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West Wales Regional Partnership Board

WEST WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD NEWSLETTER

CAPITAL EDITION

January 2026

A very warm welcome to the January edition of the West Wales Regional Partnership Board Newsletter.

This newsletter focuses the WWRPB Capital Programme Management Office and capital developments/updates over the last 6 months since the previous capital issue was released in July 2025.

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Gweithio mewn partneriaeth gyda Llywodraeth Cymru

Working in partnership with Welsh Government

West Wales Health and Social Care AWARDS 2026

You are invited...

Through the collaboration of the West Wales Regional Partnership Board (WWRPB) and Carmarthenshire Aging Well, we are merging our two flagship annual events into one “mega event” on Thursday, 5th March 2026 at Pentre Awel. By combining the Health and Social Care Awards with the Aging Well showcase, we are bringing together hundreds of professionals, service users, and members of the public under one roof.

Pentre Awel will feature a dedicated exhibition zone in their atrium from 10am to 3pm on the 5th March 2026. Hosting over 70 information stands representing the diverse range of services and organisations across West Wales.

The awards will take place from 1pm to 3pm:

2026 Categories:

- Volunteer of the Year
- Outstanding Contribution to Health and Social Care
- The Rising Star Award
- Creating a Legacy Award
- Working in Partnership
- Youth Impact Award
- Inspirational Leadership Award
- Team of the Year
- Citizen and Third Sector Board Choice

Supported Living Scheme Carmarthenshire

A newly constructed bungalow located in Llanelli, Carmarthenshire has been delivered through a collaborative effort between **First Choice Housing Association Ltd** (a Registered Social Landlord) and **Carmarthenshire County Council**, with funding support secured by the West **Wales Regional Partnership Board (WWRPB)** Capital Team via the **Housing with Care Fund (HCF)** in Welsh Government.

The initiative involved the construction of a 3 bedroom detached bungalow and annex in Llanelli, to create high-quality supported living accommodation to support individuals with learning disabilities, to live independently within their own communities. The project provides suitable shared accommodation for 2 adults with Learning Disabilities and an annex for an additional tenant who cannot live in shared accommodation, 24 hour staff accommodation is provided in the shared bungalow. The accommodation will be supported living which is designed to promote the independence of people who have care and / or support needs.

The project aligns with one of **WWRPB's** key priorities, Integration. Furthermore, it supports the Welsh Government's implementation of **National Models of Care**. These models are designed to ensure that services are person-centred and responsive to individual needs. Additionally, the WWRPB's **Market Stability Report** highlights a significant long-term need for specialist accommodation for people with learning disabilities, including supported living and shared lives arrangements, which this scheme directly contributes too.

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Cegin Y Bobl Community Garden

Cegin Y Bobl, based at Parc Dewi Sant in Carmarthen, received funding from **Welsh Government Housing with Care (HCF**) Objective 3 minor funds, for a small-scale project that

directly contributes to achieving the overall aims and objectives of the **Housing with Care Fund.** The fund has supported the creation of an outdoor community garden on the site, which focuses on improving health and wellbeing and bringing people together, which is also a key driver for the **West Wales Regional Partnership Board (WWRPB).**

The garden has been developed as an inclusive space where services users have taken part in a range of preventative activities to help them to live well longer and independently. Service users have been instrumental in helping to design the project, building raised beds, plant seasonal growing areas and developing the garden for ready for spring.

So far, **33 volunteers** have supported the project, giving over **589 volunteering hours** in the last 8 months. Participants have reported feeling more active, more connected, and less isolated. The project is now looking to form a Community Interest Company to continue the good work and hope to be delivering activities that including cooking on a budget, nutrition sessions, mindfulness, and general wellbeing classes. These sessions will be available to all local services, volunteers and a range of third-sector organisations.

Parc Dewi Sant is home to a variety of third sector and community organisations, which provide dementia support, older adult activities, opportunities for unpaid carers, etc. Cegin Y Bobl's vision is to bring people together through food, strengthen communities, and support individuals of all ages to learn new skills, prepare healthy meals, and build meaningful connections.

Community Garden Video Link Parc Dewi Sant

Atriwm, Carmarthenshire

Carmarthenshire County Council is transforming a former major retail store (Debenhams) in Carmarthen town into a one-of-a-kind facility that will deliver a range of community services in one central location. **Atriwm,** has been chosen as the name for the brand-new health and wellbeing centre in Carmarthen, which is due to open its doors in early 2027.

Accessing multiple UK and national funds, including the **Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund (IRCF)** from **Welsh Government,** this major refurbishment project, will be a home to County Council managed facilities including an Actif fitness centre, entertainment zone featuring crazy golf, a Customer Services Hwb and a visitor information outlet. **Hywel Dda University Health Board** will also locate a number of its services at Atriwm and the University of Wales Trinity Saint David will offer its sport and exercise therapy clinics from the modern facility.

Hywel Dda University Health Board services will include community and children's nursing teams, children and young people's therapies, as well as dental, sexual health, phlebotomy, podiatry and mental health services. It will create a modern, accessible environment for health care in the centre of the local community.

Local contractors including FP Hurley, Shufflebottom and Becker Sliding Partitions have played a key role in delivering the scheme, supported by a network of supply chains, creating real economic benefits for the local community.

West Wales IRCF Approvals

Over the last 6 months, the region has been successful in securing a number of project approvals from the **Integration & rebalancing Capital fund (IRCF**). Two partners within West Wales have secured over £750,000 of fees for 2025/26 under **Priority 3** of this **Welsh Government** grant, to support the acquisition and development Childrens Residential home projects in the respective counties. These projects are being developed in direct response to the removal of profit agenda and will help contribute to eliminating profit from the care of children looked after in the region. Further second stage construction applications are anticipated to be submitted to WG, seeking approval from ministers for further funding during 2026/27.

In addition to the above, **Welsh Government** approval has been received (subject to planning approval) in respect of a New Build Adult residential nursing home under **Priority 2** of the grant. Following successful approval of the Full Business Case in October, **Carmarthenshire County Council** will work in partnership with **Welsh Government** to help deliver the project and rebalance the share of care home placements away from the profit making sector.

Every year, at least 40,000+ people living with dementia are reported missing for the first time.

A message from Dyfed Powys Police:

We are proud to partner with the charity MedicAlert to introduce a new missing person's protocol across the Dyfed-Powys Police area. The Herbert Protocol (named after George

Herbert, a War veteran of the Normandy landings, who lived with Dementia) is a national scheme designed to assist in the safe recovery of vulnerable individuals, particularly those living with dementia, who may go missing.

The Protocol asks carers, family members and friends to complete, in advance, a form recording all vital details, such as medication required, mobile numbers, places previously located, a photograph etc. The form should be kept in a safe place where it can easily be located and shared quickly with the relevant agencies should their loved one be reported as missing.

💬 DC Meinir Thomas, Missing Person Co-ordinator, said “Whenever anyone living with Dementia goes missing or doesn’t return home when expected it is very distressing for the family, and it can be difficult to bring information to mind. This form can provide valuable information to assist in the search and enhance the chances of locating the person quickly and safely."

If you have a loved one living with Dementia and are concerned they may go missing, more information (including the form) can be found here.

All West Wales Fire Stations are a Safe Haven

A message from Mid and West Wales Fire and Rescue Service:

It might not be something many of us are aware of, but all fire stations are safe havens - for Domestic Abuse victims, teenagers in an unsafe situation or any other threatening situation for anyone in need for a safe haven until help can be organised from an appropriate service, being police, parents, domestic violence service or any other service.

If the nearest station is not manned 24/7 people can ring 999 and the fire station will be opened remotely for them to take shelter whilst trained fire service crew is on their way.

Please can we ask you to display these flyers where you are able to as well as share this knowledge with the people that you know.

Upcoming Events

Citizen and Third Sector Engagement Board

Want to get more involved in your area? The Citizen and Third Sector Board is a great way to do that. You can help create and improve services in West Wales. You can help change how things are done and we will show you how your feedback makes things better.

We welcome new members to the board all year round.

Our Carmarthenshire meetings are held at Parc Dewi Sant and are hybrid for everyone in West Wales. Our next meeting in April.

Please message us at wwrpb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk.

What's on in February?

If you would like ot see a full list of events (which includes promotional material and booking links) across West Wales that have been shared at the West Wales Communication and Engagement Board, please email wwrpb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk.

Screenshot of February events below:

Date yy.mm.dd	Location	Event	Time	Contact
26.02.03	University of Wales Trinity Saint Da	Open Evening: Info stalls to include support / finance / Welsh language with an opportunity to find out more about the courses on offer to include distance learning courses and on-campus courses.	4pm - 6pm	ann.evans@uwtsd.ac.uk
26.02.05	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	1pm - 3pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.02.06	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	2pm - 4pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.02.06	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	11am - 1pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.02.11	Haverhub	Community Led Research: Workshop and Seminar Series	9:30am - 3:30pm	post@rhc.cymru
26.02.11	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	1pm - 3pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.02.12	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	1pm - 3pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.02.13	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	2pm - 4pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.02.13	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	11am - 1pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.02.16	ONLINE	"Neuroinclusion Matters!"	10am - 12pm	rachel.hazlewood@wlga.gov.uk
26.02.17	Memorial hall	Free Play Session	10am - 1pm	
26.02.18	Ysgol Caerfelin	Free Play Session	10am - 1pm	
26.02.18	Sports Hall, Wellbeing Centre, Lan	LAMPETER HEALTH AND WELLBEING SHOW 2026: The event will bring together a range of organisations and services to share information, advice and support with the local community. If you're able to attend, we'd welcome you to host an information or display stand on the day.	10:00am-2:00pm	robert.allen@wales.nhs.uk
26.02.19	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	1pm - 3pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.02.20	ONLINE	"Neuroinclusion Matters!"	10am - 12pm	rachel.hazlewood@wlga.gov.uk
26.02.25	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	1pm - 3pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.02.26	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	1pm - 3pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.02.27	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	2pm - 4pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.02.27	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	11am - 1pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.03.05	Address given on booking	Creative Communities	1pm - 3pm	rachel@acgc.co.uk
26.03.05	Pentre Awel	Carmarthenshire Aging Well	10am -1pm	
26.03.05	Pentre Awel	WWRPB West Wales Health and Social Care Awards	1pm - 3pm	wwrpb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk

West Wales Communication and Engagement Drop-In

This is a monthly informal West Wales Communications and Engagement Drop-in. A meeting open to the public sector, private organisations, third sector organisations and support groups (with over 200 members!). The meeting has a recurring agenda, with the aim to reduce duplication and improve communication and engagement across the region. The agenda includes:

- Introductions
- Any ongoing engagement work, its purpose and intended outcomes (e.g. surveys, consultations, workshops or marketing campaigns across the West Wales – a space to discuss sharing resources and identifying relevant collaboration.)
- Any planned events ongoing across the region (e.g. target audience, purpose, who is supporting/ attending)
- Any research required (e.g. a space to share previously conducted research, engagement, consultation, etc. (following GDPR))
- AOB

The meetings are either the first Tuesday or Wednesday of the month, message us for the diary marker and please share with your network who may be interested.

Are you following us?

We have recently started a LinkedIn page, give us a follow and mention us in your posts when you get involved with the work we do. We would love to hear it!

Contact Us

If you have content you would like to share across our media channels, or any suggestions for future editions please do let us know at wwrpb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk.

The team look forward to hearing from you and developing the newsletter into a useful and informative resource. Your feedback will help us to deliver that and ensures that the newsletter is getting out there and being read!