

Ruthin Community Update

Week 12 Saturday 13th June 2020

Welcome to the Ruthin community update on **SATURDAY 13th June** from Yr Hen Lys in Ruthin. Since starting in March, 10 weekly updates have been streamed, but to avoid repetitive updates last week the pattern was changed to fortnightly. The update will be streamed live and recorded every other Saturday at 5.30pm in Welsh and 6.00pm in English, with transcript and recordings then posted online at **www.rhuthun.com**

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

As previously mentioned, the nature and timeframe for lockdown easing varies across the UK according to devolved governments. The UK Governemnet website does hold key information on the pandemic, and in particular links to UK wide financial advice etc from HMRC, but the lockdown guidance is only related to England.

For us in Wales the website to got to for lockdown information is the Welsh Governments site:

Welsh Government www.gov.wales.

In particular, whereas England are allowing travel, the message in Wales remains to Stay Home and to stay local when travelling to access services, shopping and to meet another household outdoors. Welsh Government are providing updates on lockdown easing on a three weekly basis guided by the R rate and information on the Virus outbreak in Wales.

Public Health Wales

key messages are:

Stay local and keep Wales safe:

- always observe social distancing
- wash your hands regularly
- if you are meeting one other household, stay outdoors and stay local
- work from home if you can

Stay at home if you or someone you live with has either:

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- loss of smell or taste (anosmia)

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

As well as offering a variety of links to various websites and information on grants, support, volunteering and help available etc, the DCC website is currently highlighting Welsh Governments Test. Trace. Protect strategy.

and also **DVSC - Denbighshire Voluntary Services Council.** .

www.dvsc.co.uk

Ruthin Town Council

RTC will be holding their Full Council June meeting this Monday at 7.00pm via zoom for Councillors and streamed live on Facebook for the community to observe. The agenda for the meeting is available from the town council website.

<http://www.ruthintowncouncil.gov.uk>

Ruthin Future

One of the initiatives ofd RTC has been Ruthin Future - the town plan and The Ruthin Future Week events in February included an event to gather information on the Sports and Recreation provision in the town. Due to Covid-19 the data gathering was paused. We have now created an online questionnaire for those clubs, groups and organisers of any sports, recreation or wellbeing activity / club / class etc and kindly ask that you can fill-in the form (only 10

questions) and help us better understand what is available in Ruthin. This will help us develop ideas or support improvements, as well as allow the promotion of all sports and recreation activities in Ruthin to the community via digital means and through the Yr Hen Lys Community Hub. We appreciate the uncertainty at the moment, but are seeking this information to help build a strategic and longterm vision for sports and wellbeing provision in the town beyond the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Ruthin Tidy Town Team

The Tidy Town Team - an initiative of RTC and now based from Yr Hen Lys - has been paused during the lockdown, however our TOC manager Kate Harcus has been in discussion with Ruthin Friends of the Earth group about offering some of the equipment for loan for individuals or family/households to be able to litter pick etc. Details on this are being finalised with further information shared soon via the Tidy Town Facebook page and other means. We are also looking at ways the group can meet formally again (Observing social distancing etc) and will keep you informed.

The tidy Town Team is administered by Kate Harcus under the guidance of RTC Amenities committee. Currently our committee meetings are paused, however this will be reviewed on Monday as there are opportunities arising that could allow us to implement some long held initiatives. RTC Amenities decided last year to reduce the funds spent on Christmas Trees around the town and instead to invest in the planting of permanent trees - and this has seen a number planted near the Park Road car park and Railway Walks. The town has utilised a number of tree varieties depending on locations, with some white cherry trees in town centre streetscapes, and oak varieties marking green routes & spaces. In light of Welsh Governments recent announcement of funding for community environment projects for Wales in partnership with the Lottery Heritage Fund, we are keen to get the Ruthin Communities ideas for areas of the town that could be enhanced by tree planting. This might include existing green spaces within estates and cul de sacs, streets that could benefit from formal street trees similar to those introduced in the town centre (locations and approval subject to DCC liaison), or areas suitable for some woodland planting. Applications are open until mid October so we would encourage you to let us know of locations that you think would benefit. Send us an email with a photo of the location and what / why you think it would benefit from some tree / trees planting and we can bring everyones ideas together to make a bid for Ruthin. email to post@theoldcourthouse.wales or via the town clerk to clerk@ruthintowncouncil.gov.uk.

Finally - to play you out today our Internationally acclaimed national Opera Company - WNO are hosting a number of lockdown performances via their website as well as offering Play Opera activities for children during lockdown.

WNO.org.uk

I leave you with their musicians and performers singing Gwahoddiad.

Thank you.