something look out for. As Mayor you also get some fun things to do, so it was an absolute pleasure be asked to judge the fancy dress competition at the “Great get together Teddy bears picnic.” Everyone was a winner! I was also invited to the performance of Les Miserable at Llantwit Major Comprehensive. What an amazing performance! The students were a credit to the school, their parents, and the town of Llantwit Major. Well done to everyone involved in helping make this a huge success. Over the coming year I have a few events lined up to raise money for my nominated charity Faceup Cymru. These including a Garden Party in August and a Carol Service (in a barn with farm animals) in December. The Towns Civic Service is also to be held on Sunday 15th October. I am looking forward to keeping you updated in future newsletters.

Cllr. David Powell
Councillor David Powell, Mayor of Llantwit Major.



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD 2023
WINNER

The award for Citizen of the Year 2023 was presented to Toni Marley. After stepping forward to volunteer In 2019 Toni has worked extremely hard with only a small team of helpers to raise money through sponsorship and other ingenious ideas so that the new illuminations could be purchased and installed. Each year the Christmas displays have got bigger and better and has re-introduced lantern parade. Putting on the towns Christmas illumination display and event takes a full year of planning, even though Toni has a full time job. Many early morning and late evening to get the job done and without Toni Llantwit Major would not ‘sparkle’ each Christmas.



YOUNG CITIZEN OF
THE YEAR AWARD
2023 WINNER

The Winner of Young Citizen of Year Award was presented to Jacob Marsh. Jacob is 12 years old and was born with a corotation of the Aorta and undertook heart surgery at 11 weeks old. Jacob is still monitored annually. Jacobs has taken upon himself to raise as much money and awareness as possible for the British Heart Foundation. For all his outstanding efforts, challenges and huge amounts of money raised he has also been awarded Bro Radios ‘Young Person’ of the Year. and in Dec 22 by British Heart Foundations ‘Young Heart Heroes’ Award which he received at a London ceremony. Da lawn Jacob!



School Garden Competition

On the 21st June a lovely morning was spent visiting 2 local school gardens—Gillybeans and Ysgol Gymraeg Dewi Sant. The local Councillors met with the children who gave us a guided tour showing us all their hardwork. Gillybeans theme was the King's Coronation and Ysgol Dewi Sant's theme was Biodiversity. Both were excellent and received a basket of garden equipment from the Town Council.



Llantwit Major Food & Drink Festival

On the weekend of 10th and 11th June the Town Council held it's very first food & drink Festival. This ran alongside the 'These3Streams' literacy festival. The weekend was a huge success and was well supported by the community, we had 10 different traders over the weekend supplying plenty of different options. Plans are already going ahead for next year's. We cannot wait!



Citizen of the Year Award Winners 2023



Town Council—What do we do?

We provide more services than any other Town or Community Council in the Vale of Glamorgan area. Alongside holding various events. We are also responsible for :-

The Bowling Green and Pavilion, The Tennis Courts and Pavilion, The Llantonian Hall, The Town Hall, The Old School, The Under 10s play area, The Recreation Ground and the play area and adult fitness equipment, Seaview Park, Lorna Hughes Park, Stradling Park, The Allotments and the Cemetery.

We are not responsible for potholes in the road, defective pavements or refuse collections but these can be reported to the Vale Council on 700111 or via the Vale of Glamorgan website