

# CONTACT



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## Merthyr Tydfil Schools Continue to Improve!



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4 & 5**  
to see students  
pictures and their  
stories...



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Leader's Introduction  
Welcome to issue 43 of CONTACT...



Welcome to the third edition of our new-look monthly Contact Newspaper. I'm delighted to let you know that the monthly trial has gone really well and it will continue to be a monthly newspaper until March 2017.

In this edition you'll see how well our young people have done this year in their GCSE's. The success of our learners is a testament to the hard work, commitment and vision of schools, pupils, teachers, parents, governors and the Local Authority. The drive for improvement continues as we do everything we can to ensure we are giving the young people of Merthyr Tydfil the best possible educational start in life. I hope you enjoy reading some of their success stories on pages 4 & 5!

In September, Merthyr Tydfil held its first 'Destination Day' to launch the Destination Management Plan (DMP), the new website, visitor guide and activity tourism video, showcasing the County Borough's sector-leading Bike Park Wales, Rock UK Summit Centre and Parkwood Outdoors Dolygaer.

The tourism sector supports 879 full time-equivalent jobs in Merthyr Tydfil and last year alone, over 400,000 visitors stayed overnight. The growth of the tourism sector over the last ten years has been consistent, and we only need to look at the increase in accommodation providers since 2006 where there were 18 businesses trading, compared to 36 now - a 100% increase over that period. In 2015, Merthyr Tydfil benefited from over 1.2m people visiting the County Borough, resulting in nearly £66.5m being spent locally. With statistics like that you can start to imagine how important the tourism industry is to the town of Merthyr Tydfil and its people. Read the article on page 6 for more information.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all residents for their continued support with our recycling service. Merthyr Tydfil is now in the top 4 for the whole of Wales; something we couldn't achieve without YOU, our residents - thank you. We want to continue this upward trend and become the best in Wales!

I'd also like to remind you of the Residents' Survey that we are currently undertaking, which gives you the opportunity to have your say on the services we provide. Information can be found on page 6 in News In Brief.

With Bonfire night, Halloween and Christmas on the horizon, there's so much to look forward to. Have a great October!

Leader of MTCBC

# Why do people with vans need a permit to use the Household Waste and Recycling Centres (HWRC's)?

It's a question we're often asked so we wanted to provide some clarity on why vans require permits and why traders and builders aren't allowed in to the sites...

The Van Permit scheme was introduced in November 2008 in order to minimise the illegal use of the HWRC's by traders and builders, both from Merthyr Tydfil and other Local Authority areas.

Before the scheme was introduced, around 2,700 tonnes of non-recyclable residual waste was disposed of at the HWRCs per year, which was costing the Merthyr Tydfil Council Taxpayer around £360,000. This has now reduced to 787 tonnes, saving Taxpayers over £280,000 per

year.

### So, why can't traders and builders use the sites?

HWRC's in Merthyr Tydfil are for household waste only and are not licensed for use by businesses or designed to accommodate large trade vehicles.

Traders do not pay for waste collection and disposal in their rates payments, as this enables them to have a choice of who to contract with for this service.

Traders are legally required to have a Trade Waste Contract in place.

It's worth noting that if you're having work done by a trade person, builder or other private company, you should always ensure that a skip is hired to dispose of any waste

generated, or that they have a Trade Waste Carriers License. If the waste is fly-tipped and traced back to you, YOU could face prosecution. Building firms should include costs for skip hire and/or waste disposal when pricing for and carrying out home improvement works.

### What should I do if I have a van and want to use one of the sites?

If you have a van or trailer and would like to use one of the HWRCs to dispose of household waste or recycling, you'll need to apply for a FREE permit. Householders can apply for up to 6 permits per year. Again, this enables us to ensure that the system isn't being abused by traders and builders.

#### The following types of vehicle will require a permit:

Cars with a trailer	✓
Caravanettes	✓
4x4 vehicles with pick up backs	✓
Minibuses/Large MPVs	✓
Small Vans	✓
Short wheelbase transit type vans	✓

#### The following vehicles are not allowed to enter the sites:

Large Box Vans	x
Long Wheelbase/High-top vehicles	x
Vehicles with a tail lift	x
Vehicles over 3.5 tonnes	x

You'll find our online guide to our HWRC's, as well as trade waste licensing and what it means for you on our website [www.merthyr.gov.uk](http://www.merthyr.gov.uk)

# Trade Waste – A Business Owner's Responsibility



If you are a business owner you are legally required to have a contract for the transfer, collection and disposal of your business waste. You are also required to keep written records of all waste produced by your business for a

minimum of two years.

Business waste includes any waste that comes from:

- Any commercial activity – including one you run from your home
- Construction

- Demolition
- Industry
- Agriculture

If you do not currently have a contract, you can either contact the Council on (01685) 725363 to organise one, or find your own

alternative private supplier. **Businesses face unlimited fines if they do not comply with the law.** For further information visit <https://www.gov.uk/managing-your-waste-an-overview>



**REPORT IT**  
**TAKE PRIDE**  
**IN MERTHYR TYDFIL.**  
**(01685) 725000**  
**[www.merthyr.gov.uk/fly-tipping](http://www.merthyr.gov.uk/fly-tipping)**  
**#LoveMerthyrTydfil**

# Let's work together to set your Council Budget

Over the coming months, we will be holding a series of events across the County Borough to talk to you, our residents, about how the Council budget is spent.

Like all other Councils, the budget challenges that we face are on-going and having less money to spend means difficult decisions will need to be made.

Engaging with our residents regarding these decisions is important for the Council and this is why we will be speaking to you to get your feedback on where we need to spend our money on the services that are most important to you.

Look out on the Council's website, Facebook and Twitter pages, as well

as future editions of the Contact newspaper, for further details on where we will be located in the County Borough for you to come along and give us your views.

Remember, what is important to you, is important to us. Let's work together to achieve this.





# Merthyr Tydfil Heritage & Regeneration Conference

Friday 4th November 2016  
at Merthyr Town Football Club



Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council in partnership with Merthyr Tydfil Heritage Forum invite you to the seventh annual Heritage and Regeneration Conference

This FREE event is open to the general public

## GUEST SPEAKERS / EXHIBITIONS / LUNCH

To learn more about the conference or to book your space please contact us by telephone on (01685) 727309 or via e-mail : [visit@merthyr.gov.uk](mailto:visit@merthyr.gov.uk)

## WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY AND SAFEGUARDING EVENT 2016



Wednesday 19 October 2016  
Merthyr Tydfil Sports Centre  
10:00am – 3:00pm

Light Refreshments Available + Arts and Crafts Stalls

- Complimentary Therapy and a range of taster sessions and workshops
- Inspirational Speakers
- Activities for older people
- Interactive activities for all
- Information stalls and performances on the day

Networking opportunities with a wide range of services from Statutory, Voluntary and Private Sectors

For further details contact Maria Abson on 01443 846200 or Beth Melhuish on 01685 725052

## Works continue on Fiddler's Elbow Viaduct...

Essential works, which began on 8th August 2016 are ongoing and,

at time of print, were scheduled to finish on time in mid-November.

Here's a reminder of the diversions currently in place:



Fiddler's Elbow  
all you need to know...

£2m works started August 8 and was expected to last three months (Winter 2016).

Critical works follow 30 years of wear and tear; will replace the movement joints on one of the region's busiest bridges for the long term safety of motorists.

Bridge links Merthyr Tydfil and Caerphilly to A470 trunk road/Rhondda Cynon Taf and works are likely to cause disruption to road users.

Bridge ownership is shared between Merthyr Tydfil and Rhondda Cynon Taf Councils who are funding the project equally, however Merthyr Tydfil CBC is the lead authority on this project.

Motorists are advised not to park on the A4054 between the Fiddler's Elbow roundabout and the Pentrebach roundabout whilst the diversion is in operation.

Various works have been undertaken to help ease disruption to motorists using diversions:

- Additional inner lane to Bridge Street roundabout, Pontypridd to improve traffic flow and capacity.
- Installation of temporary traffic lights and alterations to the junction at Travellers Rest, Abercynon to allow a right turn on to the A470 towards Pontypridd.

### Diversions

The following diversions are in place to prioritise traffic leaving the A470 maintaining two lanes of traffic Eastbound, away from the A470 North and towards Nelson at all times. Please be aware, there will be no access Westbound to the A470 over the bridge for the duration of the works.

#### Towards Merthyr Tydfil (A470 North)

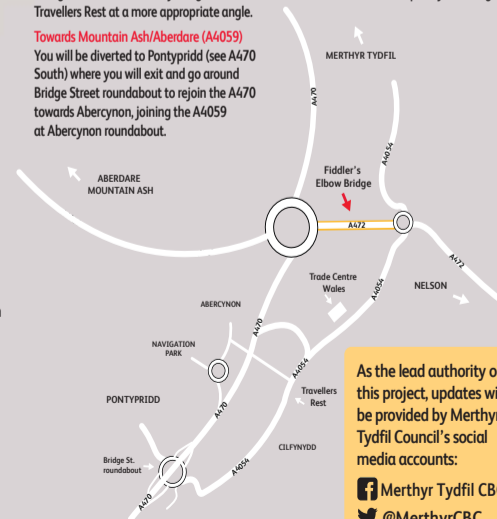
You will be diverted via A4054 through Quakers Yard, Merthyr Vale and Troedyrhiw rejoining the A470 at Pentrebach.

#### Towards Pontypridd/Cardiff (A470 South)

You will be diverted via A4054, turning right at the temporary traffic lights at Travellers Rest to rejoin the A470. Larger vehicles unable to complete the tight right turn will be directed to Navigation Park where they will go around the roundabout back to the temporary traffic lights at Travellers Rest at a more appropriate angle.

#### Towards Mountain Ash/Aberdare (A4059)

You will be diverted to Pontypridd (see A470 South) where you will exit and go around Bridge Street roundabout to rejoin the A470 towards Abercynon, joining the A4059 at Abercynon roundabout.



As the lead authority on this project, updates will be provided by Merthyr Tydfil Council's social media accounts:

Merthyr Tydfil CBC  
 @MerthyrCBC



# Merthyr Tydfil schools continue to improve!

This year's GCSE results were cause for celebration once again, as Merthyr Tydfil's students achieved the County Borough's best ever results.

Provisional results show that 56% of pupils in Merthyr Tydfil left school with five or more GCSEs, including Welsh, English and mathematics, at grades A\* - C. In addition to this, every single pupil from Afon Taf High School, Bishop Hedley High School, Cyfarthfa High School and Pen Y Dre High School achieved the level 1 threshold (5 GCSEs A\* - G), meaning that no one left without a qualification.

This is the fourth year in succession that there has been an improvement in results and the achievements of our young people will put them in a strong position to move on to the next stage of their lives.

This comes just a week after it was reported that children and young people in Merthyr Tydfil age seven, 11 and 14 are performing above the Welsh averages for the first time. These results are also hot on the heels of the successes reported by The College Merthyr Tydfil, where the majority of our school leavers will continue their education.

## Afon Taf High School

Cliff Smith, Head Teacher, said:

**“ As part of the 21st Century Schools and Education Programme Afon Taf High School has undergone major refurbishment this year which has been challenging to both pupils and staff, however, I am pleased to report that the school attained its best ever results with 58% of pupils achieving the L2+(5A\* - C GCSEs including English and Mathematics), and 96% L2 (5A\* - C GCSEs or equivalent). I would like to congratulate staff, pupils governors and parents for all their hard work. These results and the changes to the building show that the foundations are there for a very bright future for Afon Taf High School. ”**



Teachers at Afon Taf High School eagerly awaiting students to collect their results.



Paige Cummings worked incredibly hard this year, attending every after school club and Saturday club in order to fulfill her potential. And her hard work paid off! Paige achieved 2 B's, 4 C's, 2 D's and 2 Passes.



Rebecca Jackson was one of the highest achievers in Afon Taf High School, with an amazing 6 A\*'s, 2 A's, 2B's and 1C. Rebecca will be going to The College Merthyr Tydfil to study A Levels in Government Politics, English Literature, Art & History.



Year 10 pupils also celebrated successful results!

From L-R Lloyd Davies, Emily Bryant, Tom Gwilym and Lowri Davies.



Sophia Morgan discussing her results with her Headteacher Cliff Smith and Chief Executive of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Mr Gareth Chapman

## Cyfarthfa High School

Carolyn Meade, Head Teachers, said:



Charlie Loss achieved a fantastic 7 GCSE's at grade C.



Oliver Davies of Cyfarthfa High School achieved 3A\*'s 3A's and 3B's - Well Done Oliver!

**“ We are delighted to achieve yet another year of best ever results. Pupils at Cyfarthfa excelled themselves moving up on every single statistical indicator which schools are measured by. This is testament to their hard work and that of their teachers. The very special relationships they share, coupled with the support of their families, have set them on the road to success. We are proud to see that 100% of pupils left school with at least 5 qualifications and an amazing 8 achieved 10 or more straight A\* / A grades, which is without doubt outstanding! We wish all pupils good luck as they approach the next important step of their careers and are grateful to all who supported this exceptional year group. ”**



Cyfarthfa High School students eager to go and celebrate



Matthew Davies has been through an incredibly tough time in the past few years. In the face of adversity, Matthew achieved a phenomenal 8 GCSE's Grades B and C, as well as 2 Distinctions.



Emilia Williams achieved 3 A\*'s 7 A's and 1 B – amazing results!



Grace Thomas achieved 11 GCSE's 3A\*'s and 8 A's - Well done!

### Pen Y Dre High School

Keith Maher, Head Teacher, said:

**“ 2016 has been an incredible year for Pen y Dre High School and this has been rounded off perfectly by a record set of GCSE results. This year’s highlights included the visit of HRH Prince Charles, a successful Estyn inspection, and now a fourth successive set of record exam results. We have maintained our 100% pass rate and saw another big jump in our headline figures, with a 13% improvement from last year in pupils gaining 5 A\*-C including English, Welsh and Mathematics. Parental and pupil surveys show incredibly high satisfaction rates, and with record numbers joining Pen y Dre next year we are looking forward to continued success for our pupils and their families. ”**



Hannah Price, Head Girl at Pen-y-Dre High School, sat some of her GCSE’s a year early and achieved excellent GCSE results, including 1 A\* and 2 A’s! She’s pictured with Assistant Head Teacher KS4, Mr John Davies.



Rhys Berry, of Pen Y Dre High School, picked up his GCSE results in the hall where he performed for HRH Prince of Wales earlier this year



Fione Samuel – Best GCSE results at Pen Y Dre High School. Pictured with Leader of the Council, Councillor Brendan Toomey and Dorothy Haines, Chief Officer Learning.



Rhys Lewis pictured here with Leigh Medlicott, Senior Teacher (Science) and Luke Jones, Learning Coach. Rhys will be going onto Merthyr College to study Carpentry.

Dorothy Haines, Chief Officer Learning, said: *“We are absolutely delighted that once again our young people have been successful and we congratulate all students on their achievements. These results are a tribute to the commitment and hard work of the pupils and the dedication of teaching staff.*

*“This is the fourth year in a row to see a rise in the GCSE results and reflects the excellent team work between schools, pupils and their families and the local authority. “Since 2012 there has been a relentless focus on what makes a difference in both primary and secondary schools. Today our young people have better*

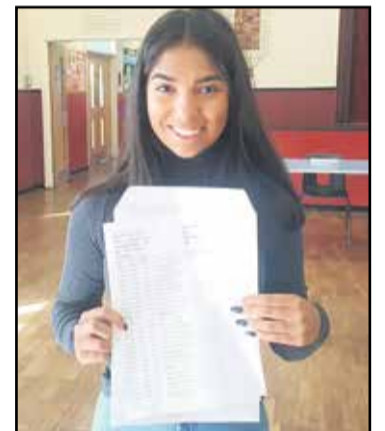
*reading, writing and mathematics skills which are the foundations of learning. Schools have also invested in the professional development of their staff and have the ambition that all teaching will be outstanding. “We are confident that the future is bright for our children and young people because we can see that*

*the schools in the county borough are on the path to making even more improvements. Above all we are grateful for the continued support of the families and of all the volunteers in schools who give up their time, without whom none of this would have been possible.”*

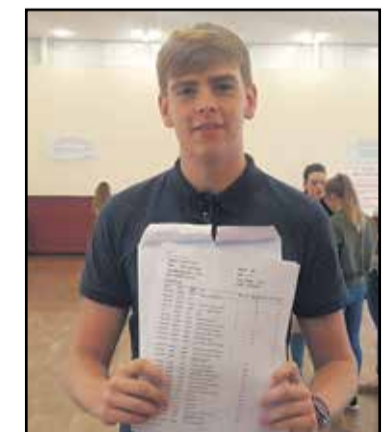
### Bishop Hedley High School

Maureen Harris, Head Teacher, said:

**“ Not only has Bishop Hedley maintained its three year average of 100% of pupils attaining GCSE L1 examinations, but 29% of the cohort also attained an A/S examination, a qualification usually sat in a sixth form setting! At Level 2+, BHHS maintains its three year average of over 62%. Notable successes were Zahraa Khammas and Kate Hill who both attained 9 A\*/A and a B at A/S. Phoebe Abad and Seren Clancy attained 7 A\*/A and C at A/S whilst Sam Hopkins attained 5 A\*/A in addition to a C at A/S and further GCSEs. Pupils and staff are congratulated on their hard work and the outstanding efforts in their A/S achievements along with GCSEs. ”**



Zahraa Khammas, 16, from Heolgerrig, was the top performing girl with 6 A\*s, 2 As and a B at AS level RE. Well done!



Tavis Morris, 16, achieved a brilliant 5 As, 2 Bs and a C. He’s off to The College Merthyr Tydfil to study Psychology & Physics.

## The College Merthyr Tydfil also celebrates success!



The College Merthyr Tydfil is celebrating a double gold success in true Olympic fashion after achieving a 99% A level pass rate for the second year running and a 3% rise in the percentage of students achieving grades A\* and

A grades. In addition to this, the college’s AS pass rate has increased to 91% - up 6% on the 2015 pass rate. Vocational students have also performed exceptionally well in their academic studies, with a

record number of phenomenal results across the board. Of the 561 Level 3 vocational learners who successfully completed their studies, 91% successfully passed, with 57% achieving a pass grade, 20% achieving

a merit and 23% achieving a distinction. Of this 23%, 13% achieved a triple distinction star – the highest grades possible. In addition, the college achieved a phenomenal 100% pass rate across nine vocational areas,

including Barbering, Travel and Tourism, Performing Arts, Music, Business, Art and Design, Outdoor Sport, Public Services and Access to Higher Education.



## Learning success for Haley Davies

Haley Davies from Merthyr Tydfil has received an award for her outstanding commitment to learning from the Merthyr Tydfil Learning Festival group.

At present, Haley works in a school as a lunchtime supervisor and loves her job but she felt she needed to retrain to enable her to progress, so she contacted Working Skills for Adults 2. Haley said "I heard about Working Skills for Adults 2 and felt this would give me the opportunity to get the training I needed".

Working Skills for Adults 2 is a project which is coordinated by Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council which provides FREE training opportunities to residents of the borough who are over 16 and employed. Some of the FREE courses available include food hygiene, business administration, hair and beauty, CV workshops and manual handling.

Haley's goal is to become a learning support assistant and she is now being supported by Working Skills for Adults 2 who will provide training and guidance to enable her to achieve this. A package of training is now in place for Haley which includes Maths and English GCSE and a learning support assistant qualification.

Despite facing multiple learning barriers Haley has shown that it is never too late to learn and progress in your career.

During the presentation ceremony at The Bothy in Cyfarthfa Park, Haley said: "It's not very often that employed people can have free training. I've enjoyed all the courses I have attended so far and now feel confident that I will eventually get the career I want with the support of the Working Skills for Adults 2 team. I'm really pleased to have been given this award"



## VALLEY SWEEP

(Chimney Sweep)

MERTHYR TYDFIL

Martyn Gardner

Tel:- **01685 371351** or **0790 326 7296**

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Safety Certificate and smoke test included.

## Destination Day



A package of tourism products for Merthyr Tydfil was launched early last month as part of the Council's continued drive to put the County Borough on the map as a destination which people visit for action-packed family days out and adventure activities, as well as fascinating heritage.

**BikePark Wales** has matured into a 'truly world class facility' with planned developments for Rock UK Summit Centre also cementing its international reputation. New facilities such as **Parkwood Outdoors Dolygaer** will strengthen the sector further.

The launch of the products, including a new visitor guide, website, activity tourism video and a 'Destination Management Plan,' was done so in the presence of tourism sector businesses, representatives of Welsh Government, local

authorities and support agencies.

**"Our suite of activity tourism opportunities, combined with our unique cultural heritage offer made up of attractions such as Cyfarthfa Park, Castle and Museum has seen significant investment attracting 500,000 visitors last year. In addition, the Welsh cultural centre Canolfan Soar, will undoubtedly ensure that Merthyr Tydfil sustains its position as a leading visitor destination."**

**"Tourism is vitally important to the economy of Merthyr Tydfil - bringing in 1.23m visitors and over £66m last year - and we offer huge opportunities as a destination through our natural environment, unique history and excellent geographical location,"** said Chief Executive of Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Gareth Chapman.

**"The accommodation sector in particular has grown significantly over the past decade, with the number of accommodation providers having doubled. Our thriving activity tourism offer has seen more international visitors come to the region than ever before."**

Council Leader, Cllr Brendan Toomey, said: **"The tourism sector supports 879 full time-equivalent jobs in Merthyr Tydfil and last year alone, over 400,000 visitors stayed overnight."**

**"So it's essential that all partners make sure there are no gaps or failures in our tourism provision - and that the package is professional and covers everything required by the visitor. We're confident this plan will help us achieve that."**

The new visitor guide, Merthyr Tydfil Destination Management Plan 2016-18, Merthyr Tydfil: Discover the Real Place, and the Destination Merthyr Tydfil video can be viewed on the Visit Merthyr website: [www.visitmerthyr.co.uk](http://www.visitmerthyr.co.uk)

Also like us on Facebook @ VisitMerthyr and follow us on Twitter @VisitMerthyr

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**50th anniversary of Aberfan marked with viewing of world-famous photographs**

In commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the Aberfan Disaster, an exhibition displaying world-famous photographs taken by American photojournalist, Chuck Rapoport, has been on show at the Redhouse since September 13 and will continue until October 29th.

Chuck went to Aberfan shortly after the disaster and documented the aftermath of the disaster in a series of black and white photographs of surviving children, families and others in the community.

**Roman Dig - Cyfarthfa Park**



The Council, along with Merthyr Tydfil Leisure Trust, would like to thank all the volunteers who came along to Cyfarthfa Park recently to help out with an archaeological dig. Whilst looking for Roman remains, the tip of a Neolithic knife, dating back more than 4,000 years, was found, as well as a clay pipe and pottery from the Civil War and pottery believed to be from Roman and Medieval times.

It is hoped that the finds will go on show at Cyfarthfa Museum.

**Business centre users enjoy cream of Merthyr Tydfil amateur art**

An art exhibition depicting scenes of Merthyr Tydfil, old and new, was publicly launched on August 31st at the Orbit Business Centre, Rhydyccar Business Park.

The paintings have all been done by local artists and was the idea of local residents Alan Dee and Joe McMenamin who wanted to bring together and display the work of some of the County Borough's many amateur art groups.

**Residents' Survey**

How satisfied are you as a resident in Merthyr Tydfil? Let us know and be in with a chance to win £100 Tesco vouchers.

Open until 17th October, the Residents' Satisfaction Survey will help us shape service delivery across the County Borough.

Complete the survey online at [www.cwmtafhub.com](http://www.cwmtafhub.com) or request a hard copy by telephoning (01685) 725052/725087

# Superfast Business Wales - Making the Most of your website Masterclass

A fully funded event for micro, small and medium-sized businesses 17 November 2016, 09:00 - 13:30

Orbit Business Centre, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1DL

Join Superfast Business Wales to find out how you could be making your website work harder for you in order to attract and retain customers, boost profits and grow your business.

The 4-hour, intensive Masterclass will

offer practical, expert advice to help you understand how your business can design and develop a website that enables you to compete in the digital age.

The Making the Most of your website Masterclass will cover:

- Learn about your website design and functionality
- How to promote your website and increase visitors
- How to analyse and measure website

performance

- How to capture customer data via your website

Don't miss this valuable opportunity to gain real insight into how you can utilise digital technology to develop a winning website and generate a deeper understanding of your customers.

REGISTER NOW

Or visit: <https://wales.business-events.org.uk/>



# 50th Anniversary of Aberfan Disaster



**Official commemorations of the 50th anniversary of the Aberfan disaster have begun, to remember those that lost their lives on 21st October 1966.**

A total of 116 children and 28 adults died when a coal waste tip slid down a mountain, engulfing a school and surrounding houses. To mark the 50th anniversary, a series of events have been organised for those wishing to pay their respects and to remember the lives that were lost on this tragic day. Information on these events is listed below.

**13th September to 29th October  
at REDHOUSE**

High Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AE  
Exhibition Aberfan - Remembrances of a Photojournalist.  
Opening Event with I.C. Rapoport  
<http://www.redhousecymru.com/events> Tel:- 01685 384111

**8th October  
at Wales Millennium Centre**

Bute Place, Cardiff Bay CF10 5AL  
Memorial Concert  
<https://www.wmc.org.uk> Ticket Information Office 02920 636464

**15th October  
at Aberfan Memorial Garden**

Moy Road, Aberfan CF48 4QE  
11.00 am Veterans from The Kings Own Royal Border Regiment will parade from Aberfan Community Leisure Centre to the Memorial Garden, Laying of Wreaths

**17th October  
at REDHOUSE**

High Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AE  
Poetry Event with Professor Tony Curtis & Dr Grahame Davies  
on Monday 17th October at 7pm.  
<http://www.redhousecymru.com/events> Tel:- 01685 384111

**October 2016 – January 2017  
at Cyfarthfa Castle Museum**

Brecon Road, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8RE  
Exhibition on the concept of what happened.  
Large display boards with excerpts from the original newspaper articles  
of the first 10 days after the Aberfan Disaster

**17th – 21st October  
at Smyrna Chapel**

Aberfan Road, Aberfan CF48 4QN  
Open to visitors to the village where original newspaper articles will be on display.  
Light Refreshments and Toilet facilities available

**Thursday 20th October at 7.00 pm  
St David's Parish Church**

High Street, Merthyr Tydfil CF47 8AE  
Service of Remembrance Conducted by Assistant Bishop of Llandaff,  
The Right Reverend David Wilbourne & Father Mark Prevett, Mayor's Chaplain  
Ynysowen Male Choir

**Friday 21st October from 9.15 am  
Aberfan Cemetery**

Memorial Service - Official Laying of Wreaths

\*Restricted Vehicle Access\*

**Friday 21st October 7.00 pm  
St Mary's Church**

Merthyr Vale CF48 4RF  
Aberfan Memorial Church Service

All these events are open to the public  
Books of Condolence will be placed in:- Aberfan Library  
Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Civic Centre  
Cyfarthfa Castle Museum

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# Public Notices

## **MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL TREHARRIS 28 TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF PEDESTRIANS ORDER 2016**

NOTICE is hereby given that Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council ("the Council") in exercise of its powers under Sections 14(2) and 15(8)(b)(ii) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers that footpath Treharris 28 be temporarily closed to pedestrians in the interest of public safety. The effect of the Order is as follows:-

no person shall proceed in that length of the Footpath Treharris 28 in the Community of Treharris which extends from grid reference ST09799650 and proceeds to grid reference ST09959637.

This Order came into operation on 13th September 2016 and will have a maximum duration of 6 months.

**Dated** 27th September 2016

**C M Kennedy,**  
Legal & Democratic Services  
Manager, Merthyr Tydfil  
County Borough Council,  
Civic Centre, Castle Street,  
Merthyr Tydfil  
CF47 8AN

## **NOTICE OF MAKING OF AN ORDER HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL FOOTPATH TREHARRIS 31 (PART) DIVERSION ORDER 2016**

The above order, made on 27th September 2016, under section 119 of the Highways Act 1980 will divert the public footpath running from grid reference ST08789693 to grid reference ST08769686 to a line running from grid reference ST08789693 to grid reference ST08769686, as shown on the order maps.

A copy of the order and order maps have been placed and may be seen free of charge at Unit 5, Triangle Business Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4TQ between the hours of 0900 to 1700 on Monday to Friday. Copies of the order and maps may be bought at the price of £10.

Any representations about or objections to the order may be sent in writing to the Director of Customer Services not later than 31st October 2016. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

If no such representations or objections are duly made, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council may confirm the order as an unopposed order. If the order is sent to the Secretary of State for Wales for confirmation any representations or objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the order.

**Dated** 1st October 2016

**C M Kennedy,**  
Legal & Democratic Services  
Manager, Merthyr Tydfil  
County Borough Council,  
Civic Centre, Castle Street,  
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## **NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 MERTHYR TYDFIL COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL TREHARRIS 40 DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2015**

On 26th September 2016 the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council confirmed the above Order under section 53 Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding to them the footpath that commences at grid reference ST08380024 and proceeds for approximately 2,260 metres in a general southerly direction to grid reference ST08239936 where it changes to a general south-easterly direction and continues for approximately 100 metres to a field gate at grid reference ST08299917. It continues along a rough surface for approximately 680 metres to terminate on the maintainable highway at grid reference, ST08629868. The approximate length of the route is 3,040 metres with a width of between 3 and 5 metres.

A copy of the Order and the Order map contained in it has been deposited and may be inspected free of charge at Unit 5, Triangle Business Park, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil CF48 4TQ between the hours of 0900 to 1700 Monday to Friday.

Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £10.

The Order came into force on 26th September 2016 but if any person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or any provision contained in it on the ground that it is not within the powers of the

Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 or on the ground that any requirement of the Act or of any regulation made under the Act has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may, under paragraph 12(1) of Schedule 15 to the Act within 6 weeks from 1st October 2016 make an application to the High Court.

**Dated** 30th September 2016

**C M Kennedy,**  
Legal & Democratic Services  
Manager, Merthyr Tydfil  
County Borough Council,  
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## **NOTICE OF MODIFICATION ORDER Section 53 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 THE FORMER MID GLAMORGAN COUNTY COUNCIL DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT BOROUGH OF MERTHYR TYDFIL BEDLINOG 68 DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2016**

The above Order made on 27th September 2016, if confirmed as made, will modify the definitive map and statement for the area by varying the particulars relating to the right of way from Warren Terrace to the county boundary by providing for the removal of one gate and the addition of another gate.

A copy of the Order and the order map may be seen free of charge at The Rights of Way Section, Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, Unit 5, Merthyr Tydfil between the hours of 0900 to 1700 on Monday to Friday.

Copies of the Order and map may be bought there at the price of £10.

Any representation or objection to the Order must be sent in writing to the undersigned by 14th November 2016, and applicants are requested to state the grounds on which it is made.

If no representations or objections are duly made to the Order, or to any part of it, or if any so made are withdrawn, the Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council, instead of submitting the Order to the National Assembly for Wales may itself confirm the Order. If the Order is submitted to the National Assembly for Wales, any representations or objections which have been withdrawn will be sent with it.

**Dated** 1st October 2016

**C M Kennedy,**  
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