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Ogmore's Voice in the Senedd



TATA: SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE & BUSINESSES



Following TATA's decision to end primary steel production at its Port Talbot site, a new community support centre has opened in Aberafan shopping centre to provide support, guidance and retraining advice to individuals and businesses affected by the decision.

Key information and support will be available from advisors via a range of organisations, including Neath Port Talbot Employability, Careers Wales, Department of Work and Pensions, UKSE and Acorn.

Open Monday to Friday, the centre is available for those working at supply chain firms and those living beyond the Neath Port Talbot area.

Impacted Supply chain businesses are invited to seek funding to overcome short term challenges during the transition phase.

A digital information hub is available at: <https://bit.ly/4h1B6eZ>



LOCAL RACING CLUB HOST WELSH BMX CHAMPIONSHIPS



The Llynfi Valley was abuzz with excitement recently as Caerau hosted a doubleheader of BMX championships. The Llynfi BMX Racing Club successfully brought both the South West BMX Championships 2024 and the Welsh BMX Championships to the village, attracting a large crowd of visitors from right across Wales.

This was a significant accomplishment for Caerau and the Llynfi Valley, showcasing the area's natural beauty and vibrant community spirit, inspiring local children and putting the valley on the map.

A NIGHT OF INSPIRATION CELEBRATING B-LEAF & WOOD-B

I was thrilled to join with colleagues to present awards at the annual B-Leaf and Wood-B celebration, honouring the achievements of the dedicated trainees and staff. It was inspiring to hear about their continued success and the positive impact these projects have on the community.

B-Leaf is a work-based horticultural project for adults with learning disabilities based in the grounds of Bryngarw Country Park and Wood-B is a carpentry project which provides employment opportunities for adults with disabilities within a safe and caring environment.



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PREPARE FOR WINTER: VACCINATIONS & SELF-CARE TO STAY WELL



The Welsh Government is reminding everyone to protect themselves against common illnesses and support the NHS this winter.

Flu vaccinations for children are underway in schools and the adult flu and Covid-19 vaccination programme began on 1st October.

For the first time, pregnant women in Wales are being offered the RSV vaccine to protect newborn babies from the illness. The vaccine is also being offered to those over 75.

THOUSANDS MISSING OUT ON PENSION CREDIT

The Welsh Government, alongside other support agencies, is running a campaign to encourage more people to claim Pension Credit which could unlock additional financial help.

Approximately 80,000 pensioners in Wales are eligible for Pension Credit but are not claiming it and people are being urged to check their eligibility.

Pension Credit can unlock extra support with heating costs, such as the Winter Fuel Payment, Warm Home Discount Scheme, and Cold Weather Payments. Call the FREE Advicelink Cymru helpline: 0808 250 5700



HOME CARE QUARTER-BILLION INVESTMENT TO PREVENT HOSPITAL STAYS

More than a quarter of a billion pounds of Welsh Government investment has helped older people be cared for in their own homes and avoided thousands of unnecessary hospital stays.

- £146.2m invested through the Regional Integration Fund (RIF) to help Regional Partnership Boards provide early intervention and community services.
- £70m into developing community hubs.
- £60.5m to support people who need care, support and rehabilitation to live independently at home.

Services like Care & Repair who helped prevent over 3000 hospital admissions last year across Wales through home adaptations and repairs.



COMMUNITY FOCUS AND SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESS

Out in the Brynna area for one of our regular joint street surgeries with Alex Davies-Jones MP, speaking with local residents and hearing what matters most to them.

With the annual Small Business Saturday just around the corner, it was a pleasure to give a shout out to the fantastic Alan John Butchers and Leyshon's Fish Bar.

In the run up to this year's SBS on 7th December I'm asking Ogmores's small businesses to get in touch with their details so I can help promote their business on my website and social media channels.



Working for a Greener, Fairer Wales as Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change & Rural Affairs

MANDATORY BIRD REGISTRATION NOW IN FORCE: REGISTER NOW!

From 1st October 2024 it has become a legal requirement for all bird keepers in Wales (and England) to register themselves with the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

Previously, only keepers with 50 or more birds were legally required to register. This new requirement will mean keepers of poultry and other captive birds must register regardless of the size of their flock.

The new requirement will allow us to communicate with bird keepers effectively, which is vital in helping to manage disease outbreaks such as bird flu.

Find out how to register here: <https://bit.ly/3YkOiEo>



SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS BEING MADE ON FLOOD PREVENTION SCHEMES ACROSS WALES



Flooding has a devastating impact on homes, livelihoods, and people's lives. As winter approaches, many in Wales are increasingly concerned about the safety of their homes and businesses.

The Welsh Government is committed to safeguarding our communities from the catastrophic consequences of flooding and coastal erosion and continues to invest heavily in coastal defense infrastructure and flood defense work, with multi-million pound investments to protect our towns for the future.

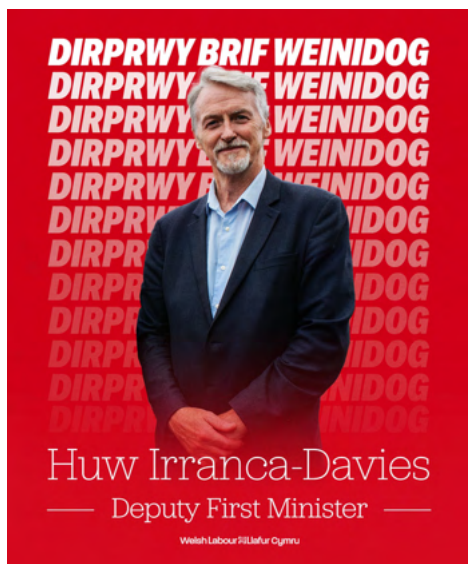
THOUSANDS OF WELSH FARMS RECEIVE BPS ADVANCE PAYMENTS

£157.8m has been paid to over 15,500 Welsh farm businesses as Basic Payment Scheme (BPS) 2024 advance payments are made.

More than 96% of claimants received a BPS advance on 14th October, worth approximately 70% of their estimated claim value.

Rural Payments Wales is committed to making the remaining balance payments as soon as possible, with the payment window opening in December.





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CONSTITUENCY CASEWORK

Housing, Transport and Health continue to dominate my daily caseload.

I have often previously highlighted issues raised by my constituents directly with Ministers during Plenary sessions or via Written Parliamentary Questions.



You can find a record of this work via this link: <https://rb.gy/phsb8s>

Contact Me!

Get in touch if you need help or support. Or if you wish to highlight issues or share ideas.

Advice Surgeries

I hold regular Advice Surgeries and 'Coffee Mornings' in all parts of the constituency and these are advertised via my website and social media channels

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