

# Community News

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The Community News is an information service from PACDG - the Presteigne Area Community Development Group  
"Working Together For Our Community"

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- if you have any questions on what's happening - or not happening - in our community, do let us know and we'll do our best to provide an answer, or at least point you in the right direction - email the Editor
  - please email us if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents, including local area job opportunities
  - if you need assistance in any way, email us and we'll pass on your message to people who can help.
- ...AND IF YOU NEED TO CHECK BACK ON PAST ISSUES FOR INFORMATION, YOU CAN SEE THESE (along with lots of other good information) ON THE TOWN WEBSITE [www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar](http://www.presteigne.org.uk/calendar)

**...from Public Health Wales / County Times.** Updated figures from Public Health Wales show exactly where coronavirus is on the rise within the Powys community. It shows Welshpool still has the highest number of cases in Montgomeryshire and Radnorshire but the areas of the county with the fastest rising number of cases is Llanfair Caereinion and Caersws, followed by Machynlleth and Four Crosses. *(ed. but also very concerning figures for the wider Knighton/ Presteigne area !!)* See [https://www.countytimes.co.uk/news/18870340.coronavirus-powys-breakdown-cases/?fbclid=IwAR2mNRaX-r2rTqOM7rw3Gxfg4ancuEvnYiyGuXbcQOnMdWEs\\_k2zs2KRUws](https://www.countytimes.co.uk/news/18870340.coronavirus-powys-breakdown-cases/?fbclid=IwAR2mNRaX-r2rTqOM7rw3Gxfg4ancuEvnYiyGuXbcQOnMdWEs_k2zs2KRUws)

**...information from Cllr Bev Baynham.** Received a briefing from Powys County Council this morning showing numbers of Covid cases have started to show a decline from the peak we reached two weeks ago. Although we must not be complacent early indications are showing having a short sharp lockdown has helped bring cases down. Please do continue to take all precautions so we can try to get on top of Covid in our area. Don't forget, if you've been told to isolate you may be entitled to claim £500 compensation. Click this link for more information <https://en.powys.gov.uk/article/9957/Isolation-payments>

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** Rural communities are being urged to be on their guard for Coronavirus and follow social distancing guidelines to slow the spread of the virus. Recent increases in cases in Powys have been linked to social contact in rural settings including sites associated with agriculture and farming, resulting in numbers of residents having to self-isolate. We all share a personal responsibility to controlling the spread of the virus. The situation can change very quickly. By following Welsh Government guidance, we can help keep Powys safe. Our Test Trace Protect team here in Powys is working tirelessly to ensure that positive cases are contact traced, and that symptomatic contacts are offered testing. If you are identified as a confirmed contact, our Powys contact tracing team will call you from 02921 961133. If you are called by a contact tracer, please help them in their vital work to Keep Powys Safe.

**...from the Town Clerk. Latest planning applications in:**

20/1861/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331380 N: 264567 Proposal: Application for works to a holly tree (to fell) in a conservation area Location: Land Rear Of Greystones, 2 St David's Street, Presteigne.  
20/1862/TRE Grid Ref: E: 331380 N: 264567 Proposal: Application for works to a tree (yew tree) in a conservation area Location: Greystones, 2 St David's Street, Presteigne.  
To be considered at the November meeting of the Town Council.

**...from Steph.** Can anyone help me please ? I am looking for a Jack Russell puppy, needs to be micro chipped or vaccinated. If you can assist, please email or call Steph. Thanks [stephvanezi@gmail.com](mailto:stephvanezi@gmail.com) 01544 260747

**...from Colin at Connect.** Presteigne Connect, working on behalf of the Town Council, are hoping to put the Christmas lights up in Presteigne High Street, Broad Street and Hereford Street on the weekend of the 21st/22nd of November. We usually start at 1pm on the Saturday afternoon and it takes 2-3hours. There will be some disruption as the cherry picker works it's way along; starting outside the library, moving into Hereford St, then Broad St and finally coming up the High St against the direction of the traffic. We will have marshals to manage pedestrians and traffic. We need to ensure that there are sufficient marshals to control traffic and keep pedestrians safe, particularly regarding social distancing. Anyone who is willing to help, please contact Colin Felgate via email: [high.lea@btinternet.com](mailto:high.lea@btinternet.com)

## SCAM ALERT

**...from Sal at Wild Card Tattoos.** I would like to make you aware of yet another spam doing the rounds, this time via text message saying it's from Lloyds bank and that you have just registered a new device to your online banking. The number it was sent from is [07534834717](tel:07534834717). *(ed. don't open the text, report including the number, and delete.)* Thanks Sal

**UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET** (local businesses are still adapting to local restrictions - best to check information on websites or Facebook pages)

**...from Deli Tinto.** Our new sign, looking fab, finished and hung today adds a finishing touch to the Deli's new paintwork. Thanks Owen Rimington and Nick Close. We're very happy with the new look!

**...from Weobley Ash.** Regardless of the weather you'll be dry at Weobley Ash Meats, the marquee is up for Christmas shopping and loading. We don't have a valet service but we do guarantee a smile. Open from 9-4 Monday to Saturday or call 01544 598120 to book a home delivery

**...from Pauline at Pear Care Services.** Hi everyone I have many years experience in the Care sector and decided to go alone, feel free to get in touch if you or someone you care for needs some help to stay at home , I also help with befriending, shopping, dog walking home help , I look forward to hearing from you. 07805 282462 or email [pearcare20@yahoo.com](mailto:pearcare20@yahoo.com)

**...from Amanda's Bread.** We have a full range of cakes, vegan pasties and preserves available this week. Please order asap for delivery to Presteigne area on Saturday 21st November, thank you. Email [asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com](mailto:asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com) for full product list and to order.

**...from Weobley Ash Meats & Farm Shop.** With 5 & 1/2 weeks till Christmas we are working hard to ensure you have the quality meats and vegetables you require. We have 2 weeks to take guaranteed orders on turkey, poultry & gammon joints or hams. You can view our Christmas order forms on our website [www.weobleyash.co.uk](http://www.weobleyash.co.uk) or call into our store to collect.

**...from Leon's Thai Food to Order.** See our FB page for the full takeaway menu. Order Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday for collection from The Salty Dog in the High Street on Thursday, Friday and Saturday respectively. To order email [thesaltydogpresteigne@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:thesaltydogpresteigne@hotmail.co.uk) or call 01544 262164 or 07805727486

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION

**...from Presteigne Repair & Skill Share.** Our next session is on Saturday 21st November under cover (with usual virus precautions) in the garden of the Radnorshire Arms (unless the weather is really really bad!). Please wear a face covering. There are 4 good reasons to fix stuff: money, environment, climate change AND... satisfaction. So bring your broken things & our clever volunteers will do their best to fix them (or if not possible on the day, may take them away to be repaired for later collection). Small electricals, hoovers, lamps, heaters, anything to be glued, sharpened or fixed. Don't bin it - fix it!

**...from Cath at Walton Village Hall.** There will be a book and jigsaw swap at Walton Hall on Saturday 5th December from 2pm until 4pm. Then another swap on Wednesday 9th December from 10am until noon.

**...from Leon's Supper Club.** Put in your Diary for our Thai Nights on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th December. 7pm. Four courses £25. See our FB page for the full menu, call 01544 267720 or 07805727486

**...from Presteigne Carnival about the Christmas "Presteigne's Best Dressed Christmas House Competition"** (outside only). In the poetic words of our Chair, Debbie: *Christmas time is coming....And in these times of gloom....We've decided to add some sparkle....In a meeting we had on Zoom!....Dress up your house for Christmas ....We really don't mind how....Christmas lights, bunting, baubles....Make your decorations wow!....Bring some cheer to Presteigne....Brighten up your street....Put a smile on people's faces....Go on, give us a treat!* Free entry - donations to a local charity of your choice if desired. Entries to be made either through Messenger on Carnival FB page or by ringing [07766152000](tel:07766152000). 1st Prize - Christmas Hamper. Entries will be judged on Sunday, 20th December. We'll be publishing a map of entries in the week leading up to judging so that people can walk around and view. So what are you waiting for? Start planning and shopping for your Xmas lights, animated snowman, flashing Rudolph and twinkly trees !!!

**...from The Hub, New Radnor.** See our FB page for our Halloween & Autumn photo parade. Thanks to all who submitted their pictures. We hope you all enjoy the show.

**...from Anna & Kington Arts & Crafts Markets.** Perfect Shopping for Christmas! Has the lockdown upset your Christmas shopping plans? Are you "not finished yet" with your Christmas shopping or perhaps still in need of inspiration or the perfect gift for that special person? Never fear! Look no further! Kington Arts and Crafts Market is the answer! We have two more dates, in December, which are the perfect opportunity to do your post-lockdown Christmas shopping in a safe and friendly environment: just right for all your Christmas shopping, seasonal decoration and festive needs! The December dates are: Saturday 12th December and Saturday 19th December. All our stalls feature genuinely handcrafted products, including: Cards for all occasions, Potter, Handcrafted ironware, Alpaca products, Artist, Woodturning, Felting, Papercrafts, Knitted and crocheted garments, Wax melts, Sewn products, Wildlife fine arts, Range of different crafts. We are delighted to support local artists and craftspeople. There is something for everyone, with items to suit all budgets. Ideal "hunting ground" for all your Christmas presents, festive season and home decor needs. Don't delay! Come and see us at Kington Market Hall and Place de Marines from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on the above dates (government restrictions permitting). All welcome! Please join us as we prepare for the festive season. All necessary Covid-19 precautions in place.

**...from Presteigne Freegle.** "What would I do without Freegle?"#Reuse is not just about keeping stuff out of the bin, it's also a way to be kind to others in your local community and spread some warm and fuzzy! On #WorldKindnessDay whether you have stuff to give away or could benefit from receiving free things please do download our free sharing app here <http://ow.ly/X7Jz50CjtRF>... [See more](#)

**...from Heart of Wales Line.** Concessionary Travel Passes are valid on the Heart of Wales Line for free travel between October and March, this also applies to the rail replacement bus service when trains are not running. <https://tfwrail.wales/ticket-types/concessionary-travel>

**...update from Transport for Wales Rail effective from 14th November.** The Heart of Wales timetable can be found here <https://bit.ly/3kAaELf>. Please check your journey before travelling by visiting <https://bit.ly/2UyJMk1>.

N.B. from Saturday 14 November until further notice: HoW transport service will be provided by bus: Swansea to/from Llanwrtyd (Monday - Saturday), Swansea to/from Llandrindod (Sunday)

**...from Powys CC.** Self-isolation payments available for low income workers. People told to self-isolate for up to 14 days will be eligible for financial support from the Welsh Government if they are on low incomes. Eligible individuals can receive a £500 fixed payment if they have tested positive for coronavirus, or if they are asked to self-isolate by the Test Trace Protect service because they are a contact of someone with the virus. The payment is available to people who are unable to work from home and cannot afford to self-isolate for two weeks. To qualify, you must be self-isolating and in receipt of Universal Credit or another specified benefit. The £500 self-isolation payments can be applied for on the council's website from 3pm on Monday 16 November. More information can be found here: <https://crowd.in/5pNmHb>

**...from Maggie and RightToRoam.** Right To Roam is campaigning to extend the Countryside & Rights of Way (CROW) Act so that it covers more of the countryside as well as more activities, both on land and water. They are campaigning to see Right to Roam extended to woodlands, all downland (much is currently still excluded), Green Belt land, rivers and riverbanks in England and Wales (Scotland already has this right!). We'd also like to see access rights broadened beyond rambling to include a right to kayak, swim, and wild camp. This campaign is about sharing. Sharing the NHS, the Natural Health Services, that the countryside brings for everyone not just a very few landowners. Go to <https://www.righttoroam.org.uk/>

**...from Powys Teaching Health Board.** We want to hear your views about pharmacy services in Powys. Find out more and complete our survey at: <https://www.pccevents.co.uk/pcc/frontend/xt/xtTsurveyPage.csp?pageID=1301415>. The survey closes on 13 December 2020.

**...from The Bleddfa Centre.** The current exhibition with David Mullin and Siwan Gillick, is both viewable in person and on our website, via the virtual tour, if you're unable to visit in person. [bleddfacentre.org](http://bleddfacentre.org)

**...from Powys CC. Junior School Admissions – Apply Online Now.** Do you need to apply for a place at a Junior School in September 2021? If so, the Junior School Admission Round for learners born between 01/09/2013 – 31/08/2014 is now open. Parents/Carers need to complete an online application at [en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place](http://en.powys.gov.uk/article/1158/Applying-for-a-School-Place). Applications need to be made by the deadline of Friday 4 December 2020. Junior Common Offer Date is Friday 16 April 2021. If you are unable to apply online please contact [admissions@powys.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@powys.gov.uk)

**...from Freegle/Eden Project.** Coming up 20-21 November via @edencommunities. The #FestivalOfDiscovery is all about exploring what a better future might look like – for individuals, communities and our planet. See <https://thefestivalofdiscovery.com>. This is a virtual festival and is designed to connect people from across the UK through lively discussions, fun demonstrations and inspiring stories covering topics from climate change and food security to inclusive communities, wellbeing, resilience and much more! Wander round the virtual Eden Project festival grounds from the comfort of your own home and sign up for whatever you fancy – it's all FREE with new acts being added every week! Hear what Eddie Izzard has to say about making humanity great again, find out the five things Jo Brand has discovered about life and get the blood pumping with Mr Motivator to name but a few of our fantastic festival acts. Join the conversation now.

## LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**...from Powys CC.** We are looking to recruit around 40 contact tracers and 60 contact tracing advisors. To find out more about the jobs that are on offer go to: <https://recruitment.powys.gov.uk/> Powys County Council Jobs

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