



Rossett Rascal

Yr Orsedd Cnaf

Councillors Bulletin for Rossett Community
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Chairman's column

Hello and welcome to the first edition of the 'Rossett Rascal' or "Yr Orsedd Cnaf"

The idea behind this newsletter is to pull together all of the great things that go on here in our villages, and allow more people to get involved with some of the brilliant activities.

My name is Allan and I have had the pleasure of serving as Chair of the council for the past ten years. Rossett is a great place to live and we are lucky to have such a fantastic place to enjoy.

It is made all the more enjoyable by the work done by many of you around our villages, people who litter pick and keep it tidy, volunteers who plant and maintain our tubs and locals who help run our community café, which has reached so many people and at nearly 30 strong each week, has built a real sense of community.

In the coming month's we will be championing these things and are looking forward to having more and more input from all residents.

As we build up to the festive season it will be great to see as many as possible at this year's tree switch on!

We are also currently walking and inspecting our local rights of way to help clear any that need it and ensure they are protected for the future, if you are enjoying a walk and see any issue, get in touch with us! Diolch, Allan



New toddler play area now open



As you may know, we've had a big change over the summer with the creation of our new toddler play area. We have been thrilled to see it so well used already and know it's going to keep many children happy for years to come.

Rossett Community Council would like to extend a huge thank you to ESP Play Parks who have completed the project for us and also to [Cadwyn Clwyd](#) (pictured presenting our plaque) who awarded the community council the funding to make the project happen. We, along with the community are so grateful!

This has been a great start to our plans of developing the park area.

We look forward to using the rest of the budget for the parks on new equipment for our older children to complete the upgrade of the main park and ensure all age groups have a stake in our wonderful play area over the rest of the year, the first phase was this great new toddler area and we will now progress further upgrades for our teens and pre teens.

We would also like to thank our volunteers who have helped plant bulbs, litter pick and support the work.

Diolch!



Community Council Meetings

The community council meet on the third Wednesday of every month and the next meetings are on:

Wednesday 20th November

Wednesday 18th December

Wednesday 15th January

Wednesday 19th February

Your councillors

William Cleaver

Michael Gledhill

J Hugh Jones

Helen Maurice Jones

Curtis Morgan

Peter Morris

Allan Parrington

Nathan Roberts

Paul Roberts

Lucy Rowland

Ross Shepherd

Andrew Steven

Louise Todd

Martyn Woods

Council Staff

Joni Rusling—Clerk

Ali Pickard—Community Agent

Ollie Edwards—Park Warden

Colin Hughes— Street Warden



News about the Out Reach Post Office

It is with regret that we have to announce the closure of the Out Reach Post Office facility that has been operating in the village for over 6 years.

The Post Mistress, Jolene Mathews, has decided to take a career break and unfortunately that will impact the Post Office service in Rossett

The Community Council and the Hwb Yr Orsedd Board are very aware that the community of Rossett will be very disappointed to learn this news...feedback during the consultation period for the Hub overwhelmingly supported a Post Office facility being part of the services provided by the Hub.

The service currently operates from the Presbyterian Church room and will close on Friday 8th November.

We can assure you that we are endeavouring to do whatever is required to bring a Pop-up Post office back into the village.

It would be helpful if members of the community could register their concerns and views by emailing comments@postoffice.co.uk or calling 03457 22 33 55.

Rossett Community Council - Who are we and what do we do

Rossett Community Council represents the community and is classed as the first tier of Local Government – nearest to the people. The Council is limited in what it does by law in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and is subject to internal and external audit.

Fourteen local people, elected and co-opted, presently form the Rossett Community Council. Community Councillors are volunteers who stand for election because they care about Rossett. Elections for Councillors are held every four years.

The Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm at which residents have the opportunity to observe Council business.

Rossett Community Council manages an annual budget (Income and Expenditure) of approximately £75,000.

The Council owns, manages and operates the Playgrounds at The Green, Mountain View and Greenfields and provides street lighting and floral decoration around the village.

Councillor profile

Andrew Steven—Burton Ward



I have lived in Rossett all of my life. I joined the Community Council just over 5 years ago and chair the parks and the environment committees.

I am also a flood warden and member of the Rossett village hall committee.

I live on our family farm with my wife and 4 children.

In my spare time I enjoy motorcycling and travel.

I also enjoy an occasional pint or glass of red in the golden lion!

Please do stop and have a chat when you see me around the village.

News from our County Councillors

Hugh Jones & Ross Shepherd

As your County Borough Councillors, we both work closely together for the needs of everyone in the ward. We are easily contactable either by e mail or phone. Our monthly essentials column keeps you up to date with some of projects we have been working on and some of the issues which have resolved within the village which have been brought to our attention by residents.

Hugh has been involved in local government for many years and served as leader of Chester City Council in the past. He is currently lead member for Planning and Public Protection in Wrexham and sits on numerous other committees.

Ross and his family have lived in the village for generations. He has a background in education, something he is passionate about. He sits on the council's Education Committee presently and is a member of St Peter's School Governing Body along with Hugh.

We have been working hard over the last year answering and addressing many issues around the ward including the problems with the Holt Road junction at the Co-op, improving flood defences and ensuring Street Scene Services keep our roads and pavements fit for purpose. We are currently working with North Wales Police to address the problems around motorists not adhering to the speed limits around the village and

Floods committee

As winter approaches the floods committee suggest that you take a moment to sign up for flood warnings.

These are really useful notifications and come through via text message, email and phone calls.

You'll need:

- **The address you are registering for**
- **A phone number you can be contacted on day or night**
- **An email address.**

The service is free and you can sign up via the website for natural resources wales

<https://naturalresources.wales>

Or by calling **0345 988 1188**

You can see the latest flood plan for Rossett by clicking the link on the Rossett community council website

Hwb Orsedd (Rossett Community Hub) now open



It's been along time coming but finally the new Rossett Community Hub (the Hwb) opened its doors on 23rd October. The response has been amazing with loads of visitors to take a look at the facilities and sample the culinary delights available from the cafe, including freshly ground coffee and freshly made cakes & savouries.

It's been 6 years since the project commenced with the objective to replace the disused & dilapidated public toilets in the park with this valuable community resource.

The vision was to create somewhere that would provide:-

A shared community space for groups of different ages and interests to meet, socialise and participate in shared activities.

Somewhere for families to meet up with friends and enjoy a coffee while the children use the park facilities.

A place that brings people together, reduces isolation and helps them form new relationships and support networks.

We've already received bookings and enquiries from groups and individuals to use the Hwb for community activities and events including crafting sessions, a book club, exercise classes and parties. We will publish a diary of events soon.

The Hwb cafe will be open 5 days a week on **Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday** from 9:00 - 16:00. We may have to vary these times to accommodate community groups and events. On Tuesday's and Thursday's and in the evenings it will be available for private groups and individual bookings.

If you wish to make a booking, require any information regarding the Hwb or would like join the Hwb Volunteer Group please contact Bethan Edwards, the Hub Manager by email at enquires@hwbyrersedd.org.uk, via The Hwb Yr Orsedd Facebook page or by phone on 01978532501.



Local Hero—Helen Maurice Jones

In this section we feature someone from our villages who goes above and beyond to serve the community and in this edition we are proud to feature **Helen Maurice Jones**

Dotted around the village are many planters that help to keep the community both colourful and beautiful and Helen with her horticultural background is absolutely on top of this and we are truly blessed to have Helen as a

community councillor

Helen is also a Director/Trustee of the Hwb and has been a key part of the team behind this exciting project for the community.

Helen also attends the meetings with the village hall committee on behalf of the Hub Board providing a link between the two to ensure they both work together for the benefit of our community.

Apart from also being a volunteer for YHA and working part time for a publisher, Helen has also written a book called "The Spirit of Rossett Marford & Gresford" which is absolutely fascinating and contains over 250 photographs.

Helen is an absolute inspiration and do say hello as we are sure you will see her being very active in the village and more recently in the Hwb.



Community Café

Every Thursday from October 24th we have the Rossett community café that will now be held in the community Hwb.

You don't need to be a café regular to pop down and use these services.

Support local home-made and keep services coming to the village. 10-30-12.00pm at the new Hwb on the green.

For more information please contact our community agent Ali on 07538 583814

or email communityagent@rossettcommunitycouncil.cymru

Our website

We currently have a team working behind the scenes to launch a new website that will be more up to date and informative and we hope interactive allowing you to register and find out more about village life.

This should be up and running during the first quarter of 2025.

Feedback matters

Do you have any feedback on this newsletter?

Is there any other information you would like us to include in the next edition?

Do you have any articles or events that you would like us to cover?

The next issue will be published in early February so please do get in touch before then if you have any feedback or suggestions of our Local Hero column.

Contact the editors at

clerk@rossettcommunitycouncil.cymru

What's occurring in Rossett

Rossett Hwb now open

The new community Hwb now open from 23rd October on the green. It is open from 9am to 4pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturday & Sundays and closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays for private community functions such as the community café

Remembrance day—10th November

The remembrance day service will be on Sunday 10th November with two wreaths being laid on behalf of Rossett Community council, one for Burton ward and one for Rossett. We look forward to welcoming the Cadets as they parade in remembrance.

Don't forget there are 2 services held. The first 10am at the top of Croeshowell Hill for the Burton Ward, and then 10.45am at Rossett Church.

Village Hall Christmas Fair—23rd November



Rossett Village Hall are pleased to announce they will be holding their Christmas Fair on Saturday 23rd November

Christmas lights switch on—28th November



The annual switch on of the Christmas lights will take place on the Green from 4.30pm on Thursday 28th November.

Father Christmas arrives in Rossett—18th December



Father Christmas will be making his annual appearance around Rossett, Lavister, Trevalyn and Burton again this year on Wednesday 18th December between 4—7pm.