THE BISHOPSTON, MURTON AND MANSELFIELD CHRONICLE

AUTUMN 2025

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If you can spare some time, then please sign up to our WhatsApp group for BCC Volunteers.

You can join via this link or QR code below:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/D4ez8y73DLcC50uQiD1YjG

Save the Date

FIREWORKS DISPLAY
05/11/25

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
08/11/25

LANTERN PARADE/CRAFT FAIR
28/11/25

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE
17/12/25

WELCOME TO THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE CHRONICLE!

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COMMUNITY COUNCIL UPDATE – A BUSY YEAR FOR BISHOPSTON

It's been a busy and rewarding year so far for Bishopston Community Council. One of the highlights was organising our two-day community event celebrating VE Day and May Day, which was very well attended and enjoyed by all.





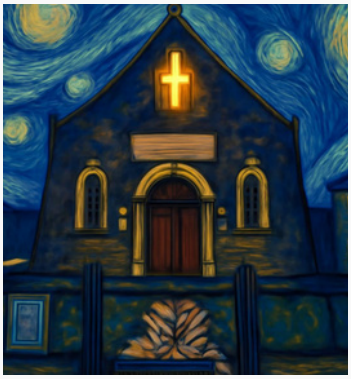
We're now turning our attention to our annual fireworks display, Remembrance Service, and Christmas Carol Service, all of which promise to bring the community together once again to celebrate and reflect.

MURTON GREEN PLAY PARK

Alongside these events, we're working closely with Councillor Lyndon Jones on plans for a new children's play park at Murton Green. The current play area is in need of repair and updating, and we're exploring options to install a replacement on the same footprint. We've been advised that as long as the park remains within its existing boundaries, the redevelopment will remain in line with the land covenants that apply to the Green.

THE CHAPEL

Bishopston Community Council with the support of Cllr Lyndon Jones has submitted a bid to purchase Murton Chapel with the aim of creating a community hub for everyone. Following strong support during the consultation, the bid is now with Mallards and awaits a decision from the Methodist Trustees. Stay tuned for updates on our website and social media.



PUMP TRACK PROJECT – UPDATE FROM SWANSEA CITY COUNCIL
As many residents will be aware, we have been working closely with Swansea City Council on the proposed pump track and wheeled sports facility as part of the wider Skate and Wheeled Sports Masterplan.

Swansea City Council took on this project around a year ago, but despite ongoing efforts, identifying and agreeing on a suitable location for the facility continues to be a challenge. Below is a summary provided by Swansea City Council on the sites considered so far and the issues associated with each.

MURTON GREEN
This land is owned by Bishopston Community Council. However, there are restrictive covenants in place that prevent the development of a pump track on this site.

COPLEY COMMON
This area has been discussed extensively. The costs and timescales involved in developing here would likely be considerable, as planning consent would be required from both PEDW (Planning and Environment Decisions Wales) and Swansea Council's Planning Department.
There is also a potential requirement for a land swap, but currently Bishopston Community Council does not own any suitable alternative land for this purpose. Swansea City Council will confirm with PEDW whether this is a confirmed or potential requirement.

BISHOPSTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
Following recent discussions, Council officers visited the school to explore potential areas for the project. The land is Council-owned and the site operates on a dual-use basis, which is encouraging. However, initial feedback from the Education Department raised concerns around safeguarding, parking during school hours, and proximity to nearby homes.
Swansea City Council intends to arrange a meeting with the Headteacher and Education officers to discuss this option further.

BISHOPSTON PLAYGROUND / WELLFIELD ROAD
A small tarmac area at the park was also reviewed, but it is too small to accommodate a full-sized facility. While a mini-wheels style area could fit, it would not align with the ambitions of the current project. In addition, the site's close proximity to housing makes it less suitable.

BISHOPSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
This location was discussed previously, and it was agreed that it is not suitable for a range of practical and logistical reasons.

COUNCIL-OWNED LAND IN BISHOPSTON WARD

Swansea City Council's Estates Team reviewed other land holdings within the ward but confirmed that, aside from the two school sites, there are no other suitable parcels of Council-owned land available for consideration.

NEXT STEPS
Swansea City Council remains fully committed to delivering this project, but it is clear that no straightforward site options currently exist within Bishopston. As such, the team may need to explore locations slightly further afield in order to move the project forward.

Swansea City Council is awaiting further feedback from PEDW and the Education Department and will provide updates as soon as more information becomes available. Bishopston Community Council is still committed to working with Bishopston Skate Park Project and hopes a positive update will become available soon.

Keep up to to date with Bishopston Skatepark Project :

www.bishopstonskatepark.com

SCAN ME

HEALTH WALKS

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 always 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

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COMMUNITY BUS FARE INFORMATION:
CAMPION GARDENS, BISHOPSTON, MURTON, MANSELFIELD

Adult Single: £1.00, Adult Return: £1.50 , Child Single: 70p, Child Return: £1.0

OYSTERMOUTH TO CASWELL BAY

Adult Single: £1.50, Adult Return: £2.50, Child Single: £1.00, Child Return: £1.70

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

Wednesdays and Friday only, except when designated as Bank Holidays

WILLOWS COURT (Campian Gardens)	0930	1045	1200	1345
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

CASWELL BAY (Caswell Bay Court)	1005	1120	1235	1420
Caswell Bay (Car Park)	1007	1122	1237	1422
Langland Corner	1012	1127	1242	1427
Underhill Park	1013	1128	1243	1428
OYSTERMOUTH (M&S - Newton Road)	1015	1130	1245	1430
Underhill Park	1017	1132	1247	1432
Langland Corner	1018	1133	1248	1433
Newton (Groves Avenue)	1019	1134	1249	1434
Newton (Rock & Fountain)	1020	1135	1250	1435
Manselfield (Espalone)	1022	1137	1252	1437
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

TIMETABLE AND COMMUNITY BUS UPDATES: AVAILABLE ON WWW.BISHOPSTONCC.COM

Festive FREE Saturday Community Bus Service

Get into the Christmas spirit and leave the car at home!
Our Festive Saturday Bus Service will be running on:



29th November
6th December
13th December
20th December



Timetable, as above. Supporting our community, by reducing traffic, and spreading festive cheer!

What's On at Bishopston Community Centre

MONDAY

Functional Strength and Mobility
9:30 - 10:30am
Contact: Anna 07736316853

Yoga
11:00am -12:00
Contact:
christhomasyoga@yahoo.co.uk

Gardening Club (3rd Monday)
Contact:
Peter 07773711973

TUESDAY

Art Group
10:00-12.30pm
Contact:
jasonnorth2001@yahoo.co.uk

South Gower Forget Me Not Group Dementia Club
1:30 - 3:00pm
Contact:
Cathy 07854 464648

WEDNESDAY

Slimline (Slimming Group)
8:30 - 10:30am
Contact:
Lynne 07879774353

Gateway To Gower Community Shed 11:30 - 14:30
Contact:
gatewaytogowershed@gmail.com

Mum's the Word Choir
18:00 - 19.30pm
Contact: Ros 07803 169575

THURSDAY

ST Peters Bridge Club
10:00- 13:00pm
Contact:
Rosie 07400005979
To join the waiting list

PM : AVAILABLE TO HIRE

FRIDAY

AM : AVAILABLE TO HIRE

Art Group
13:00-15.00pm
Contact: Eira 01792 403644

WEEKEND

Available to hire for events, meetings, and celebrations.

Contact our Clerk at bishopstoncommunitycouncil @outlook.com or call 07389 765826 for bookings and more infomation

ADULT SERVICES EARLY HELP- AREA COORDINATION

The role of an area coordinator is to support people to pursue their vision for living well, helping them to stay strong, resilient and independent for as long as possible.

They can support individuals/families and communities to:

- Stay strong, safe and connected.
- Be heard, be in control and make choices.
- Find practical ways of doing the things they want or need to do.
- Develop and use personal and local networks.
- Be part of and contribute to their community.

Rachael Cole is the Area Coordinator for Bishopston, Pennard and Gower and can be contacted on rachael.cole@swansea.gov.uk or 07929743468.

Cyngor Abertawe Swansea Council

Annual Christmas Carol Service

Bishopston Community Centre
Wednesday 17th December at 6:30PM



GATEWAY TO GOWER COMMUNITY SHED



We are a friendly bunch of men and women who want to encourage people to come along, have a chat and a cuppa, pursue and share interests and learn new skills.

- **Meet others in the community**: We provide a warm, welcoming, safe space bringing people together to build new friendships and strengthen communities.
- **Share and learn skills:** We encourage people to share their skills and knowledge, learn from each other and maybe try something new.
- **Be part of Gower's first shed:** We are always looking for people to help the shed grow, whether it's an activity, a talk, an idea or just a friendly smile, come along or get in touch to get involved.



EVERY WEDNESDAY 11:30PM-2:30PM



Bishopston Community Centre, Murton Green Road, SA3 3AT

gatewaytogowershed@gmail.com

Gateway to Gower Shed

UK Member of MEN'S SHEDS ASSOCIATION

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 Coffee Mornings

Bishopston Community Centre

10:00 - 12:00

Last Saturday of every month

TEA,COFFEE AND CAKE



ALL WELCOME



ACTIVITIES FOR THE CHILDREN









PARKING AT BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE

Parking at the Community Centre is strictly for users of the facilities only. Please be considerate and avoid using the car park if you are not attending an activity or event at the centre. If the car park is full, do not park on the grass or surrounding verges, as this causes damage and creates safety issues. Thank you for helping us keep the area safe and well-maintained for everyone.



CLLR LYNDON JONES UPDATE

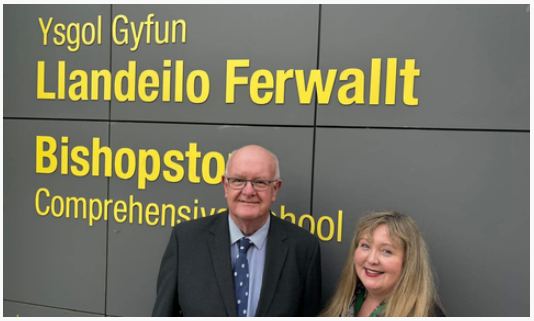


IF YOU WANT TO CONTACT LYNDON: 07880743578 CLLR.LYNDON.JONES@SWANSEA.GOV.UK OR MESSAGE HIM ON THE COMMUNITY FACEBOOK PAGE.

WELL DONE TO THE HARPISTS
I would like to congratulate the Harpists Cricket Club, who use the playing fields in Murton, on a fantastic season, one of the best they have ever had. Well done! I am pleased to have been able to support them, by buying equipment for them from my community fund.

CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOPSTON COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL
Following the publication of the GCSE results, many congratulations to Bishopston Comprehensive School on achieving the best exam results in Swansea and one of the best sets of exam results in Wales, Big thanks go to all the pupils for doing so well and for all the hard work they put in and also to all the staff at the school, for the work they did to make this happen.





BIG CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SWITCH-ON
Friday, 28th November – Save the date!
Father Christmas has confirmed his visit and is looking forward to the event. A Christmas lights switch-on competition is underway with Bishopston Primary School — the lucky winner will help switch on the lights! Swansea Council has approved the rolling road closure, and paperwork is being finalised.

HIGHWAYS AND LOCAL ROADS
- South Close: New pavements are now complete.
- Bishopston Road: Openreach will be upgrading cables and equipment before Christmas, followed by road resurfacing in the New Year (planned for half-term) to reduce disruption.
- Other Roads: Requests have been made for resurfacing Oldway, The Glebe, and Manselfield Road.

NO. 14 BUS FARE REDUCTION
Good news for passengers! Adventure Travel has reduced the single fare between Bishopston and Swansea City Centre to £3.50 (previously £5.30). The day return fare remains at £5.90. A big thank you to Adventure Travel for listening to local feedback.

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY CINEMA
After a short August break, the Community Cinema is back! Screenings take place on the second Tuesday of each month, with entry by donation (£4 per person).
Due to licensing restrictions, film titles can't be advertised publicly — but if you'd like to join the mailing list, please email or text (contact details at top of page) for updates.
We're also looking for volunteers to help run screenings — please get in touch if you can lend a hand.

LIFESAVING SKILLS: CPR, DEFIBRILLATORS, AND CRITICAL BLEED KIT TRAINING
Join us for a crucial training session that could help you save a life! ST Johns Ambulance and I are hosting another hands-on workshop focused on CPR, the use of defibrillators, and critical bleed kits.

Thursday, 13th November at Bishopston Community Centre, Murton Green Road,
At 5 PM, 6 PM, and 7 PM. For more details or to secure your spot, contact me directly. You can send me a message with your preferred time and contact details.

CLEANSING AND MAINTENANCE
Recent cleaning and maintenance work has been completed in several key areas, including:
- Millennium Trail bench
- Path from the chapel to Long Acre
- Wellfield Park entrance
- Copley Lodge / Copley Close
- Brandy Cove Road / Headland Road / Headland Close
- Portway

Each councillor now receives two cleansing days every four weeks, replacing the previous first-come, first-served system — helping ensure a fairer and more consistent schedule across the ward.

Bishopston Community Council Present our

ANNUAL FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Join us on...
WEDNESDAY 5th November

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

Venue: Murton Green, Bishopston Community Centre

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

PRICES

ADULTS/OVER 5S
£5.00

Under 5s
Free

Family Ticket (2 Adults 3 Children)
£15.00

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE

BOOK NOW

HELP MAKE THIS EVENT RUN SMOOTHLY AND SAFELY!

PLEASE adhere to the strict guidance in place.

🚫 **No Sparklers or Personal Fireworks Allowed on Site!**

Bringing your own fireworks or sparklers will invalidate our event insurance and could put the event at risk.