

# **Ruthin Community Update**

**Week Saturday 23 May**

Welcome to the eighth Ruthin weekly community update on **SATURDAY 23 May** from Yr Hen Lys in Ruthin. The update will be streamed live and recorded each Saturday at 5.30pm in Welsh and 6.00pm in English, with transcript and recordings then posted online at **[www.rhuthun.com](http://www.rhuthun.com)**

As the lockdown continues into its 10th week with some glimmer of hope about some easing in the next week or so, it is still important to re-emphasise the key reasons and look forward to some slight easing of restrictions next week, especially as it appears that our region is slightly later in reaching its peak.

As noted previously advice please make use of the various websites from our governmental, public health and public protection agencies.

**UK Government [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)**

**Welsh Government [www.gov.wales](http://www.gov.wales).**

Some confusion between UK government announcements and Welsh Government is exacerbated by the media, however it is important to appreciate that lockdown and health regulations are devolved and the Welsh Government is responding according to how the peak of virus infections is impacting us as a region, where it appears we are a few weeks behind London and other English cities. We should appreciate this difference as some English regions are complaining that their restrictions are being lifted too soon as they are based on London, whereas the North East / Liverpool etc are delayed in their peak compared. A one size fit-s all approach might work on paper but in reality against a bio-hazard that knows no boundaries regional localised responses might prove more effective. So to emphasise that we should follow Welsh Government advice and continue to stay at home.

**[phw.nhs.wales](http://phw.nhs.wales)**

**Denbighshire County Council**

General enquiries - 01824 706000

Concerns about welfare of residents (SPOA) on 0300 456 1000

Out of Hours emergencies 0345 053 3116 **[www.denbighshire.gov.uk](http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk)**

IN partnershipo with DVSC Denbighshiure are promoting a month of inspiration and support for the community through their 'Be Mindful in May' campaign, with different themes each week. This week has been Love Reading Week, followed from tomorrow by Your Community Week. Information on these is available at the DCC website.

and also **DVSC - Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council**.  
www.dvsc.co.uk

Whilst there is continued discussion across governments and in the media about when schools might return, it appears that in Wales schools will not re-open until then new term. In the meantime parents continue to home school. Numerous resources are available for parents either via their child's school or other agencies. The BBC is a popular source of news and information, and since the lockdown they have responded to their public service broadcasting remit to 'educate' with their Bitesize Learning Website. It has a wealth of lessons posted daily for Primary, Secondary and post 16 age groups, and must be proving invaluable for so many parents home schooling their children at home. Lessons are available in Welsh and English as well as other UK languages. If you haven't already seen it please take a look.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Ruthin Town Council

Thank you to all those that joined Ruthin Town Council's first online meeting on Monday. We hosted the May Full Council meeting for councillors via Zoom, and then live streamed the meeting to The Old Courthouse Facebook page - and had over 80 people view - so much more than would normally attend. The videos are only streamed live but the minutes are posted online at the town council website once they have been prepared and agreed.

One of the items agreed was to delay our Annual General Meeting and Mayor making (normally held in early May) until early November. So my period as Mayor has been extended for 6 months due to the Pandemic and it's impacts. Then in November our Deputy Mayor / Mayor Elect Heather Williams will take the role for 18 months until the following AGM returns to May in 2021. This should hopefully allow the next Mayor to still enjoy taking part in civic and community events when they hopefully return towards the end of the year and into 2021. Both of us during this historical and unusual period are pleased to be working together and with the support of Deputy Mayor elect Menna Jones.

The next Full Council meeting is at 7.00pm on Monday 15th June.

### **Ruthin Scarecrow Competition**

Ruthin Forward and other volunteers work tirelessly each year to arrange events in the town, and with so many cancelled - it has been great to see the annual Scarecrow festival still take place. This year 16 entries have been created and are visible at various locations around the town for those able to exercise around Ruthin and surroundings.

As Lockdown has impacted everyones ability to see them, all entries were asked to submit a photo of their scarecrow. These have now been put into an online poll, and although normally judges by the Mayor, this year we are asking the public to vote for their favourite via an online poll. This will be open until next Saturday and will provide 50% of the marks. The remaining 50% will be allocated through scoring against criteria such as creativity, the character chosen, build quality, presentation etc and age of the creators. These scores will be given by myself and also Deputy Mayor Heather Williams.

So please take a look and tell us which you think should win. There will be a first, second and third prize. The poll can be seen and votes cast on Ruthin Forward's Facebook page, and also via other pages that have shared. Please get voting. Thank you to the organisers but most importantly all those that have taken the time and effort to create a scarecrow this year. A wonderful range and a fantastic reflection of the creativity of the Ruthin Community.