Bishopston CC

AUTUMN 2024

# THE BISHOPSTON, MURTON AND MANSELFIELD CHRONICLE

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## VOLUNTEERS WANTED

To support our community events and activities! If you can spare some time, then sign up to our WhatsApp group for BCC Volunteers.

People can join via this link or QR code below:

**https://chat.whatsapp.com/D4ez8y73DLcC50uQiD1YjG**

Save the Date

**Firework Display**
05/11/24
(Now available to book online)

**Remembrance Day Service**
09/11/24

**Lantern Parade**
29/11/24

**Christmas Carol Service**
18/12/24

## WELCOME TO THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE CHRONICLE!

In this edition, you'll find:

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## BOOK EXCHANGE OPENING SOON

We are excited to announce that the Bishopston Community Centre Book Exchange is set to open in the coming weeks! A big thank you to everyone who has generously donated books. At this time, we are not accepting any further donations, but if that changes, we will post an update on our Facebook page.

The Book Exchange will be open during the community centre's regular opening hours. Stay tuned for updates on our Facebook page and website for more information on the opening and future announcements.

## BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL WANTS YOUR VIEWS

Bishopston Community Council is keen to hear your thoughts on how we can improve and enhance our village. Your ideas and suggestions are important in shaping the future of our community. On **25th November, between 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM,** you're invited to meet some of our community councillors for an informal chat. This is a great opportunity to share your ideas and discuss how we can work together to bring positive changes to Bishopston.

We will also have suggestion boxes placed around the village and at the community centre for you to drop off your thoughts at your convenience. Keep a look out for these locations on our Facebook.

You can also use the QR code to submit your suggestions online. We look forward to hearing from you and working together to make Bishopston an even better place to live!

## WELL AND DRAINAGE UPDATE

The well on Murton Green has recently undergone essential restoration to ensure its preservation and continued accessibility for the community. Over recent weeks, the paving around the well has been fully re-laid, and new measures have been installed to prevent future blockages. We are looking at ways to improve the overall drainage on Murton Green. We replaced an underground pipe to help this and we are hoping the work will help the well from overflowing.

These improvements are aimed at maintaining this historic feature and ensuring it remains safe, clear and functional for many years to come. The Council is hopeful that the new measures will be effective, allowing the well to continue as an important part of the village's heritage. We appreciate the community's patience during the restoration process and encourage everyone to take pride in this revitalised part of Murton Green.

## COMMUNITY BUS

We have introducing a special "Jump on Jump off" fare for residents without a concessionary bus pass, making local journeys more affordable.

**Campion Gardens, Bishopston, Murton, Manselfield -** £1.00 Adult Single, £1.50 Adult Return, 70p Child Single, £1.00 Child Return.
**Oystermouth to Caswell Bay -** £1.50 Adult Single, £2.50 Adult Return, £1.00 Child Single, £1.70 Child Return.

**BISHOPSTON-CASWELL BAY**
**via Murton, Manselfield, Newton & Oystermouth**

**Wednesdays and Friday only, except when designated as Bank Holidays**

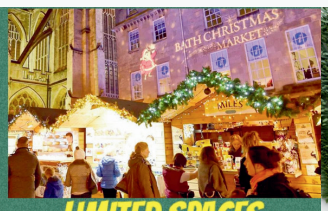
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| Bishopston (Northway Court) | 0932 | 1047 | 1202 | 1347 |
| Bishopston (Valley Hotel) | 0933 | 1048 | 1203 | 1348 |
| Bishopston (South Close) | 0934 | 1049 | 1204 | 1349 |
| Bishopston (Pyle Corner) | 0935 | 1050 | 1205 | 1350 |
| Bishopston (Caswell Bay Road) | 0936 | 1051 | 1206 | 1351 |
| Murton (Oldway) | 0937 | 1052 | 1207 | 1352 |
| Murton (Post Office) | 0939 | 1054 | 1209 | 1354 |
| Manselfeld (Miles Lane) | 0942 | 1057 | 1212 | 1357 |
| Manselfield (Espalone) | 0943 | 1058 | 1213 | 1358 |
| Newton (Rock & Fountain) | 0945 | 1100 | 1215 | 1400 |
| Newton (Groves Avenue) | 0946 | 1101 | 1216 | 1401 |
| Langland Corner | 0947 | 1102 | 1217 | 1402 |
| Underhill Park | 0948 | 1103 | 1218 | 1403 |
| OYSTERMOUTH (M&S - Newton Road) | 0950 | 1105 | 1220 | 1405 |
| Underhill Park | 0952 | 1107 | 1222 | 1407 |
| Langland Corner | 0953 | 1108 | 1223 | 1408 |
| Caswell Bay (opp Car Park) | 0958 | 1113 | 1228 | 1413 |
| CASWELL BAY (Caswell Bay Court) | 1000 | 1115 | 1230 | 1415 |

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| Langland Corner | 1012 | 1127 | 1242 | 1427 |
| Underhill Park | 1013 | 1128 | 1243 | 1428 |
| OYSTERMOUTH (M&S - Newton Road) | 1015 | 1130 | 1245 | 1430 |
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| Langland Corner | 1018 | 1133 | 1248 | 1433 |
| Newton (Groves Avenue) | 1019 | 1134 | 1249 | 1434 |
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| Manselfeld (Miles Lane) | 1024 | 1139 | 1254 | 1439 |
| Murton (Post Office) | 1026 | 1141 | 1256 | 1441 |
| Murton (Oldway) | 1028 | 1143 | 1258 | 1443 |
| Bishopston (Caswell Bay Road) | 1029 | 1144 | 1259 | 1444 |
| Bishopston (Pyle Corner) | 1030 | 1145 | 1300 | 1445 |
| Bishopston (South Close) | 1031 | 1146 | 1301 | 1446 |
| Bishopston (Valley Hotel) | 1032 | 1147 | 1302 | 1447 |
| Bishopston (Northway Court) | 1034 | 1149 | 1304 | 1449 |
| WILLOWS COURT (Campian Gardens) | 1037 | 1152 | 1307 | 1452 |

TIME TABLE AND COMMUNITY BUS UPDATES: AVAILABLE ON WWW.BISHOPSTONCC.COM

Bishopston Primary School PTA




PTA CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP: BATH CHRISTMAS MARKET - SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER. £30PP INCLUDES FESTIVE REFRESHMENTS EN ROUTE



LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE - FULL £30 PAYMENT SECURES YOUR SEAT

Bishopston Primary School PTA
Christmas Markets
6:30-8:00pm
Friday 29th November
at Murton Church Hall

# HEALTH WALKS

Bishopston CC

Join us for a gentle stroll designed to increase physical activity. Suitable if you just want to 'stretch' your legs, if you're not as nimble as you were, if you use a wheelchair or mobility scooter or for some enjoyable company.
We will also stop for a cuppa and chat.

**Come and enjoy a walk, chat, cuppa and the fresh air!**

**SWANSEA PROMENADE TO MUMBLES:**
**FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

10:00 am

1st Friday of the month

Meeting point in Alderwood Road Car Park OPPOSITE, the West Cross Inn







**LANGLAND TO SNAPLE POINT:**
**THIRD FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH**

10:00 am

3rd Friday of the month

Meeting point in Langland Carpark
BEHIND the Langland Brasserie



For more information or if you need a lift (car sharing from Bishopston / Murton):
Contact Cllr Clive Scott 07369 299198
www.facebook.com/BishCC
**Join the WhatsApp Group with the QR Code here**




# PLANNING

Application forms, plans and supporting documentation for these applications can be viewed at http://property.swansea.gov.uk

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| 2024/1436/FUL | 2024/1436/S73 |
| 2024/1737/FUL | 2024/1459/FUL |
| 2024/1761/FUL | 2024/1413/S73 |
| 2024/1274/FUL | 2024/0371/FUL |
| 2024/1413/FUL | 2024/1185/PLD |
| 2024/1674/NMA | 2024/1188/FUL |
| 2024/1616/FUL | 2024/1228/FUL |
| 2024/1567/FUL | 2023/1576/OUT |



# REPORTING ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR AND CRIME



## USEFUL INFORMATION & CONTACT DETAILS

Thankfully crime and antisocial behaviour in the Bishopston and Murton area is low! However, this **'CUT OUT & KEEP'** page provides advice and information on where to find help if you are experiencing anti-social behaviour, have information about, or are a victim of, crime.

**Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB)**

ASB is not always easy to recognise. What one person considers to be antisocial behaviour, another person may not. Antisocial behaviour is is a wide range of unacceptable activities such as:

- Environmental antisocial behaviour eg vandalism, graffiti, antisocial drinking, animal nuisance, arson
- Noise nuisance eg loud music or parties, noisy DIY late at night
- Household disputes eg shouting, swearing, fighting
- Harassment and intimidation – eg intimidation, threats, actual violence, abusive behaviour, verbal abuse

Antisocial behaviour is not about parking issues (including badly parked vehicles), children playing, groups of young people in the street or in parks (unless they are being rowdy, abusive, causing damage or committing other crimes), noise caused by everyday living, religious or cultural practice, one-off parties, or general living noise.

**Reporting ASB or a crime**

**You can report ASB or a crime in several ways:**

- If it's an emergency and the crime is still taking place, call 999 and ask for the police
- If it's not an emergency use the 101 non-emergency number instead
- You can report it at your local police station https://www.police.uk/contact/find-a-police-station/ or to South Wales Police online https://www.south-wales.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/
- If you have information regarding a crime and don't want to talk to the police, contact the charity Crimestoppers online **https://crimestoppers-uk.org** or call 0800 555 111
- Your neighbourhood policing team https://www.southwaleslistens.co.uk aim to respond to Community concerns
- Contact the Community Clerk online bishopstoncommunitycouncil@outlook.com or call 07389 765 826 if you are concerned about ASB on Bishopston Community Council land or property (eg Community Centre, play park etc)

**Other types of crime**

For support and advice with other types of crime (eg burglary, car/bicycle/dog theft, elder or domestic abuse etc) visit https://www.ourwatch.org.uk/crime-prevention/crime-types

**Cyber-crime**

Figures from the Office For National Statistics (ONS)show that cyber-crime is now one of the most common offences, with an estimated 2 million cyber-crime incidents in 2016 (and the number is growing fast!), compared to 686,000 domestic burglary offences. For advice on staying safe online visit https://www.ncsc.gov.uk/section/information-for/individuals-families

**Support**

Victim Support offer confidential support and advice to those affected by crime call 08 08 16 89 111 or at https://www.victimsupport.org.uk

**Neighbourhood Policing Team (NPT)**

The NPT seek to understand and tackle the issues and concerns of local residents, in line with their Local Policing Plan. Have your say on local issues by completing their short survey https://survey.southwaleslistens.co.uk

# GATEWAY TO GOWER (G2G) COMMUNITY PROJECT

## MAKING STRIDES

The Gateway to Gower (G2G) is rapidly becoming a cornerstone of community support and engagement in the area. Launched on 15 January 2024, G2G is a community-led project backed by Menshed and the Bishopston Community Council, aiming to reduce isolation, tackle loneliness, and promote both mental and physical well-being.

The project offers a variety of activities designed to foster community cohesion and skill-sharing among its members. Current sessions include woodworking, crafting, and outdoor pursuits, with a focus on heritage skills and practical learning. The group's membership has steadily grown, with 43 participants and regular fortnightly sessions attracting at least 10 attendees.

The Chair of the project has shared that G2G has also been heavily involved in local events such as the Mayday celebrations and the Gower Show, helping to raise awareness and drive participation.

*"Through our sessions, we aim to support our community by creating a welcoming space where people can connect, share skills, and learn from one another. It's about more than just activities; it's about combatting loneliness and supporting each other,"*

**Achievements and Plans for Growth**

Since its inception, G2G has benefited from promotional support, with Swansea Council for Voluntary Service (SCVS) playing a key role in spreading the word through flyers and posters. The group has also started building partnerships with local organisations and repair cafés to further expand their offerings.

Looking ahead, G2G plans to introduce printmaking workshops and expand their woodworking activities. One of their main goals is to secure a permanent shared space, where they can set up fixed workbenches, allowing members to work more efficiently without having to pack away equipment at the end of each session.

Gateway to Gower (G2G) has teamed up with Bishopston Community Council to support their new book exchange project by assisting with the installation of shelving. This partnership aims to create a space where residents can freely exchange books, fostering a love for reading and enhancing community engagement.

As the project continues to evolve, it is clear that G2G is making a lasting impact on the Gower community, bringing people together and helping to build a stronger, more connected society.

For more information or to get involved, G2G invites local residents to pop along to forthcoming sessions.



# Community Coffee Mornings

Bishopston Community Centre

10:00 - 12:00

Last Saturday of every month

TEA,COFFEE AND CAKE



ALL WELCOME



ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN



It's that time of year again

The Christmas Afternoon Tea

14th December 24

1 - 4pm

£10 per person book in advance at our monthly coffee mornings

A selection of sweet & savoury canapés, petit fours, sandwiches & cakes, served with tea, coffee & Christmas cheer



**BOOK with Lucie on 07825126578**

# HIRE BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

**Bishopston Community Centre is available for hire for Community Groups, Celebrations, Classes and Meetings**

To book or for more information contact our Clerk:

bishopstoncommunitycouncil@outlook.com

07389 765826

Bishopston Community Council

# COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE SERVICE 2024

**Saturday 9th November**

**Memorial Stone on**

**Murton Green Road at 10:45AM**



# Annual Christmas Carol Service

Featuring The Salvation Army

Bishopston Community Centre

Wednesday 18th December at 6:30PM

# CLLR LYNDON JONES UPDATE



**IF YOU WANT TO CONTACT LYNDON:**
**07880743578**
**CLLR.LYNDON.JONES@SWANSEA.GOV.UK**
**OR MESSAGE HIM ON THE COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE.**

**FLOODING IN BISHOPSTON WARD**
My thoughts go out to all those people in my Bishopston Ward who were affected by the heavy rain and flash floods a number of weeks ago. During that evening and into the early hours of the Saturday, I spoke to local residents affected and chased up the blue light and Swansea Council Emergency Services. The next day, I visited the houses and shops and spoke to householders who were in, who had been affected, to offer help and support.

Special thanks go to local residents who braved the weather, sometimes up to their waist in water, to make sure residents were taken to safety. Also, to the teams from Swansea Council, Mid & West Wales Fire and Rescue and the Police, who did a fantastic job. Since the flood, I have taken up a number of issues with the drainage team at the Council and that work is ongoing.

**BIG CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS "SWITCH ON"**
The "Big Christmas Lights Switch On" will be at 6.30pm on Friday, 29th November at the green in Murton ..... and Father Christmas will be there! There will be a lantern parade going through the village before this and stalls open afterwards, so please keep the date!

**THE PARK OFF WELLFIELD**
I am delighted to say that the grant funding for further new equipment in the park off Wellfield, is now in place! A little while ago, I, along with Community Cllr. Sally-Anne Gates, the Head, John Owen and Officers from Swansea Council, met up with children from the Primary School at the park, to ask what extra pieces of equipment they would like to see there, because their views are important. This consultation was in addition to a survey included in a Community Council Newsletter.

The Clerk from Bishopston Community Council and I have now prepared everything to go to tender, to make sure we get best value for money, but this will include Wet Pour Safety Surfacing, a Basketball Stand and Backboard, inclusive items like a Flush Carousel plus items for the use of toddlers and fitness equipment.

If you include the new benches and picnic tables in the park at Wellfield, Mansel Green and Murton Green, the new and further play equipment in the park, this represents an investment of around £100,000, which I am delighted to have been able to obtain. Big thanks to the team at Swansea Council and Bishopston Community Council. Working together, we have made sure that the park will be a very different place!

**UPDATED MAP OF THE FOOTPATHS IN THE BISHOPSTON WARD**
An updated version of the map of local footpaths and bridleways is now back from the printers, following on from the successful map I organised a few years ago. This will give everyone the opportunity to explore the lovely countryside we have in and around the community.

I intend to get a map delivered to every house in the Bishopston Ward, so if you can help deliver to your street, area, please let me know. There will also be a supply at local businesses. Big thanks to the Footpaths Officer at Swansea Council for his help with this project.

**COMMUNITY CINEMA IN BISHOPSTON**
I am pleased to say that we now have the new film equipment including sound surround, which is being fitted and the first film will be shown towards the end of October in the Church Hall, The Glebe, Bishopston.

I would like to thank everyone who has been in touch to say that they are interested in receiving details about the films. The reason we are asking for you to e-mail us, is that with the terms of our licence, we can only let those people who do that, know about the films, so, if you haven't already, please e-mail me if you want to be on our mailing list: cllr.lyndon.jones@swansea.gov.uk

Also, if you would like to volunteer, we would welcome your help. Again, please get in touch with me with your name and e-mail address. I look forward to hearing from you!

**CRITICAL BLEED CONTROL KITS**
Placing "Critical Bleed Kits" in as many places as possible around Swansea is the initiative of the of the High Sheriff of West Glamorgan 2024-2025, Melanie James, working with Heartbeat Trust UK, who said that "Critical Bleed Control" kits are in response to not only the increasing concern from knife crimes, but also to other incidents of catastrophic bleeds arising from a wide range of causes including road collisions, impalement, dog bites and more.

They fit in the Defibrillator Boxes, so I am pleased to say that the High Sheriff was able to join us to highlight that we have placed one in the box outside the Bishopston Community Centre in Murton and another in the box outside Guts Surf Shop on Pyle Road. I hope they will never be used, but if they are needed, they are there!

Bishopston Community Council Present our

# ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

## Join us on...
## TUESDAY 5th November

Come join the whole community and watch our fireworks show with your friends and family!

Venue: Murton Green

Time: Gates 18:15 FOR A 19:00 START

## PRICES

ADULTS/OVER 5S
£5

Under 5s
Free

Family Ticket (2 Adults 3 Children)
£15

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

Vegetarian and vegan options available.

BOOK NOW

Please adhere to the strict guidance we will be putting in place to make this event run smoothly.

No Sparklers allowed on site.

PTA SELLING GLOW WANDS!

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THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR FIREWORK DISPLAY BY PROVIDING US WITH A RADIO SYSTEM

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