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SPRING 2025

THE BISHOPSTON, MURTON AND MANSELFIELD CHRONICLE

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CAN YOU HELP TO SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES?

If you can spare some time, then please 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

2025 DIARY

VE DAY/MAY DAY
4-5/05/25

FIREWORKS DISPLAY
05/11/25

Remembrance Day Service
08/11/25

Lantern Parade
28/11/25

Christmas Carol Service
17/12/25

WELCOME TO THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE CHRONICLE!

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BOOK EXCHANGE NOW OPEN

We are delighted to announce that the Matthew Roberts Reading Room is now open at Bishopston Community Centre. This welcoming space is designed for book lovers of all ages, providing a quiet and comfortable environment to enjoy reading.
Book Exchange – Borrow, Swap, or Buy

At the heart of the reading room is our book exchange, where you can:

- **Borrow a book to enjoy at your leisure.**
- **Swap a book – bring one you've read and take a new one home.**
- **Buy a book for a small donation**

The book exchange is available whenever the community centre is open and is easy to find—just head up the few steps as you enter the building.

HONOURING MATTHEW ROBERTS

The reading room is named in memory of Matthew Roberts, a beloved resident of our community. Known to friends and family as Matt, he had a passion for storytelling and wrote a wonderful children's book. His book, "Walley Goes to The Park", is a delightful story that continues to bring joy to young readers.





HOW BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL USES THE PRECEPT
The precept is a key part of the Council Tax that helps fund local projects and services in Bishopston. It enables the Community Council to address specific local needs and support services that are not covered by other authorities.

KEY USES OF THE PRECEPT:
RUNNING BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
The precept covers the costs of maintaining and staffing the Community Centre, which hosts meetings, events, and local activities.

MAINTAINING LOCAL PARKS AND PUBLIC SPACES
The precept helps keep public spaces like Murton Green, Mansel Green and our playgrounds in good condition, ensuring residents have access to safe, well-maintained green areas.

FUNDING LOCAL EVENTS
The Council funds community events, such as the VE Day celebration, May Day, and annual Bishopston Community Council fireworks display, which bring the community together.

SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY BUS
The precept funds the community bus, providing essential links to Mumbles and Caswell, reducing isolation and improving transport access for residents.

IIMPROVING INFRASTRUCTURE
The precept is used for ongoing improvements, such as the renovation of the Matthew Roberts Reading Room and planned upgrades to the Community Centre's kitchen and storage.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK AND IMPROVEMENTS
In November 2024, the Council held a session to gather ideas from the residents on how to spend the precept. Many residents suggested improvements to local parks, and as a result, Wellfield Park improvements will be completed by May 2025, thanks to a grant from Cllr Lyndon Jones. The Council is also committed to improving Murton Green Park, exploring grant funding opportunities, and the possible relocation of park facilities to better serve the community.

WHY THE PRECEPT MATTERS
The precept gives the Community Council the resources to address local needs directly, supporting the community's growth and wellbeing. It ensures that Bishopston remains a vibrant place to live, with services and projects tailored to residents' needs.

For more information on how the precept is used or to share your ideas, Bishopston Community Council encourages you to get in touch.

WELLFIELD PARK TEMPORARY CLOSURE FOR EXCITING UPGRADES



We're pleased to announce that Wellfield Park will be closed from 7th April to early May for the installation of new play equipment and surface improvements.
Following a consultation with local children, we are adding:

- A wheelchair-accessible roundabout
- A basketball hoop
- A toddler-friendly climbing frame



These improvements are designed to make the park more inclusive and enjoyable for all ages. Thanks to Cllr Lyndon Jones, who secured the funding through Swansea Council, these exciting changes are now possible.

We appreciate your patience during the closure and look forward to welcoming you back to enjoy the new and improved Wellfield Park soon!

PUMP TRACK UPDATE

Bishopston Community Council is pleased to share its ongoing commitment to the Bishopston Skate Park Project. In January 2025, we had a promising meeting with a planning consultant to explore the potential of developing the pump track at Copley Woods, opposite the car park of Bishopston Community Centre. The site offers great possibilities, and we are excited to see how it can be transformed.

Following this, we met on-site with Cllr Robert Francis-Davies, Gareth Govey, and Funding Project Manager Sian James. Cllr Francis-Davies provided valuable guidance on securing funding and assured us that Swansea City Council is dedicated to supporting the project. The City Council will take responsibility for submitting the planning application, which will benefit from their expertise in managing site reports and assessments.

We are thrilled to announce that a funding application has been approved, securing £80,000. However, to meet the required 30% match funding, we still need to raise an additional £24,000. Bishopston Community Council is committed to working closely with the Bishopston Skate Park Project to explore ideas and opportunities to achieve this goal.

While we were initially planning a follow-up meeting with Curve Studios to discuss the next steps for March 2025, this has been delayed due to another project they are currently working on. We are eager to reschedule and will keep the community informed. Once the timing is confirmed, Bishopston Community Council will hold a meeting with Curse Studios, and two representatives from the Bishopston Skate Park Project to join us, ensuring their voices remain at the heart of the development.

We also aim to integrate the Pump Track into the wider Copley Woods redevelopment plans, incorporating nature trails and other community-friendly features. By working together, we are confident this project will become a valuable asset for Bishopston.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm for the Bishopston Skate Park Project. We will provide further updates as progress continues.

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL GOES GREEN WITH SOLAR POWER AND IMPROVED LIGHTING

Funded by UK Government | Wedi ei ariannu gan Llywodraeth y DU

Cyngor Abertawe Swansea Council

We are delighted to announce that the work funded by the £25,000 grant from the Rural Anchor Fund is now complete. Thanks to this funding, Bishopston Community Centre is now powered by solar panels with battery storage, helping us move towards a more sustainable future. In addition, our car park has been upgraded with five energy-efficient LED lampposts, improving safety and enhancing the visitor experience in our rural community.

This project not only supports sustainability but also strengthens our local rural economy by improving infrastructure and reducing our carbon footprint. We would like to thank everyone involved in bringing this project to life. This is a significant step towards a greener and brighter future for Bishopston.

BUTTERFLY COUNT COMPETITION 2025

The flower beds were previously sprayed with weed killer containing glyphosate, a water-soluble chemical. A running stream passes in front of the first long patch, past the newly planted orchard, and under the road before emerging at St Peter's Well — a site where people often drink the holy waters. Glyphosate is harmful to both wildlife and humans, posing a significant environmental risk.

In 2021 Cllr Karen Lawrence, approached Cllr Lyndon Jones and requested that the Council stop using glyphosate on the council-seeded flower bed along the stream. This marked the beginning of Murton, Manselfield, and Bishopston's journey towards glyphosate-free flower beds. We are pleased to share that no flower beds have been sprayed since the request went in.

However, we now need volunteers to help keep the beds tidy. To support our pollinators, I've added bee and butterfly-friendly plants from my own garden to the two long flower beds. Winter-blooming shrubs, which offer nectar during the colder months, are especially vital for bees.

You may have noticed the noticeable decline in bees and butterflies, particularly the absence of butterflies this year. To help reverse this, let's grow more butterfly-friendly plants. Together, we can support our native species and perhaps even participate in this year's Bishopston, Murton, and Manselfield Butterfly Count Competition 2025.

- Prizes: £50 for first place, £30 for second, and £20 for third.
- Open to all residents — families, individuals, and community groups.
- Choose a glyphosate-free community flower patch to monitor.
- For more details, contact Cllr Lyndon Jones at 07880743578.

If you would like more information about the butterfly count or wish to volunteer, please email Bishopstoncommunitycouncil@outlook.com.

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 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

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COMMUNITY BUS

We're pleased to offer our "Jump On, Jump Off" fare for residents without a concessionary bus pass, making shorter local journeys more affordable and accessible.

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

Additionally to support the community during the festive season, we provided free Saturday travel to Mumbles in the run-up to Christmas. This was a great success, and we hope to expand our service in line with residents needs, and add a regular Saturday service in the future.

Our valued community transport partners DANSA are currently seeking to recruit an additional driver to help provide this service.

If you or someone you know has the relevant qualifications and experience and is interested in becoming a driver and supporting our community transport initiative, please get in touch either directly with DANSA or via our Community Council - our contact details are included at the end of this newsletter. Let's work together to keep our local community transport thriving!

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

What's On at Bishopston Community Centre

MONDAY

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

PM : AVAILABLE TO HIRE

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 inquiries.

PLANNING

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

2025/0478/PRE	2024/2384/FUL
2025/0359/FUL	2024/2327/PLD
2025/0345/FUL	2024/2280/TPO
2025/0262/FUL	2024/2276/PLD
2025/0247/FUL	2024/2259/FUL
2025/0243/FUL	2024/2214/PLD
2024/1819/FUL	2024/2146/FUL
2025/0166/PLD	2024/2080/PLD
2025/0106/PLD	2024/1628/FUL
2025/0099/FUL	2024/1274/FUL
2025/0111/PLD	2024/2049/S73
2025/0084/NMA	2024/2006/FUL
2025/0057/PRE	2024/1967/FUL
2024/2187/FUL	2024/1871/S73

Singing The Sacred : Healing Chants With Anna

Saturday 10th May 10-11.30
Saturday 12th July 10-11.30
Saturday 11th October 10-11.30

Meditation and teachings on the nature of the mind with Anna

Saturday 15th November 10-1 pm

Adhock meditation classes also available.

For more info : 07972642678
www.jnana.yoga



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

2025 FILLING UP FAST!

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













GATEWAY TO GOWER COMMUNITY SHED

EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

11:30AM-2:30PM

Address: Bishopston Community Centre
Murton Green Road SA3 3AT

Gower's first Shed!
A welcoming space bringing people together to build new friendships, pursue and share interests and learn new skills

For more information contact:

gatewaytogowershed@gmail.com

Gateway to Gower Community Shed

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.

SWANSEA LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-2038 (LDP2)
Over a hundred people turned up to the public meeting I organised in Bishopston, to discuss the Swansea Local Development plan.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, here are the main points I discussed:
For background, in accordance with the Local Development Plan, landowners, developers and other interested parties were asked by Swansea Council Planning to nominate "Candidate Sites" for potential inclusion in the LDP2.

The consultation is now live and this is your chance to have your say until 23:59 on Friday 18th April 2025.

For further information about the consultation of LDP2, including details of 'drop-in' exhibitions where you can come and speak to the LDP team, please visit the LDP2 webpages on the Swansea Council website.

Please visit the virtual consultation room where you can get further information and watch a video all about LDP2 and what it means for Swansea.

HOW YOU CAN COMMENT:
1. Visit the Swansea Council Website: The consultation documents are all available to view on our dedicated LDP2 consultation portal. Comments are encouraged to be submitted using the portal, however for those unable to do so a Representation Form is available on request.

2. By E-mail: For any direct queries please contact the LDP team on: ldp@swansea.gov.uk

3. By Post: LDP2, Planning Services, Civic Centre, Swansea, SA1 3SN

BISHOPSTON WARD:
Some sites have already been discounted in the Bishopston Ward, but the following three sites remain, so go forward to the next stage. They are:

97 Land East of Long Acre, Murton, Swansea - sufficient information submitted to allow the site to pass to Stage 2

107 Land to the North of Northway, Bishopston, Swansea - sufficient information submitted to allow the site to pass to Stage 2.

263 Land west of Oldway, Bishopston - sufficient information submitted to allow the site to pass to Stage 2.

Please note that this does not mean that the site will be allocated to the LDP2 nor does it imply any preference of the Local Planning Authority regarding its merits.

We then discussed these individual sites and I mentioned that I had spoken to the LDP team earlier in the day, who said that they would really welcome residents comments.

If you have any queries, please let me know.

TRAINING ON THE USE OF CPR, DEFRIBULATORS AND CRITICAL BLEED KITS
I was grateful to everyone who turned up for the training sessions recently on the use of CPR, defibrillators and critical bleed kits, at the Bishopston Community Centre in Murton.

I have now organised a series of these sessions and as a result, to date over 300 people from the local community have now been trained, which I am told is the largest number from any community in Swansea.

It was therefore fitting that Melanie James JP, the High Sheriff of West Glamorgan 2024-2025, joined us for two reasons, for the training itself, but also to talk about critical bleed kits, which are her initiative in West Glamorgan.

I am grateful to the team from St John's Ambulance Cymru for providing the training and to the Heartbeat Trust for their help and support. Also, to Iain Robertson from the local First Responders.

You just never know when these skills will be needed, but one thing is certain, it could be lifesaving!

If you would like to be invited to the next training session, please let me know.

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY CINEMA:
I am delighted to say that our Community Cinema is now up and running and is being held on the second Tuesday of each month. Each month we have had a full house!

The cost will be a donation of £4 a head (children under 16 free), payable on the night.

If you are interested in being on our mailing list to receive information about the films, please send me have your name and e-mail address by messaging me, e-mailing me Cllr.Lyndon.jones@swansea.gov.uk), or sending me a text to 07880 743578.

I am delighted that this is something that I have been able to support, for the benefit of local residents.

STREET LIGHTS IN OLDWAY:
I am pleased to say that the street lights in Oldway are now working! Fingers crossed!!!
Big thanks to the team from Swansea Council for their perseverance in trying to find the fault.

BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY COUNCIL
INVITE YOU TO A MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

VE DAY COMMEMORATION

BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND: SUNDAY 4TH OF MAY 2025

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14:00 - MEMORIAL SERVICE - MEMORIAL STONE (MURTON GREEN ROAD)

19:00 - 22:00 JOIN US ON MURTON GREEN AS WE COMMEMORATE AND CELEBRATE VE DAY WITH AN EVENING OF REFLECTION, MUSIC, AND COMMUNITY SPIRIT.

FEATURING LIVE MUSIC, BAR SERVICE AND REFRESHMENTS

AHEAD OF VE DAY© 80TH ANNIVERSARY
A SHARED MOMENT OF CELEBRATION
8 MAY 2025

MAY DAY

MONDAY 5TH OF MAY

12:00 - 17:00

PLEASE JOIN US FOR YOUR ANNUAL MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS ON MURTON GREEN ROAD AND BISHOPSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Featuring

WWII MILITARY VEHICLE CONVOY AND DISPLAY

FOOD AND DRINKS
MORRIS DANCING
MAYPOLE DANCING
ASSORTED STALLS

LIVE MUSIC
ARTS AND CRAFTS
DOG SHOW
COMPETITIONS