

March 2023

Ffawyddog, Dardy, Hillside, Legar, Llangattock Village



It's all happening at the Recreation Ground!

- A basketball hoop has been installed on the tarmac area. Money for this was raised by local residents and match-funded by the Crickhowell and District Community Partnership. It was installed by Llangattock contractors Land and Stone.
- The Brecon Beacons National Park Sustainable Development Fund awarded the Council £5,000 to make energy-efficiency improvements to the toilet block. The Council is also applying for National Lottery grants which, if awarded, will fund solar panels, a new roof, insulation, hot water, and heating, along with a new storeroom for play and gardening equipment. Thanks to Llangattock Green Valleys, local architectural technician Zac Davies and quantity surveyor Mike Alderton for helping us draw up the application and the building tender, which will be published shortly.





- Repairs will be carried out shortly to the climbing frame and other equipment. This is now decades old, and the Council is working towards a project to replace it.
- A new ramp with a wheelchair-friendly slope has been built down to the tarmac area. It was funded by an access grant administered by Powys County Council.
- Brecon Beacons National Park has installed a path and new gates linking the Recreation Ground with the new,

improved footpath in the beechwoods. Just to remind

- allowed in the Recreation Ground.
- Keep Wales Tidy and residents Mike and Suzan Alderton donated trees and benches for a community orchard. Village Society volunteers planted these.
- Powys County Council have installed a new recycling bin next to the shelters. Please encourage others to use it.
- Cllrs Julian Rees, Gwyn Dobbs and Richard Jones saved money on tree surgery by doing some tree care them-





Environment Matters

- Llangattock Flood Wardens played a vital role in marshalling traffic in the January Floods. The Council's Environment Working Group also had a chance to quiz fire service chiefs about mountain fires and floods and were pleased to learn that Crickhowell fire crew will receive training to wade into flood water safely.
- Welsh Government has approved the Crickhowell and Llangattock Active Travel Plans. These should see footpath and cycling improvements between the two communities. Watch out too for the introduction of 20mph speed limits by the autumn.
- Llangattock Repair Café, which was started with Together for Our Planet Lottery Funding obtained by Llangattock Community

Council, goes from strength to strength, fixing everything from bikes to electricals. It is held on the fourth Saturday of every month in Llangattock Community Hall.

- The Council's bid for funding to install new kissing gates on the path between Llangattock and the bridge to Crickhowell did not receive funding this time round, but we will reapply.
- Many sheep have been killed by vehicles over the mountain road. Please drive carefully and report any collisions to the police so that they can assess the scale of the problem. It's also the lambing season, so if walking, keep dogs on leads, including on grazing land in the Glebe Field opposite the bridge to Crickhowell.
- The Council's Environment Committee gave a grant of £250 towards water testing kits to be used at the Save the Usk campaign at Llangattock.
- The result of Llangattock Litter pickers' Big Spring Clean on March 23rd involving Monmouthshire and Powys County Councils are eagerly awaited.



News from Llangattock County Councillor Jackie Charlton



County Councillor Surgery: Jackie holds a surgery at the repair cafe on alternate months. Her next one in Llangattock will be in April

Bus shelter: Jackie is hopeful she can get some funding for a bus shelter at the Clos Cillau bus stop.

Street light by the Church: It is hoped this has now been fixed so that it turns off.

30mph signs: will soon be replaced at The Dardy.

Gritting: Powys County Council is to review its winter services for the first time in 20 years.

Yellow lines: the thick lines placed in the centre of the village are to be removed and repainted, as are the lines in the car park.

What's coming up in Llangattock?

Saturday, April 22nd: The Llangattock Village Hall Committee are organising a coffee morning; please come along to talk about the hall and how you would like it to be.

April May 1st: Living with Dementia Crickhowell is organising a Fun Run/Family Day at the Rectory Hotel. **Saturday, June 17th:** The Llangattock Village Society is organising a summer fete in the Recreation Ground.

New Office

Our Clerk, Kay Bailey, has moved to a new office at Clarence Hall House in Crickhowell, with the Clerk to Crickhowell Town Council, allowing them to share costs and ideas.