

# 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 if you see or hear of anything that will be of help to other residents, including local area jobs
  - 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)

**THE BOOK EXCHANGE IN ST ANDREW'S CHURCH PORCH HAS PROVED VERY POPULAR BUT PLEASE DON'T BRING ANY MORE BOOKS AS WE NOW HAVE JUST TOO MANY FOR THE SPACE AVAILABLE - AND NO CDs/DVDs AT ALL PLEASE. THE BOOKS WILL ALL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE CHARITY SHOPS ONCE THEY RE-OPEN, MEANWHILE HELP YOURSELF TO AS MANY BOOKS AS YOU WANT, THEY'RE FREE !**

**Powys** Garden waste collections. After subscribing to this years' service, please remember to check your collection day – it may have changed from last year <https://en.powys.gov.uk/binday>

*[ed.] I've had a request from a resident who's wanting to relocate his office to Presteigne and is looking for a single room, ideally long term rental so he can install broadband etc. If you can help, please email [news@pacdg.org](mailto:news@pacdg.org).*

...from Christine in Norton. It's lovely to see so many positive responses to the proposal to adapt the former church into a community resource. It would be wonderful if you could let Powys Planning know of your support. This is easily done by emailing them at [planning.representations@powys.gov.uk](mailto:planning.representations@powys.gov.uk) quoting reference 21/0361/FUL - Change of use of redundant church to create a community hub. Also look out next week for the latest edition of the Norton Community Trust newsletter which provides an update on progress with the project. If you don't already receive the newsletter by email and would like a copy, send a request to [maggiejames476@gmail.com](mailto:maggiejames476@gmail.com). Thank you everyone.

...from Nick. I found a socket (security wheel nut?) for alloy wheels security at the bottom of Pound Lane, where it leads into Mill Lane. If anyone thinks it is theirs, feel free to ring me on [07966982061](tel:07966982061), or email me at [nickclose@outlook.com](mailto:nickclose@outlook.com). Many thanks.

...from Census 2021. You should have received your Census form, to be completed on, or asap after, Sunday 21 March. Local authorities & charities use the census data to plan things like transport, education, healthcare & other services we all need, shaping your community for the next 10 years, so please fully complete and return your form. See <http://orlo.uk/hVOrF>

**TOWN COUNCIL NEWS (see Town website [www.presteigne.org.uk](http://www.presteigne.org.uk))**

**Presteigne and Norton Town Council is looking for land to buy in or around Presteigne.**

The Town Council is excited by the announcement from The Welsh Government that the woods around Presteigne have been designated to be part of the National Forest of Wales. A grant is available for communities to create woodland and the Council sees this as a great opportunity to link Presteigne even more closely with the National Forest. We would like to use this grant to purchase some land near to the town to create an area of the National Forest on the edge of town and accessible to everyone. We also have the option to work with landowners to plant trees and widen hedge rows without the need to purchase the land and would be keen to talk to anyone with land who would be interested in working with us. We are particularly interested in linking local woodlands, this could be in by creating wildlife corridors, something that could need as little as improving and widening existing hedgerows and managing cutting more

sensitively, or creating softer edges to wooded areas to support different types of wildlife. If you have a small parcel of land you would be prepared to sell to the Town or you would like to talk to us about the possibility of planting trees on your land please contact Cllr. Rose Bamford via email - [rosebamfordpntc@gmail.com](mailto:rosebamfordpntc@gmail.com)

**Presteigne and Norton Town Council is seeking quotations for carrying out an arboricultural survey of trees on land in its ownership.** The purpose is to assess any hazard, risk and health and safety implications and to advise on future management e.g. to retain, remove or take other action such as pruning. Interested parties should contact the Clerk, Mrs Tracey Price on 01547 528575 or via email at [presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com](mailto:presteigneandnortontc@outlook.com).

**Latest planning applications in: 21/0362/LBC Grid Reference: E:330456 N: 267257.** Proposal: Internal and external works and alterations in association with change of use of redundant church to create a community hub. 21/0361/FUL Grid Reference: E:330456 N: 267257 Proposal: Change of use of redundant church to create a community hub including internal and external works and alterations. Site Address: **Former Church Of St Andrew, Norton**, Presteigne LD8 2EN. To be considered at the March meeting of the Town Council.

**New Aerial Runway for Presteigne Play Area** - In 1984, Radnorshire District Council undertook a major refurbishment of the Wilson Terrace Play area in Presteigne, part of which included a wooden Aerial runway. Over the years the post rotted and it had to be removed. Having raised £10,000 from the then Development Board for Mid Wales toward the original installation Cllr Kirkby decided in his last term as Mayor in 2018-19 to set himself the task of raising the funds for a replacement. Due to a very busy year this didn't happen but in September 2019 Tracey Price, the Council's Clerk, applied for and received a £10,000 grant from the National Lottery Awards for All Fund for a new aerial runway, which was installed by Playdale. After a problematic installation, the 21 metre ropeway is now finally open. The Town Council would like to record its thanks for a private local donation funding additional works & also for the additional support and 20 extra safety mats provided by Powys CC. The Town Council would like to particularly thank County Officer Steve Gealy for his help in achieving the final adjustments needed & providing resources to assist. Presteigne & Norton Town Council hope that it will provide hours of entertainment for the young people in the community.

## COVID

**The latest edition of the Powys THB weekly newsletter on COVID-19 vaccination in Powys is now available to read online or download:** <https://pthb.nhs.wales/coronavirus/covid-19-vaccination/covid-19-vaccination-newsletter/>

**...from Carers Cymru.** This week, Powys Teaching Health Board released an online form that eligible Unpaid Carers can fill in to request their vaccinations. You can find all the details on this, as well as other key links from Powys Teaching Health Board and Welsh Government, on our website: <https://www.carers.cymru/post/covid-19-vaccinations-for-unpaid-carers>. These links are great to check regularly as they are often updated.

## SPAM / SCAM WARNINGS

**...from Dyfed Powys Police.** We have been made aware of letters being sent, claiming to be from the NHS, to organise peoples doses of the COVID-19 vaccine. The letter asks the reader to ring a number and this then states the person needs to pay a fee. **THIS IS A SCAM!** You do not need pay to receive the vaccine through the NHS. Official letters give a time, date and location that you will receive the vaccine. Please share with your neighbours, family & friends.

**UPDATE FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES AND THE HIGH STREET** (local businesses are still adapting to changing circumstances - so check information on websites/Facebook pages)

**...from PNCS. Provided that the current regulations allow, we are hoping to reopen both The Warehouse and The Shop on Monday 15th March.** In preparation for this, our donations box is back outside, at the front of the Warehouse. If you would like to leave donations, we will try to empty the box as often as possible, but please do not leave items outside as they may get wet before we have chance to retrieve them. It would also be very much appreciated if you

could make sure that any items that are donated are suitable for resale. It does cost us money to dispose of unsaleable items ! We are really looking forward to reopening and seeing you all. Here's hoping it will be the 15th March !

**...from Leon's Food to Order. Mother's Day Menu £14.95 pp.** Roasted local pork tenderloin cooked in an apple cider gravy. Honey roasted parsnips and chantenay carrots. Braised red cabbage. Garlic and rosemary roast potatoes. A classic cheesecake marbled with a Baileys ganache. Plus, a **free** box of locally made chocolate truffles. Orders for collection on either Friday 12th or Saturday 13th March must be in by 1pm on Thursday 11th March. To book your order, please either go to our website, call 01544 262164 or text **Mother's Day** to 07805 727486 and we will call you.

**...from Presteigne Local Food Market.** A big THANK YOU to our new stall, Dugan's Patisserie, for joining our team of stall holders, today, and to all our "good spirited" customers in supporting us all on such a lovely sunny Saturday morning! Thanks also to the great team of Committee members & volunteer stewards, without them the market wouldn't be possible. **Our NEXT market will be Saturday 3rd April 9-1.** Easter Saturday Bonanza !! See you all then.

**...from Downton Delights.** We've got you covered for Mother's Day! Check out our Vegan, Gluten & Dairy Free Indulgence Box! The perfect gift <https://www.downtondelights.com/product-page/mothers-day-vegan-gluten-free-dairy-free-indulgence-gift-box>

**...from Sargeants.** Good Morning. For any students starting back to school/college from March 8th we can provide a pass for the remainder of the term if one is required. Also a reminder that fares can be paid by card on our contactless set up.

**...from Weobley Ash Meats.** Stunning locally-made chopping and cheese boards in-store. A great Mother's Day gift. All local wood, each board tells a story and we can tell you which local estate the wood has come from.

**...from Sylvan Skincare. Delighted that three of our face creams are winners in the Beauty Shortlist Awards 2021** - Editor's Choice: Pure Face Cream, Rejuvenate Face Cream and Nourish Face Cream. The international Beauty Shortlist Awards are 100% independent and spotlight and support natural, ethical and sustainable brands. Our face creams are made with #plantbased ingredients and are super gentle. Sylvan Skincare is proudly vegan & all of our products are certified as cruelty-free under the Leaping Bunny programme.

**...from The Oak. The Oak Sunday roast will be back for Mothers Day** on Sunday 14th March. Free delivery within Presteigne and surrounding areas or pick up is available from the pub. Mains: Choice of Beef, Turkey or Vegetarian Wellington; Puddings: White Chocolate & Raspberry Cheesecake or Caramel Apple Pudding. 1 course £9 (child £6); 2 courses £13 (child £10). Please note meals are served for reheating at home at your own convenience. To order, please message us on FB or leave a message on 01544 260842 and we will get back to you

**...from G&A Catering.** Ger and Mairi's feet haven't touched the ground this morning. Our homemade cakes are bringing customers in by the dozen! Happy Friday!!!! Rocky Road, chocolate and coconut sponge and a good old school favourite. Good work ladies!!

**...from Seconds & Co. We've got some great website offers** on some 150/155mm boards this week. 150/155mm Cavity Wall Boards - £6, 150/155mm Foil Faced Boards - £31.50. Still plenty of other offers on the website too! Contact: email [sales@secondsandco.co.uk](mailto:sales@secondsandco.co.uk), website [www.secondsandco.co.uk](http://www.secondsandco.co.uk) or call 01544 260500

**...from Amanda's Bread. Please order today or asap** for deliveries on Saturday 13th March to the Presteigne area. Email [asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com](mailto:asimpsonatkins1@gmail.com) asap, thank you.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY & OTHER INFORMATION**

**...from Presteigne & Norton Community Support PNCS. If anybody would like to join our Community Draw,** it's an annual fundraiser with big prizes which helps fund our Community

Transport Scheme. Just £15 entry for the year paid by cash, cheque, BACS. Please get in contact with us on FB, email [transport.pncs@gmail.com](mailto:transport.pncs@gmail.com), or pop into the office when we reopen. Thank you for your continued support.

**...from Sharon & Richard. Even the hens are in lockdown! In December last year, measures were introduced to help protect poultry and captive birds**, following a number of cases of avian influenza across the UK. This isn't just for large flocks but backyard hens as well. Our three hens have been living in a covered area since then, using an old polytunnel. They protest but have been receiving lots of treats. If you need to know more, here's an article that we found useful, with a link to information from the Welsh Government about biosecurity and looking after hens in this situation <https://newsfromwales.co.uk/news/avian-flu-all-captive-birds-to-be-kept-indoors-in-wales/>

**...from Powys CC. Latest news: Work to extend Presteigne Cemetery** has started and planning permission has been granted for an extension to Machynlleth Cemetery. The moves when complete will provide enough space at both facilities for the next 100 years. The Presteigne work, which is taking place on land adjacent to the existing cemetery, started last week removing hedgerows in advance of the nesting season. As well as additional burial capacity it will include 20 car parking spaces as well as improved access to the site. Work to install infrastructure will commence shortly and is expected to take 4-6 weeks to complete. The county council bought the land next to the cemetery from Presteigne and Norton Town Council in 2018 for £47,000, it already had permission for use as a cemetery.

**...from Presteigne Dark Skies. The dark skies street-lighting trial has started in Presteigne.** Several lights in the High Street and Broad Street have been replaced by dark skies compliant lights, so that residents can compare the different types to see which look and work best at night. The trial will last about a month. Powys CC have agreed to replace all of the street-lights in Presteigne with new low energy dark skies compliant lights, starting in April. So this will be good for the environment & climate change, & good for the night sky!

**...from Powys CC. Have your say on improving cycling and walking routes within your area.** To find out more about the council's active travel plans and to let us know your ideas on improving active travel routes in your area, please visit <https://crowd.in/zohW0S>

**...from British Liver Trust.** Are you a liver patient in Wales or do you care for someone with a liver condition in Wales? We'd like to hear about your experiences in this short survey <https://conta.cc/2OSo0lq>. It should take around 10 minutes to answer. The results will help the British Liver Trust further improve the support that we offer and campaign more effectively on your behalf. We will also share the findings with the Welsh Government so that they can improve services and care for people across Wales. People who are a close family member or care for someone with liver disease can also fill it in but please fill in the questions answering as if you were the person with liver disease. Thank you.

**...from Powys CC. If you're aged 16-17, or a foreign national living in Wales, you can now vote in Welsh elections.** We're calling for people across Wales who've never voted before to put their opinions to good use and have their voices heard by voting in this years' Senedd elections. To register to vote please visit: <https://www.gov.uk/register-to-vote>

**...from Powys Recycles.** Please continue to use your kerbside waste and recycling collections service and only visit your local recycling centre to get rid of items that you're unable to dispose of at the kerbside. Anyone needing extra recycling boxes can order more online: [www.powys.gov.uk/newbinsandbags](http://www.powys.gov.uk/newbinsandbags)

**...from Powys CC.** Times are tough for local businesses, but there's support out there. Business Wales are holding a virtual event on 17 March to introduce small businesses to the technology, people and funding that can help GROW their business <https://crowd.in/V3HGc>

**...from Dyfed Powys Police. #MakeTheRightCall.** For some people, calling 101 is the only way they can contact the police when it's not an emergency. For others, it's a choice. Help us

answer their calls quicker, by choosing to report online if you can. You can report any non-emergency matter to us online at <http://orlo.uk/B8OP1> or by email to [101@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk](mailto:101@dyfed-powys.pnn.police.uk). In an emergency, always call 999.

**...from Powys CC to Charities & community groups!** Need help looking for that all-important funding? Funding Wales is a free online tool that lets you search hundreds of finance options, from small grants to large capital projects. Get set, search <https://crowd.in/swmOaq>

**...from Carers Wales. We are delighted and excited to announce our dedicated virtual wellbeing day** - a full day of virtual activities to support the mindfulness and wellbeing of unpaid carers on Friday 26th March 2021. Each session is individual, and you can join as many or as few as you like. You do not have to commit to the whole day. Here is the link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/carers-wales-wellbeing-day-tickets-142394560965>

**...from Warm Wales.** We are working in partnership with Powys County Council to help identify eligible households living in off-gas properties who could benefit from energy efficiency measures such as free Loft Insulation in Powys. Funding for these home improvements will be through the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) scheme. ECO is a government energy efficiency scheme designed to help reduce carbon emissions and tackle fuel poverty. To apply now you can use our [online application form](#) or alternatively call the team on 01656 747622 and they can complete the form for you over the phone.

## LOCAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES

**...As part of their Meadow Makers project, Plantlife are seeking a Trainee Meadow Maker** with Herefordshire Meadows. The position will be fully paid (based on the National Living Wage of £8.91/hr), is full-time and will last for six months, from April to September 2021. Applicants are encouraged to download a job description, recruitment pack and Herefordshire Meadows information sheet (see below). Applicants will then need to return a signed application form to [Isobel.hall@plantlife.org.uk](mailto:Isobel.hall@plantlife.org.uk). Deadline for applications is Sunday 7th March at 9pm

**...Powys CC are recruiting a Substance Misuse Commissioning & Area Planning Board Manager** responsible for commissioning the delivery of a range of strategic outcomes for substance misusers across Powys, via the commissioning cycle, including needs analysis, market development and management, procurement and contract monitoring, performance management and review and evaluation. For more information and to apply visit [www.powys.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.powys.gov.uk/jobs)

**...from Sun Care Home Care. We are recruiting for full and part time home care assistants** to work in the local area. We have vacancies for - Morning, Afternoon/ Evening, and Weekend shifts. We are a local care provider who have been delivering quality care to local people for over 22 years. If you're looking to help make a difference and become part of a great team, working hours that fit around your busy day, our friendly management team would love to hear from you. Contact - Carole in the Kington office on 01544 231413

**...from Powys CC. Waste & Recycling Supervisor at Rhayader Depot.** Interested? Visit [www.powys.gov.uk/jobs](http://www.powys.gov.uk/jobs)

**...from Jonathan. Website Designer:** Are you, or anyone you know, able to take on a small charity's already established website and manage it for the future? Regrettably, this would be without pay - no-one in our charity gets paid - but it would enable you to help South Sudanese refugees in Uganda who really need our help. Please contact Jonathan on [01544 260800](tel:01544260800). Thank you.

**...from Dyfed Powys Police. Special Constables.** A role that puts you on the frontline of policing helping to keep our communities safe – flexible enough to fit around work and your spare time. Is it time for you to #StartSomethingSpecial? Special Constable recruitment opens on Monday 8 March. Visit [bit.ly/specials2021](http://bit.ly/specials2021)

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