

MARTYN HOLLAND

Notices to the community Nº 14

7th June 2020



Over the previous weekend we have had a number of reported incidents of people trespassing in local quarries. All of these quarries are highly dangerous places with steep unstable sides and the pools at the bottom of these quarries which are the main attraction, are deep and extremely cold.

The police were called to Pant Y Gwlanod near Eryrys over the weekend where large numbers of people including families with small children, were warned and moved on.

On Sunday over forty people were crammed into what is a small space with dangerous cliffs and they were obviously not respecting any distancing rules.

The police have taken all the car registration numbers of the people involved and they will receive warning letters (*a copy of which I have seen*) and potential fines in the future if they visit again.

It appears that most of these people were from outside the area and came because the quarry was promoted on social media. The quarry has now been shown on social media with a number of police cars in attendance.

I regret to inform everyone of a distressing incident at another quarry in the ward namely Maes Y Droell quarry in Graianrhyd last Thursday.

Local residents had heard children/youths voices in the Quarry on the Thursday afternoon and when they investigated later in the day they found a hedgehog that had obviously been drowned in a tin of industrial paint found in the quarry buildings.

I called the police after the incident was reported and they attended the site with a forensic team. This is being classed as a major case of animal cruelty and they are looking for any information that will help them bring the people involved to justice. They are especially interested in any reports of youngsters who were seen in the area with red paint on them at the time of the incident.

Did you know that in the 1950s there were an estimated fifty million Hedgehogs in the UK. In 2020 there are an estimated one million!! Please do your bit to help our declining hedgehog population.

The County Council has postponed the planned resurfacing work on the B5430 near Llanarmon Yn Ial due to the Coronavirus and social distancing issues. The work will hopefully be rescheduled for later in the year.

Old Gate Lane will be closed between the 28th July and the 6th August for Openreach maintenance work. Old Gate Lane residents will still have access to their properties while the work is undertaken.

The Welsh Government has recently announced their plans for Contact Tracing and they have published the guidance you should follow if you are contacted by the NHS Wales Test Trace and Protect Service on <https://gov.wales/symptoms-and-self-isolation-contact-tracing>

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The Welsh Government Business Rate Grant Scheme will close at the end of June.

More than 2000 businesses have applied for support which is administrated by Denbighshire County Council and so far £24.2 million has been paid out across the county.

If your business has not already applied you can find more information on
<http://www.denbighshire.gov.uk/business-rates> .

Denbighshires Leisures Active Communities team have been working with sports clubs and teams across the county during covid 19. They have been providing advice, guidance and support on accessing funding during these uncertain times.

If your sports club or team are struggling do not hesitate to contact Brett Jones on 07990561024 or via e-mail at brett.jones@denbighshireleisure.co.uk or follow us on Twitter @DLLActive for further updates.

From this week, the Welsh Government is allowing two households in the same local area to meet outdoors but they must follow social distancing guidelines and strict hand hygiene practices to control the spread of the virus.

Local means not generally travelling more than 5 miles from home to reduce the risk of coronavirus spreading from one area to another.

The Welsh Government has requested that our tourist and beauty spots in Denbighshire including the Country Parks remain closed until further notice. There is evidence that the virus has not gone away in Denbighshire and it is still important to stay safe.

The reopening of the Counties recycling centres has been successful and the County has received over 3000 bookings to date. As mentioned before we have all been busy in our gardens and undertaking various spring cleaning exercises during the lock down and so there is a lot of waste to recycle!!

Finally, can everyone remember those residents who live alone and who may be feeling lonely and isolated. Do not forget a telephone call a day can help to keep the blues away.

Please do not hesitate to contact me If you think that I can help in any way.

Keep well.

Regards,

Martyn