

BAGILLT COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Chairman's Comments

Welcome to the third Bagillt Community newsletter, which is the first since I was elected Chairman in May 2008, a position I will hold for 12 months. I hope you will enjoy reading the content. This is my second term as Chairman of the Council having been a Councillor since 1990. I was born in Bagillt and have always lived in the community. I work locally in Flint and have for a number of years served as a governor of Ysgol Merllyn.

Following positive feedback from local residents, the Community Council has decided to continue producing a further edition. We will continue to share information on services, other organisations and update contacts following the recent County and Community Council elections. In this edition we will also welcome our new Community Policeman, Chris Byron and update you on his work within the community as well as informing the public about summer play schemes and the arrangements for the Community Caretaker.

Since the last newsletter a new notice board has been provided at the Community Centre in the High Street. Organisations wishing to use this facility or either of the other two notice boards at the car park, High Street and Riverbank, can contact the key holders listed on the respective boards. Unfortunately the Council have had to discontinue the provision of hanging baskets in the High Street for 2008, as it has not been possible to arrange appropriate watering arrangements. It is intended to re-introduce this facility in 2009 with the purchase of a water bowser and hopefully recruit volunteers from the village to undertake the regular watering needed in the summer months.

Following on from the excellent improvement scheme undertaken by the Bagillt Heritage Society at the War Memorial in the High Street, the Council have agreed to provide a metal bench to compliment the new railings and to match those in the centre of the village. The Heritage Society will also provide a similar bench.

Collin Williams

The newsletter is distributed free - volunteers will be delivering copies to many properties in Bagillt and others will be available at the Branch Library, Post Offices at High Street and Boot Garage, Bagillt Road and Costcutter, High Street as well as the Council website.

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Focus on a local service - Community Caretaker Arrangements in Bagillt

This is a scheme whereby the Community Council "buys in" the services of an Estate Caretaker from Flintshire County Council for one week per month to undertake agreed duties solely within Bagillt. It has been operating for a number of years utilising a specific week each month, but the caretaker's duties are now being undertaken over a two week period of two and three days respectively on agreed weeks in the month.

The system enhances other County services in the community with particular reference to litter picking and removing other rubbish, as well as more frequent emptying of litter bins. It also provides the Council with a method of maintaining and repairing street furniture in the village such as bus shelters and benches' as well as having a method of tidying up areas with no apparent ownership and ensuring the removal of graffiti.

The Estate Caretaker can also undertake tasks at private sector housing for those who are elderly or disabled and who have no other help available at no labour cost. Examples of such tasks would be repairing fencing, cleaning guttering subject to the height, hedge and grass cutting and removal of rubbish. Anyone wishing to be considered for this service should contact one of the Council Members listed on the final page of this newsletter who will arrange for the Clerk to get in touch with the Estate Caretaker to see if and when assistance can be given.

Flintshire Citizens Advice Bureaux (CABx) - Opening/Contact/Advice

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| Holywell CAB The Old Library, Post Office Lane Holywell CH5 7LH | 01352 711262 | Open: Tuesday & Friday 10.00 am to 2.30 pm |
| Mold CAB The Annexe, Terrig House Chester Street, Mold CH7 1 EG | 01352753520 | Open: Monday, & Thursday 10.00 to 2.30 pm |
| Deeside CAB Cable Street, Connaahs Quay Deeside CH5 4DZ | 01244 846700 | Open: Monday to Friday 10.00 am to 2.30 pm |

Flint Bureau is closed due to disrepair and has been relocated to the Deeside Bureau. The Family Matters Service in partnership with Sure Start provides information and advice to improve quality of life for families in Flintshire who have children under the age of 4 years. CABx want to ensure people can access good quality information and advice to enable them to make informed choices about issues affecting their lives. The Family Matters Service provides information on Welfare Benefits and Tax Credits, Employment, Housing, Debt and Family and Personal issues.

If you would like to speak to someone, please contact your local CABx. Alternatively if you have a family with children under the age of 4 living in Bagillt Boot End who you think may benefit from accessing the Family Matters Service please contact 01352 706840 and ask to speak to the Family Matters Caseworker.

County Summer Playschemes Programme - 21st July - 22nd August 2008

This scheme is provided in partnership with Bagillt Community Council for children aged 5-12 years and will run from Monday to Friday on the above dates on the following sites in Bagillt :-

Victoria Road - 10.30am to 12.30 pm Merllyn C.P. School 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm

The play-work team for 2008 will be Alex Jones, Sian Jones and Amy Marsh
Flintshire is the only authority to provide a County wide scheme in partnership with Town and Community Councils and the Welsh Assembly Government. The scheme does not provide a formal "childcare" provision but "free-play" opportunities will be provided for children to participate in informal, spontaneous, creative, physical and social play. All play schemes are free of charge and all play workers will have undertaken a full enhanced CRB and reference process and had training. Parents are required to complete a parental/carer consent form. Flintshire are committed to providing play opportunities for all children to enable both disabled and non-disabled to play together. The Buddy scheme is in its 4th year and has enabled us to work closely with families to enable children with disabilities to access their local play provision. All enquiries to the Play Unit on 01352 703456.

Focus on a local person - Chris Byron, Community Police Officer

Chris joined North Wales Police in 1997 having previously been a special constable based at Flint. He has served in Wrexham, Mold and Deeside and worked with CID and major enquiry investigation. Having grown up in the Boot End, Chris became the Community Officer for Bagillt in April. It was an area he had long wished to work again and a role in which he could take up the challenge of community policing and enhance his modern policing experience.

Chris has visited numerous local businesses and built up a relationship with local residents with problems of disorderly behaviour, motorcycles on the foreshore and speeding directly tackled. Numerous off road motorcyclists have been issued with warning notices with failure to comply resulting in seizure of the machines. Operation Global has been set up to identify juvenile nuisance areas including alcohol abuse. He is continuing the audit on environmental issues and tackling them with the assistance of local authorities. Feedback from residents has identified parking on pavements, speeding and usage of Tyddyn Messham as issues. In his aim to provide assurance as well as deter crime Chris is looking into the supply and usage of drugs in the village.



Neighbourhood discussion forums will be held at the library and the Walwen community hut. Details will be posted on notice boards and in the press. Chris can be contacted on 07986 172294 or chris.byron@nthwales.pnn.policeuk

Council Contacts

The Council has 14 Community Councillors in 2 wards with 7 members for each who are elected for a 4 year term of office which will cease in May 2012. Each of the members listed below can be contacted by telephone (01352).

East Ward

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| Robert Davies | 732189 |
| Andrew Griffiths | 730618 |
| Kevin Jones | 733191 |
| Norma Jones | 733944 |
| Stephen Manfredi | 735966 |
| Collin Williams | 763318 |
| Jane Williams | 763318 |

West Ward

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| Brian Doleman | 712558 |
| Sandra Jones | 714756 |
| Christopher Owens | 715531 |
| Michael Reece | 712983 |
| Caradoc Williams | 711110 |
| Josiah Williams | 714121 |
| Terence Withington | 713085 |

The Clerk to the Council is Gareth Roberts of 5, Ffordd Owain, Acton, Wrexham LL12 8JL. Tel. No. is 01978 354617 and by e-mail to gareth.roberts57@virgin.net or to

County Councillors

There are two County Councillors for the Community Council area elected for a 4 year term of office which will cease in May 2012. Each of the members listed below can be contacted by telephone (01352).

Bagillt East Electoral Division

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| Norma Jones | 733944 |
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Bagillt West Electoral Division

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| Michael Reece | 712983 |
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Councillor Reece holds surgeries on the third Saturday in the month at 10.00 am to 11.30 am at Beechcroft, Highfield Road and at 11.30 am to 1.00 pm at Trem Afon, Boot End.

Dates of Future Council meetings

The remaining Council meetings for 2008 will be held as follows commencing at 7.00 pm (August and December are recess months) Public are invited to attend and have the opportunity at the commencement to comment on any agenda item subject to time constraints.

Friday 10th September at Ysgol Glan Aber : Friday 14th October at Ysgol Merllyn

Friday 1 3th November an Ysgol Glan Aber

Useful Emergency Telephone Numbers

Highways - 01352 757422 or 01352 713917: Water- 0800 281432: Flintshire County Council out of office hours - 01352 752121