

I hope that the gratitude we have all expressed is not forgotten as the pressure lessens. It is a service that we should never take for granted and again I thank every member of NHS staff for the selfless work they have done.

And of course, the gratitude extends across countless organisations and sectors who have contributed and supported - the police, care workers, retail, transport, utilities, charities and so many more.

In this edition of Newport Matters you'll read about some of the excellent work done across our partnerships – and this is definitely a legacy of the crisis – the ability to come together for the benefit of the many.

Although we are far from returning to normal, and what normal will look like in the future is still to be determined, we are starting to see some restrictions lifted and services reinstated.

Welsh Government has been very clear that restrictions and social distancing will remain in place for some time, but bit-by-bit we will be able to return to some of our common activities.

Rather than simply staying home to save lives, we are now aiming to stay safe, stay local and protect Wales.

I want to reassure residents that our aim is to reopen services as soon as possible, but only when it is safe for customers and

Over the last few months, our staff and partners have been working tirelessly to deliver essential services for our residents. Once again, I would like to thank them and all workers who have and continue to help us get through these difficult times.

Importantly, I would also like to thank all our Newport residents for their support and co-operation during this challenging period.

Communities have come together to support each other; in the whole, there has been a positive appreciation of why services have been reduced; and by staying home and now staying local, you have played your part in slowing the spread of Covid-19.

The NHS has undoubtedly shown its worth in the way it has responded to biggest health crisis in modern history.



staff, and only with measures that will support the ongoing fight against Covid-19.

We have set out our strategic recovery plan which details what we are prioritising and why, and more details about our plans. You can read more on the council website.

Again, in this edition of Newport Matters you can read more about some of the changes we are making to allow services to resume, plus the support we are giving to businesses and organisations to help them get back on track.

The economic recovery of our city is very important.

I am proud that we have provided advice to thousands of local businesses, large and small, and administered financial support to help them get through this challenging period.

Again, my thanks go out to all that have contributed to the crisis response, have heeded the advice and stayed home or at a distance, and to everyone who is now helping us get back on track.

Councillor Jane Mudd,
Leader of Newport City Council

CORRECT AT TIME OF PRESS

Our aim is always to provide you with the most accurate and up-to-date information in Newport Matters. However, things are moving so rapidly at the moment, it is likely some things may have changed before we hit your doormat.

Please always check www.newport.gov.uk for the latest information.



SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES

The council has been working hard to support the city's businesses through this difficult period.

As well as helping to distribute grants and rate relief, it also published a directory on the website of businesses trading during the crisis to help residents

shop local. Coronavirus (Covid-19) support is available to employers and the self-employed through loans, tax relief and cash grants.

To get the latest information on the help available, and return to work guidance for businesses, visit www.newport.gov.uk/business

CITY CENTRE GRANTS

Grants for projects that would bring derelict and underused properties back into use are available from the council.

Funding has been made available thanks to the Welsh Government's targeted regeneration investment programme.

Properties in and around High Street have been designated as a priority and grants are available up to March next year.

Financial support is available for physical improvements that will bring a property back into use and create jobs. Another fund targets vacant or underused space above commercial properties that could be converted into new homes.

Applications for both individual and schemes that combine both objectives are welcome. For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/business

2004 £25m £17m 4500 200



2004 business rate grants paid.



£25m paid out in grants to businesses.



£17m rate relief awarded.



Financial support information provided to over 4,500 businesses.



200 businesses registered as trading through lockdown on our website.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED US

Newport City Council is extremely grateful to the many businesses and organisations that stepped in to help directly and with the delivery of assistance to our communities.

They include Tiny Rebel; Pill Unity; Pill Harriers RFC; TK Maxx; Lidl, Pill; Newport Live; Newport Food Bank; Raven House; King's Church; Tesco Risca; M4 Driving School; Pobl; Bettws RFC; Newport Civil Service FC; Admiral; Bettws in Bloom; Sainsbury's; the Trussell Trust.

We would like to thank all of those who have gone the extra mile to help at a time of such great need.



DEBENHAMS

Newport City Council agreed measures to assist Debenhams with its non-domestic rates for the rest of this financial year to give them time to conclude a rating review.



Unlike most city centre shops, Debenhams was not covered by the new Welsh Government retail, leisure and hospitality rate relief scheme.

Constructive discussions between council leader Councillor Jane Mudd, senior officers and the company meant Debenhams was able to commit to reopening in the city centre.

Chairman Mark Gifford thanked the council for its support.

"All retailers are facing great challenges as a result of Covid-19, but Newport is an important market for us and we look forward to welcoming our customers back to the store soon."

HELPING CHILDREN AT A TIME OF CRISIS

Over the past year, Save the Children has been working closely with local primary schools, parents, Newport City Council and other organisations to improve early learning outcomes for children in Bettws.

During the coronavirus crisis, the Early Learning Communities programme helped provide basic essentials to families such as food packages, early learning resources containing toys and books, hygiene and cleaning kits, baby bundles and provision for digital access.

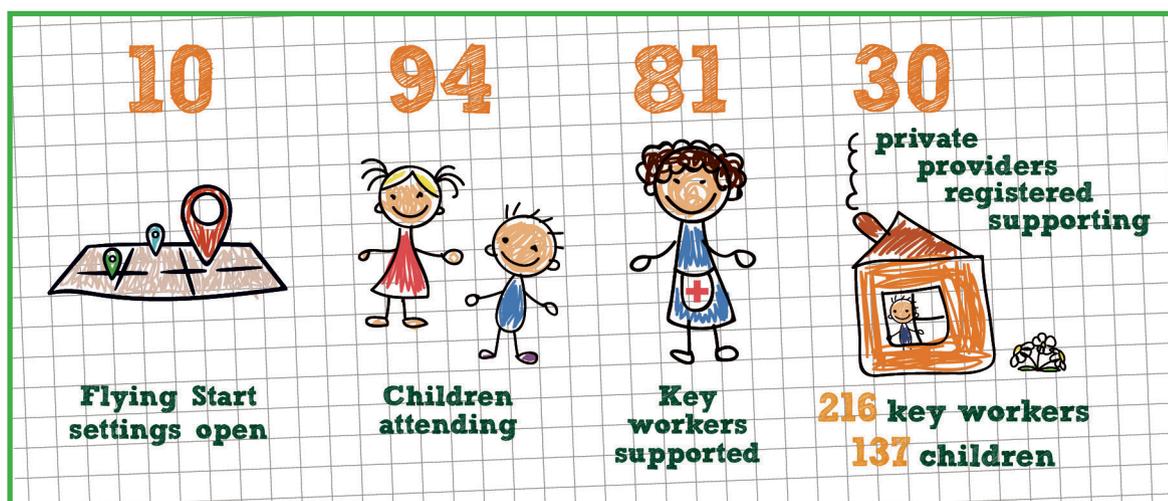
Packs were funded by the Moondance Foundation and there were also donations from Book Trust, Designed to Smile, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and Care4humanity.

Councillor David Mayer, cabinet member for community and resources, added: "We were pleased to be part of the pioneering Early

Learning Communities programme that brings together a range of organisations to focus on improving children's lives.

This coordinated approach has meant we have all been able to work together to distribute essential supplies to families during these

unprecedented times. I would like to thank all those involved in providing this support which was undoubtedly a lifeline to some."



MUSEUMS AND HERITAGE SERVICE UPDATE

Newport's heritage service, like others, has been affected by the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, not least by not being able to open either the Newport Ship, Museum and Art Gallery, or the Transporter Bridge to visitors.

Work is ongoing behind the scenes to develop all three sites in the event that we are able to reopen, while also seeking to engage the people of Newport and beyond through our digital channels.

In the Ship Centre, we have used lockdown as a chance to redevelop the displays and exhibits, as well as remodelling several sections of the interior of the building, and a number of research projects that will help with the ship rebuilding process are ongoing.

The biggest impact that the pandemic has had on the Transporter Bridge is that we have had to keep the site closed.

Work is still going on behind the scenes on our stage 2 submission to the National Lottery Heritage Fund for a grant to help fund the construction of the new visitor centre and restoration of the bridge.

As part of that, we continue to ask residents to consider donating to our online fundraising page. www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/newporttransporterbridge1

Every little helps, even if it's just the price of a journey across the bridge, as we look to secure the future of the city's most famous structure.



SOAK UP SOME CULTURE AT HOME

The museum and art gallery may have been shut during the Covid-19 pandemic but it was still possible to soak up some culture from the safety of the home.

The council's biodiversity and education officer, Lucy Arnold-Matthews, created a series of educational videos on her YouTube channel to teach children about the things they can see and do in their own back garden.

Originally put together for her children and nieces and nephews to keep them occupied during lockdown, the council developed these into a mini series of episodes and shared on Facebook and Twitter.

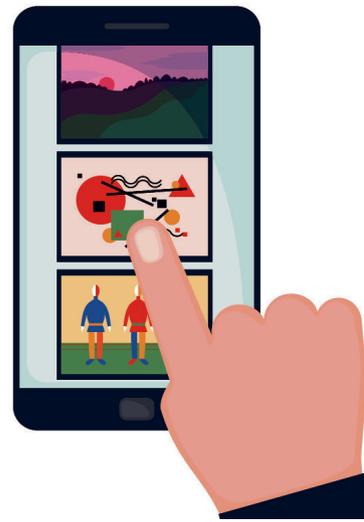
The episodes were initially run every other day from Thursday 21 May, over the bank holiday weekend and throughout May half term. They were then followed by a weekly episode every Saturday morning at 10am.

To see all episodes visit www.youtube.com/watch?v=hQfxYe6UIF8

It was possible to enjoy online an exhibition that should have been on display in the art gallery, for example.

Newport College of Art 40 Years On celebrates an amazing generation of students and tutors at the prestigious Newport College of Art.

The exhibition is still available to view, visit www.newport40yearson.org.uk



BACK GARDEN BIODIVERSITY



ALTERNATIVE WAYS WE'VE SUPPORTED CULTURE

The Covid-19 pandemic has placed major challenges on the city's cultural activity. The council has been working to support culture in a number of alternative ways during this period, including:

- Promoting the online library services that residents can still access whilst our library buildings are closed
- Working behind the scenes across our museums and heritage sites to get them ready for such time when they can reopen

- Submitting bids to Welsh Government's Covid-19 Active Travel pop-up fund
- Staff taking to YouTube to deliver content while in lockdown



LIBRARY SERVICES

During lockdown we've been working to enhance our eBook offer and put in place plans for a request and collect service at some of our larger libraries.

Don't forget, residents can also join and access books, magazines and audiobooks online.

You can also use your Newport libraries membership to access a range of information resources, family heritage sites and educational tools.

For the latest updates visit www.newport.gov.uk/libraries



ANCESTRY AT HOME

Newport Libraries is able to offer free home access to the Ancestry.com library edition at the moment.

You will need a valid library membership card to log in online and start digging into your family history!

If you are over 16 you can join Newport Libraries today by completing the online form. For more information visit www.newport.gov.uk/libraries.



FOSTER NEWPORT

In May, we joined forces with our colleagues in Gwent to recognise the vital work of our foster carers with a social media campaign marking Foster Care Fortnight.

Newport City Council wants more people to become our foster carers and look after Newport children.

Councillor Paul Cockeram, cabinet member for social services, said:

“We hold our foster carers in the highest regard, the work they do with children and young people is so important and we cannot thank them enough.

As we would have expected, they have all continued providing a loving and secure home for the children and young people during these challenging times.

We need more people who can open their homes and their hearts to care for our children, so they can stay in the city.

Almost anyone, of any age, can foster and our team will make sure they have all the training and support that is required.”

FOSTER NEWPORT

LATEST NEWS AND INFO

Over the last few months we have seen unprecedented change to all kinds of services and things continue to change on a daily basis.

For the latest news and info on council services visit our website or follow us on social media.

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CREATING POSITIVITY



During the coronavirus pandemic, our Foster Newport team has kept in regular contact with our foster carers who are keeping children safe and active at home.

They have also been continuing to work with those who wish to join our amazing network of foster carers.

We were able to share some of the fantastic artwork that had been created by the children and young people through our social media channels.

These positive and uplifting messages received great feedback from our followers.



INTERESTED IN FOSTERING FOR NEWPORT?

Get in touch with our friendly team and find out more about how you could have the rewarding experience of making a positive difference to the lives of children and young people.



You can foster a child for short periods, from an overnight stay to a few months; for a longer time until the child becomes an adult or for families who need a regular or one-off break.

Visit www.newport.gov.uk/fostering or call 01633 210272.

The annual carers week took place in June and although there were not any physical events taking place, the council's community connectors team were on hand to offer advice and information to carers via telephone and email and through online resources.

“Being a carer can be very rewarding but can affect you physically and emotionally and carers often feel isolated. The theme for this year is making caring visible and aims to help carers access the information and support they need.”

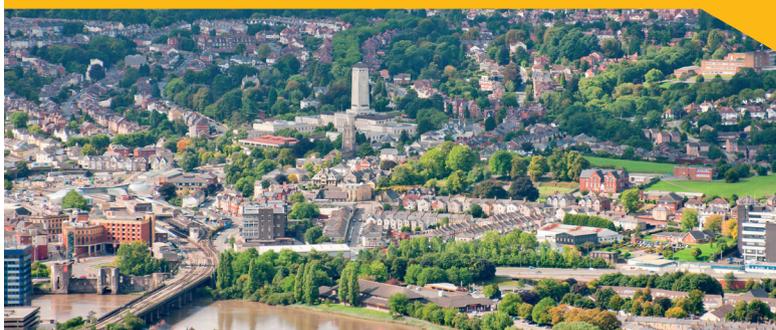
Councillor Paul Cockeram, cabinet member for social services said,

For further information, advice and support for carers visit www.newport.gov.uk/carers

CARERS WEEK 2020 – MAKING CARING VISIBLE



PREPARATIONS TO REOPEN COUNCIL SERVICES



Newport City Council is continuously monitoring the effect of Covid-19 on the city and the advice and decisions of Welsh Government.

Throughout this process, we have considered ways in which all our services could adapt and that has included how facilities may be able to reopen when appropriate.

While social distancing measures are still in place, there will be changes to how people can access facilities when they do reopen.

In simple terms, fewer customers will be able to access facilities at a time and this requires planning to manage demand. This may include changes to opening times, controlled or restricted access, or changes to the services actually on offer.

Our aim is to reopen and re-establish services as soon as possible, but only when it is safe for customers and staff, and with measures that will support the ongoing fight against Covid-19.

For the latest information visit www.newport.gov.uk or follow us on social media.

TRUSTED SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Misinformation spreads like a virus, so please ensure you access, check and share information from trusted sources such as the council, Welsh Government, Gwent Police, Public Health Wales, Aneurin Bevan Health Board, South Wales Fire and Rescue.

NEW BUS SERVICE LAUNCHED IN NEWPORT

Transport for Wales, in partnership with local councils and bus operators, has launched a new pilot project that will allow people to request a bus to pick them up for essential travel.

Newport Bus is running the first pilot scheme called 'fflecsi' which replaces a number of scheduled local bus services with more flexible services that can pick up and drop off near work, shops and homes by request, rather than following a set timetable at fixed bus stops.

Seats on fflecsi are booked using an Android/Apple app or by calling 0300 234 0300.

Once a fflecsi passenger is booked on a service, Newport Bus is able to guarantee that the passenger will have a seat and enough space to respect social distancing guidelines.

As part of the Newport pilot scheme, fflecsi services will run between **07:30 and 18:30, Monday to Saturday.**

For more information visit www.fflecsi.wales

APPLY FOR A 2021 NURSERY PLACE

If your child was born between **September 1, 2017 and August 31, 2018** you can apply for a nursery place in 2021.

Applications open on July 8 and close on September 16, 2020.

For more information and to apply visit www.newport.gov.uk/schooladmissions



HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRE OPEN

After closing during the initial phase of lockdown, the Household Waste Recycling Centre has reopened.

Restrictions on the numbers of residents allowed to access at any one time, as well as vehicle access and on-site support, will remain in place for the foreseeable future.

Residents also have to make sure to book a slot through our online system in order to visit the centre.

Entry to the centre without a booking will not be permitted.

Our handy graphic has all the info you need to remember.



What you need to know before visiting Household Waste Recycling Centre

Only visit if it is absolutely necessary - for waste that cannot be collected on the kerbside nor be safely stored at home.



You **MUST** have a booking slot in order to access the site. **NO BOOKING, NO ENTRY.**



Site open **8am-8pm Monday to Friday**, and **8am-6pm on Saturday and Sunday.**



Do not visit the site if you or anyone in your household has **COVID-19 symptoms.**



No vans allowed. Small trailers only (**1.6x1.2m max**).



NO unsorted mixed waste – all waste brought to the site must be pre-sorted, black bags must not contain any recycling.



No assistance will be given to offload materials from site staff.



Vehicles should be driver only. Social distancing measures should be adhered to at all times.



No textiles can be accepted on site.



www.newport.gov.uk/hwrc

GLOWING REPORTS FOR NEWPORT SCHOOLS

Four Newport schools have received first-rate reports following official inspections by Estyn.

Glasllwch Primary was classed as "excellent" – meaning very strong, sustained performance and practice, in all five categories: standards;

well-being and attitudes to learning; teaching and learning experiences; care, support and guidance; leadership and management.

Ysgol Bryn Derw, Rogerstone and Ringland all received excellent and good ratings.

In its first inspection since being established, Ysgol Bryn Derw was described as a close-knit, nurturing community that provides outstanding care, support and guidance for its pupils. It has an extremely caring and supportive ethos, which promotes the individual needs of its pupils exceptionally well.

Inspectors found that Rogerstone was a highly inclusive community with happy pupils and staff while Ringland was a highly nurturing environment and provided excellent support to those facing social or emotional challenges.



KERBSIDE SERVICES

The council and Wastesavers have been working hard to keep all kerbside recycling services functioning during the pandemic period, and we would like to thank you for your patience throughout while we have dealt with the challenges posed by Covid-19.

The kerbside is still your first point of call for recycling any normal household waste. For the latest information on recycling collections, visit www.newport.gov.uk/recycling

NEWPORT MARATHON POSTPONED UNTIL 2021

The ABP Newport Wales Marathon and 10k has been postponed until 2021.

The organisers had originally hoped to hold the event in October this year, but the ongoing restrictions relating to Covid-19 have meant that this would not be possible while maintaining the safety of all those involved. It will now take place on **Sunday 18 April 2021.**

Councillor Jane Mudd, Leader of the council, said: *"The marathon is definitely one of the jewels in our events crown, but the most important thing is ensuring the safety and health of competitors, supporters, volunteers and staff. We look forward to welcoming the marathon to the city next year when we'll extend a very special welcome back."*

For more information visit www.newportwalesmarathon.co.uk

Many events across the city have been affected by the pandemic and this is likely to continue for some time in line with government restrictions.

For the latest news and updates visit www.newport.gov.uk

1. ALLT-YR-YN



Councillor / Cynghorydd
Matthew Evans



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David Fouweather



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Charles Ferris

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John Guy



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Debbie Harvey



Councillor / Cynghorydd
Ray Truman

3. BEECHWOOD



Councillor / Cynghorydd
Deb Davies



Councillor / Cynghorydd
Graham Berry



Councillor / Cynghorydd
Mark Spencer

7. GRAIG



Councillor / Cynghorydd
Margaret Cornelious



Councillor / Cynghorydd
David Williams

8. LANGSTONE



Councillor / Cynghorydd
William Routley



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Ray Mogford

11. MALPAS



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David Mayer



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*Leader of the Council
Arweinydd y Cyngor*



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James Clarke

12. MARSHFIELD



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Richard White



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Tom Suller

14. RINGLAND



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Rehmaan Hayat



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Malcolm Linton



Councillor / Cynghorydd
Laura Lacey

15. ROGERSTONE



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Chris Evans

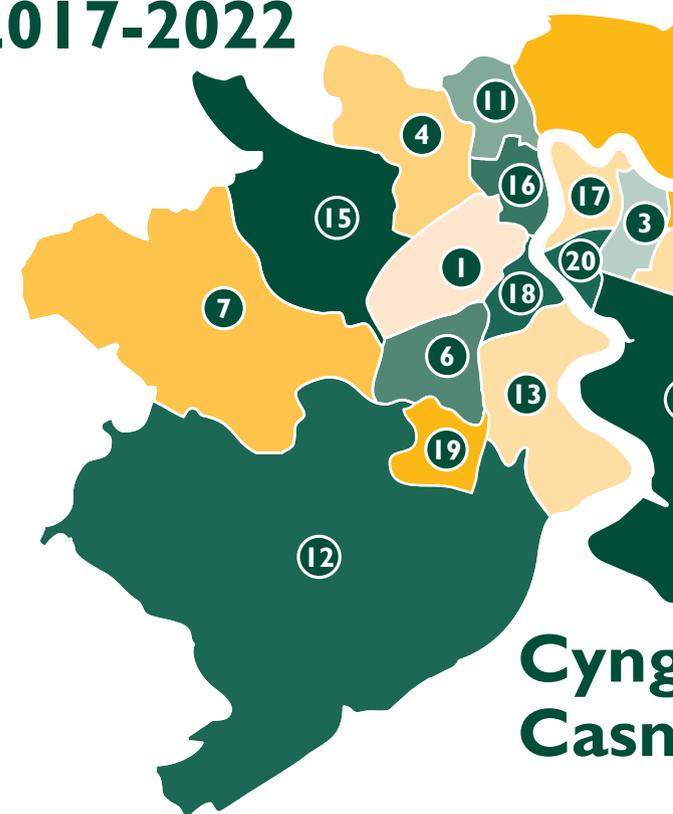


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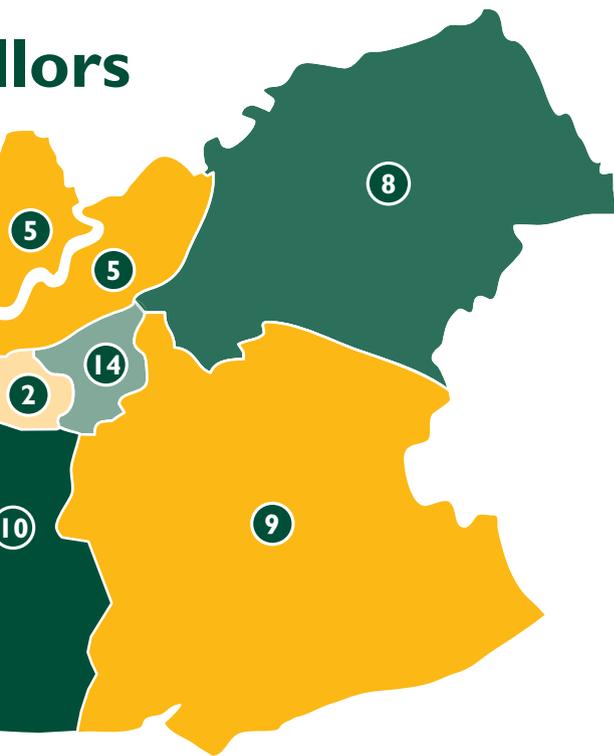


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16. SHAFTESBURY



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Paul Cockeram

9. LLANWERN



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Martyn Kellaway

13. PILLGWENLLY



Councillor / Cynghorydd
Tracey Holyoake



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Ibrahim Hayat

17. ST JULIANS



Councillor / Cynghorydd
Carmel Townsend



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Phil Hourahine



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Holly Townsend

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Allan Morris



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Roger Jeavons



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John Richards

18. STOW HILL



Councillor / Cynghorydd
Miqdad Al-Nuaimi



Councillor / Cynghorydd
Kate Thomas

19. TREDEGAR PARK



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Trevor Watkins

20. VICTORIA



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