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Ken Skates MS | Clwyd South

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**Senedd Cymru
Welsh Parliament**

Announcement of new Post Office branch

'very welcome news', says MS

Community leaders have welcomed confirmation that the Post Office will open a new branch in Ruabon in August.

Following the announcement last year that McColl's in Ruabon would close in early 2023, local MS Ken Skates and Councillor Dana Davies made immediate contact with the Post Office to press for counter services to be retained in the village.

After a review of the area the company confirmed it was advertising for a new premises, and later said it had received a number of applications.

In an email to Mr Skates on Tuesday (27th June), the Post Office said: "We are delighted to let you know that:

“following the temporary closure of Ruabon Post Office, we will be reopening the branch on Friday 11th August at 1pm.”

This will be in a new location at:

Ruabon Discount Stores, New High Street,

where the branch will continue to operate as one of our local style branches.”

Mr Skates said: “This is very welcome news. Dana and I shared the concerns of many local residents when the closure of the existing branch was announced, but I’m glad that the Post Office has listened to those concerns and have been able to find a suitable location.

“It will be fantastic to have a branch back in Ruabon, and I hope local people will get behind it.”

Cllr Davies added: “It’s an ideal location, right in the middle of the village and with parking on the doorstep. While we weren’t able to persuade the company which operated the cashpoint to find a new location for it, I’m grateful that the Post Office quickly committed to retaining a branch in Ruabon. I wish Steve and the team the best of luck – I’m sure they’ll make a success of it.”

Shop owner Steve Ithell said two former McColl’s employees have been taken on.

The Post Office said customers will be able to access services at the retail counter. The company added: “Working with the postmaster, we’d adapt the current store layout, fixtures and fittings to accommodate the Post Office till if needed.”

The Ruabon McColl’s branch was one of 132 loss-making stores identified for closure following the company’s takeover by Morrisons. The supermarket group said: “55 included Post Office counters and would remain open until after the busy Christmas period.”

For more information, and to offer feedback which can help shape the plans ahead of the opening, visit:

www.postofficeviews.co.uk/national-consultation-team/ruabon-ll14-6nl-594614-1/

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Closes 25 Jul 2023

Opened 27 Jun 2023

Contact

National Consultation Team

comments@postoffice.co.uk

Overview

We are delighted to let you know that following the temporary closure of Ruabon Post Office we will be re-opening the branch on Friday 11 August at 13:00. This will be in a new location at: Ruabon Discount Stores, New High Street, Ruabon, Wrexham, LL14 6AW, where the branch will continue to operate as one of our local style branches.

Your new Post Office branch

Customers would access Post Office services at a low-screened, open-plan, modern serving point that's part of the retail counter. Working with the postmaster, we'd adapt the current store layout, fixtures and fittings to accommodate the Post Office till if needed.

Why your views matter

Whilst the decision has already been made to reopen this branch, we would still like your views on access at the new location. We welcome feedback that can help inform our plans and the questionnaire below asks for comments on the following areas:

- Access into the new premises (Question 4)
- Access inside the new premises (Question 5)
- Any further feedback on our plans (Question 6)

Give Us Your Views

[Online Questionnaire](#)

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Ysgol Rhiwabon Prom 2023

June 29th 2023

The Ysgol Rhiwabon Year 11 Personal Profile Ceremony was held on June 22nd with the Prom following the ceremony at The Rossett Hall Hotel.

On a picture perfect evening, the Year 11 students met at the school, with just over 250 parents and family members waiting to greet them and take photographs in the school grounds.

There were some marvellous vehicles on show bringing students to the ceremony from a range of vintage cars to motorbikes and numerous supercars.

The Personal Profile ceremony was hosted by Mrs Alex Wild, Lead Learner for Year 11, with the Profiles presented by the Chair of Governors, Mrs Joan Lowe and Headteacher, Mrs Melanie Ferron-Evans, supported by the Year 11 Form Tutors.

Mrs Lowe, Chair of Governors said:

'It is a privilege to see our Year 11 students and recognise the journey that they have followed during their time in Ysgol Rhiwabon. The Governors and staff wish them well as they venture into the wider world and the school sends their best wishes to all of them for the future'.

The students then travelled to Rossett Hall Hotel for their Prom. Party

Pictures attached with names from **left to right**.

Pic 1 – Forhad Hussain,
Callum Gabriel, Joe Brown,
Jorge Rosario,
Kieran Davies, Chris
Phillips,
Aaron Davenport.



Pic 2 – Brie Roberts, Tilly Mazerella, Cameron Williams,
Rio Roberts, Ella May Szabo, Shani Arsan, Holly Hughes.

Pic 3 -

Ben Jones,
Ethan Strange,
Liam Oakley,
Lewis Hand,
Oliver Evans,
Corey Sewell,
Jayden Pugh,
Forhad Hussain.



More pictures are available at www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk).

Follow the school Twitter: [@ysgolrhiwabon](https://twitter.com/ysgolrhiwabon) Website: www.ysgolrhiwabon.co.uk

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Island Green talks still being pursued after Euro Car Parks ‘bottle’ meeting

Two Members of the Senedd have slammed a car park company after it pulled out of a crunch meeting at the last minute.

Lesley Griffiths and Ken Skates were due to meet the directors of Euro Car Parks to demand action over Island Green in Wrexham, where dozens of local people have been hit with unfair fines due to problems with pay and display machines.

But the company ‘bottled it’ at the 11th hour, according to Mr Skates.

The Clwyd South MS said: “We were furious after receiving an email from the company less than 24 hours before the meeting saying they would not be attending – with no offer of an alternative date. It’s just another example of the company treating Wrexham – and local people – with contempt.”

Lesley Griffiths, MS for Wrexham, said: “After initially accepting our proposal to meet, Euro Car Parks’ decision to cancel at the last minute with no explanation was extremely frustrating.

“Regrettably, it appears ECP representatives do not wish to reschedule. Although they seem determined to avoid meeting altogether, we are not deterred and as long as parking issues persist at Island Green both Ken Skates and I will continue to fight and stand up for local residents.”

The email Ms Griffiths received from ECP cancelling the meeting also stated they were only going to respond in writing from now on, but Wrexham's MS is challenging that point and seeking an explanation as to why the company will not meet with elected representatives.



Mr Skates said: "They clearly know what people think of them and they didn't want to hear it. They bottled it." He also renewed his call for locals to boycott the car park.

"Euro Car Parks will only sit up and take note when they're hit in the pocket," he said. "Times are incredibly tough at the moment, so I don't see why anyone would continue to boost the profits of a company which treats local people in this way."

ECP also told Ms Griffiths: "All machines are serviced on a

regular basis, they have a live heartbeat which reports directly into our back-office system, therefore if there are any faults with the machine these can be managed remotely or by our 24/7 operations team who visit the site directly."

Mr Skates said: "The idea that no fault can be attributed to their machines, and that they genuinely believe scores of local people are incapable of inputting their own registration numbers, is laughable. They're unscrupulous."

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HSE Inspector's Guide to Risk Management: Risk Assessment and Control

Book Course 13 November 2023 - 14 November 2023

Introduction

This workshop will be delivered by a senior HSE inspector with more than 25 years of experience, and is a rare opportunity to understand your regulator by seeing the world through an inspector's eyes.

You will learn: how HSE examines and uses employers' risk assessments; the common errors that HSE finds in the risk assessment process; and how to use this information to manage risks more effectively and avoid enforcement action.

The course will cover:

- The different types of risk assessments required under health and safety legislation.
- How HSE inspectors use risk assessments during inspections and investigations, and how they form judgements about whether risks are being adequately controlled.
- The common errors that inspectors find in risk assessments and in how businesses use them to manage risks.
- The circumstances where an inadequate risk assessment may cause an Inspector to take enforcement action, and what form that action is likely to take.
- How to improve your risk assessment processes, manage risks better and avoid formal or informal action.

Who should attend?

Health and Safety Professionals responsible for managing or advising on the interface between businesses and the HSE.

Business owners or managers responsible for managing and controlling risks.

Become a Wrexham Ambassador!

Are you passionate about our city? Clued up about everything Wrexham county has to offer? Then you might be interested in completing the new Wrexham Ambassador online modules. The scheme was originally developed to support tourism businesses and providers in ensuring their staff have all the local knowledge to hand to help visitors make the most of their time in Wales. But it's interesting and useful to residents and visitors alike. The first three modules are now live – take a [look](#) and see if there's still more you can learn about our



wonderful county!

Motorfest – Saturday 29th July

Rolling in at the end of the month, Motorfest is a brand new car event for Wrexham. Organised by both Wrexham Council and with Nightingale House Hospice, this free event will take place at Penyllan Farm, Marchweil. It's a family friendly event, featuring vehicle exhibits, arena shows, fairground, stalls and plenty more. It's a free event, but donations to Nightingale House Hospice are welcome. Come along and see classic displays, super-charged exhibits and lots more..



Tower Tours at St Giles Parish Church



There's still time to experience the majestic tower of St Giles Parish Church, by taking part in a tower tour this summer! The 135 ft climb up the spiral stairs might not be easy, but the views from the top make it more than worthwhile, where you're rewarded with the sights of the Berwyn Hills, Mersey Estuary and the Cheshire Plains. As well as the views, there's the magnificent architecture of the 500 year old walls and the

collection of the ten church bells. In order to get to the top, you must be suitably fit, and able to climb and descend. You must be suitably dressed for narrow stairs and in good health. Tours are taking place on Saturday 1st July at 11am and 12 noon - to book, please email tourism@wrexham.gov.uk or call the Visitor Information Centre on 01978 292015.

Cameras at the ready!

Continuing our suggestions of where you go in the county to get a great insta-worthy snap, have you ever visited the Bersham waterfalls? Located in Plas Power woods, it's a peaceful, breath-taking spot, not far from the city centre.



Park at Nant Mill visitor centre and enjoy a beautiful walk, soaking up the Clywedog Valley.

Nant Mill Visitor Centre

The visitor centre and toilets are closed, however you can still explore the woods and countryside in the surrounding Clywedog Valley. The area surrounding this former corn mill is a great location for walkers, or a family visit.

There is a picnic area and play area, next to ancient woodland alongside the River Clywedog. Nant Mill is located on the Clywedog Valley Trail, which winds for 6.5 miles through glorious countryside. The trail starts from Minera Lead Mines, running through Nant Wood and Plas Power Wood, past Bersham Ironworks, Erddig Estate and on to King's Mill in Wrexham.

The flying of drones is not permitted in Wrexham parks.

Car parking

Car park charges apply every day for visitors to the park.

The daily charge is £1, however Blue Badge holders can park for free in any space with no time limit.

Pay and display machines are located in convenient places in the car park. Payment at the machine is by cash only.

Visitors can also choose to pay using **JustPark (a cashless payment system)**.

[JustPark: Nant Mill car park \(external link\)](#)

Season tickets

A season ticket can be purchased to cover parking charges at [Alyn Waters Country Park](#), Nant Mill and [Tŷ Mawr Country Park](#) at a cost of £50 for a year.

Season tickets are available from Tŷ Mawr visitor centre, Alyn Waters visitor centre, or [online through our e-store](#).

[Wrexham country parks car park season ticket – conditions of use](#)

Dogs

Dogs are welcome at Nant Mill but must be kept under control at all times and on a lead within the designated signposted areas. Please remember that failure to pick up dog waste is a serious offence with fines in operation.

What's happening to these eyesores across Wrexham

Hopes remain alive that these sites will **not** become permanent scars in the city



View of the former Grove Park School in Wrexham (Image: Ian Cooper/North Wales Live)

Nobody wants to see land wasted around their communities. It's made all the worse when the abandoned and overgrown eyesores become a permanent fixture in towns and

villages.

Such sights are dotted about [Wrexham](#) - from an eerily abandoned housing estate to a run-down school. There have been many long-running sagas in the city's history about the next steps in getting the land under development.

Below, we've had a look back at some of the areas causing an issue locally and what - if anything - is being done about it...

Abandoned homes at School Lane:



Land for sale in School Lane, Southsea, Wrexham (Image: www.buttersjohnbee.com)

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The eyesore site of an unfinished housing development in Wrexham looks set for redevelopment.

Planning permission was secured back in 2014 for 11 homes on the site off School Lane, in Southsea in Wrexham. Three of those properties were completed and sold on [but four homes were only part built while another four plots remain undeveloped](#) (as of early 2023).

The site was left dormant but after a stint at auction, there is hope of someone swooping in to put their mark on the site. As of June 23, the auctioneers website - [Butters John Bee Land](#) - has the plot listed with a guide price of £260,000 and a large 'under offer' banner across it.

Bersham Colliery slag heap:

Bersham Glenside Ltd has been granted an additional five years to remove a six million tonne slag heap

Known around the world [following the Vanarama 'Hollywood' sign stunt](#), the slag heap has divided opinion for years about the future of the major mound which stands next to the A483 near Rhostyllen on the site of what was the historic Bersham Colliery.



Concerns have been raised by community leaders about the lack of progress made at the site since the Welsh Government granted permission to remove the six million tonne slag heap in 2010. Plans were in place to remove the material by lorry until it was reported by the BBC's Local Democracy Reporting (LDR) Service that a block making plant could be built as part of controversial plans to remove the landmark slag heap but that idea has since been shelved.

The former Grove Park school:



Campaigners against the demolition of the former Grove Park School in Wrexham (Image: Steve Bagnall)

Campaigners succeeded in their mammoth mission back in 2016 to save the site after Wrexham Council officials voted unanimously to knock down the former **Groves High School** on Chester Road - that closed its doors to students in 2003 - and build two new schools in its place. Since then, it has been a hot topic of discussion.

A bid by healthcare company Apollo to turn the school into a medical training facility failed to materialise because of **coronavirus** travel restrictions at the time, according to the LDR Service. Previous plans to create a new site as part of the Coleg Cambria campuses also fell through.



The ruined medieval North Wales manor house with a link to an English civil war



'Grandstand' view on cards for Anglesey football fans if stadium seating plan agreed

6COMMENTS



School told it can 'no longer run an after school club' by Conwy Council

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Footpath 'used for around 200 years' must be reopened to the public

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'Open mind' on a third Menai crossing but transport minister says they don't currently have the cash

The derelict building, which still stands to this day, hasn't been earmarked with a new plan for some time.

Wrexham AFC's Kop Stand:

Contractors working on the construction of Wrexham AFC's new Kop stand at the Racecourse Ground have submitted their management plan for the development (Image: PA)

Hollywood owners Rob McElhenney and Ryan Reynolds pledged to breathe new life into the stand after it was branded an eyesore by community leaders. Renovating the ground was one of five pledges made by the duo when they took ownership of the football club in 2021.



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Demolition of the stand began at the beginning of this year (2023). Contractors working on the construction of Wrexham AFC's new Kop stand at the Racecourse Ground recently submitted their management plan for the development with work expected to have started this month with hopes that the new 5,500-seater stand will be ready for the start of the 2024-25 football season.

- [The 'pro-Welsh' case for having a thriving tourism industry in Wales](#)
- [What I believe it would take to bring Wales' longest high street back to life](#)



John Short

June 30 at 9:07 PM ·

The adventures of Mr Brodie

We all strive to take pin sharp photographs but today dad played with capturing motion. It won't appeal to everyone but dad likes the motion and colours of the grasses.....and you can still make out its me !

TASHI LHUNPO MONKS

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Tibetan Monks from Tashi Lhunpo Monastery

Masked dance and sacred chant
from a Tibetan Monastery.

*"A psychedelic whirl of chanting,
dancing, drums, cymbals and processions"*
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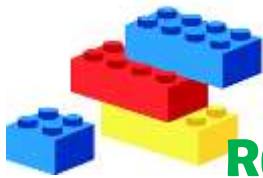
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Age 4+, booking essential as places are limited

Call today to book your place!



Ruabon Library

July 24th

01978 822002

Llay Library

July 27th

01978 855100



Wrexham Library

July 26th

01978 292090

Cefn Mawr Library

July 28th

01978 820938

Please see below a short press release offering
constituents the opportunity to take part in

A Free Defibrillator Awareness Session with St John Ambulance.

Members of the public are being invited to take part in a defibrillator awareness event which could help them save a life.

The session at Plas Madoc Leisure Centre has been organised by **Member of the Senedd: Ken Skates and St John Ambulance.**

It will take place from 1-3pm on 16th August, and Mr Skates is asking his constituents to book their place early.



The Clwyd South MS said: “St John Ambulance offers free first aid-related courses to community groups, youth groups and schools as part of its goal to put a first aider on every street in Wales. This is a great opportunity for me to work with them to offer my constituents the lifesaving skills of using a defibrillator and performing CPR.

“We will be limited on numbers, so I’d urge any of my constituents who are interested to book their place as soon as possible.”

A spokesperson for St John Ambulance said: “These skills really make a difference in saving lives and the support of our politicians is vital to this important work.”

Spaces are limited, so to book your place by email to: ken.skates@senedd.wales or call 01978 869058.



Where is your nearest defibrillator?



Ruabon Coffee Morning

WEDNESDAYS • 10AM - 12PM

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There is **no charge** and **no need to book**, just drop by.



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improving your
health and wellbeing



reconnecting you with
your local community



signposting to
appropriate services



applications and claims

to access services

income maximisation

(benefit & debt support)



connecting with others
using digital technology



establishing local
clubs & activities

**Angie will be holding a drop-in
session at Ruabon Library on
Wed 28th June from
1.30 until 3.00pm**

Rainbow Centre Penley, Whitchurch Road, Penley, Wrexham,

Tel: 01948 830730 -

Charity number:

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For more information contact:

stewards@llangollen.net

or

visit the Eisteddfod website

<https://international-eisteddfod.co.uk>

or telephone 01978 862000

I do realise that there are still more items that are missing this week but my computer does not seem to be very cooperative just now-IT IS VERY FRUSTRATING !

Sybil (Bremner)