

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 504

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## **First Minister of Wales' New Year Message 2024**



Blwyddyn Newydd Dda. Happy new year to you all.

I hope you had a merry and peaceful Christmas.

As another year draws to a close and we get ready to welcome 2024, our thoughts naturally turn to the future.

It is a time for making plans for the year ahead.

For making new resolutions.

And for thinking about changes to come.

This will be the last new year's message I make as your First Minister, as this year will signal a change for me personally.

But until that time comes, I will be focused on this job – delivering on the promises I made to you.

As the new year dawns, we hope for an end to the terrible conflicts and violence which have dominated this year and last, especially in Ukraine.

The fighting must stop in the Middle East. We have to redouble our efforts to find a pathway to a lasting peace, which is fair to both Palestinians and Israelis.

The new year is a new start and I'm sure we all have ambitions and hopes for the year ahead.

Let's hope for a peaceful 2024 and brighter and happier times ahead.

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## Wrexham Library News for the week 14<sup>th</sup> January Exhibitions 2024



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### **Author of the Month**

Victoria Hislop's first novel, *The Island*, held the number one slot in the Sunday Times paperback charts for eight consecutive weeks and has sold over two million copies worldwide. Victoria was the Newcomer of the Year at the

Galaxy British Book Awards 2007 and won the Richard & Judy Summer Read competition. Her second novel, *The Return*, set against the tempestuous backdrop of the Spanish Civil War, was also a number one bestseller. Her latest novel, *The Figurine*, was published in September 2023. It shines a light on the questionable acquisition of cultural treasures and the price people – and countries – will pay to cling on to them. Victoria was executive producer on the adaptations of her novels *The Island*, *Cartes Postales* and *One August Night* for Greek television – and recently took part in *Dancing with the Stars*, also on Greek television. Victoria divides her time between England and Greece and, in 2020, was granted honorary citizenship by the President of Greece. She is patron of Knossos 2025, which has raised funds to rebuild the new research centre at one of Greece's most significant archaeological sites, and is also on the British Committee for the Reunification of the Parthenon Marbles.

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## **Baby Groups at Coedpoeth and Rhos Libraries**

Join us for Welsh Story and Rhyme Times with Elaine from Mudiad Meithrin at Rhos Library on Mondays 10.00-11.00am starting 15<sup>th</sup> January, and Coedpoeth Library on Tuesday's 10.00-11.00am starting Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January. These sessions are fun and informative and are free of charge. We look forward to seeing you there.

Join us for Welsh Story and Rhyme Times with Elaine from Mudiad January.

## North Wales Integrated Autism Service

Are you Autistic? Do you support an Autistic child or adult? North Wales Integrated Autism Service will now be holding drop in sessions at Wrexham Library on the second Monday of the month 10-12pm starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. If you would like advice, support or just a general chat why not call in, alternatively if you're not able to visit Wrexham Library you can also visit them Brynteg Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday the month 2.00-4.00pm, Cefn Mawr library on the third Monday of the month 1.00-3.00pm and Chirk library on the second Monday of the month, 2.00-4.00pm

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## **Gypsy Makers**



## Tŷ Pawb will launch its first new exhibition of 2024 later this month.

Gypsy Makers is a new touring exhibition from The Romani Cultural & Arts Company that will feature work from artists



they've commissioned since the inception of the Gypsy Maker initiative in 2014.

The Gypsy Makers touring exhibition will show new and existing artworks to mark the tenth anniversary of the Gypsy Maker programme which has been fully supported by the Arts Council of Wales.

**Gypsy Makers will be on show at Tŷ Pawb from 20th January – 30th March 2024.**

**Gallery opening times 10am-4pm, Monday-Friday.  
Join us for the exhibition launch event on Friday 19th January, 5.30pm-7.30pm.**

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## **Family Art Club Returns!**



**Family Art Club returns for 2024! 🥰**  
Creative making for the whole family!

Sessions are 'pay what you can' and include breakfast cereal for children.

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**Gypsy Makers -**  
Opens 20th January

An exhibition of new and existing artworks from the Romani Cultural and Arts Company art collection, marking the tenth anniversary of the ground-breaking Gypsy Maker project.

**Bom Dia Cymru**  
Opens 13th April

An exhibition of work by renowned photographer, Mohamed Hassan, including works co-created with members of the CLPW CIC Community Interest Company group, Bom Dia Cymru.





From Wrexham's  
market to visionary  
fashion designer  
with his label  
Ghulam Sakina

Our biennial open call  
exhibition returns for its  
2024 edition

The previous edition of  
the exhibition in 2022  
featured works by over  
150 artists from across  
the country This  
followed a fantastic  
response to our open  
call which saw 220  
artists submitting more  
than 600 artworks for  
consideration.  
We'll be announcing full  
details for the 2024  
open call later this year.

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## **Multicultural After School Club! Starting on Tuesday -**

A FREE event delivered by CLPW CIC Community Interest Company with support from Xplore! Science Discovery Centre.

Explore the world of upcycling waste materials and create your own functional, everyday tote bag!

Show off your artistry after three sessions and be part of promoting sustainability.

Let's get greener tomorrow – one thread at a time!

The 2 sessions take place in the Useful Art Space

3.30pm-5.30pm on:

Tuesday 6th February AND Tuesday 5th March

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SESSION 01  
9TH JANUARY

SESSION 02  
6TH FEBRUARY

SESSION 03  
5TH MARCH

CELEBRATION EVENT  
16TH APRIL AT XPLORE!

 REALLY USEFUL ART SPACE  
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LL13 8BB

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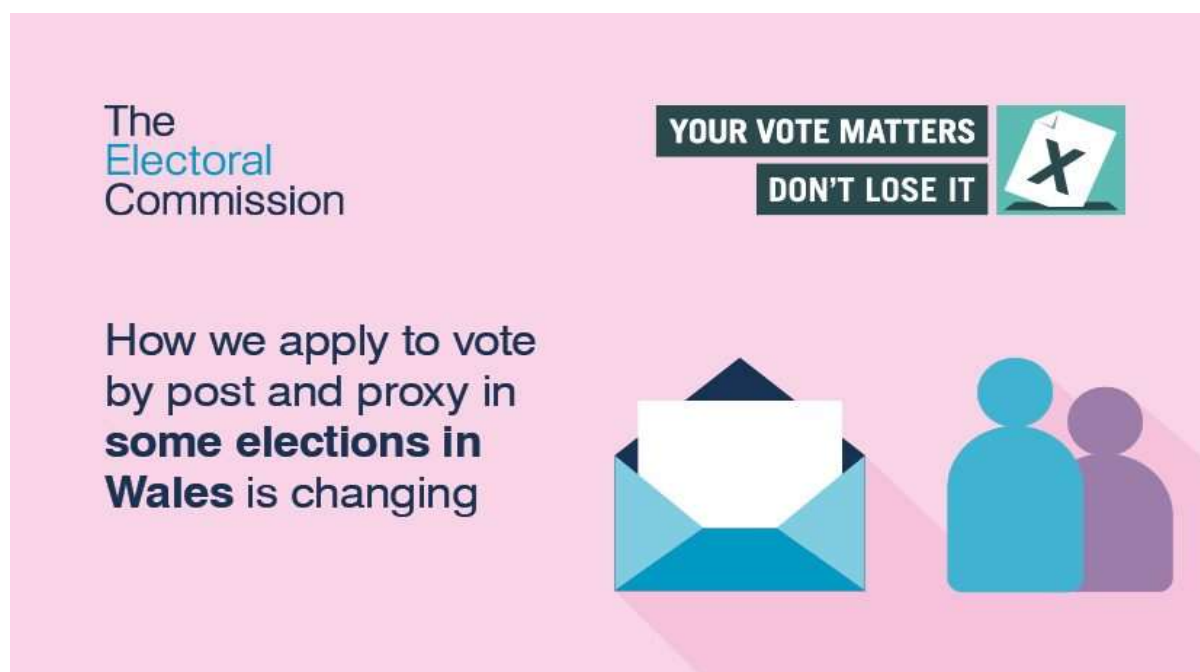


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In May next year, eligible residents will be able to vote in the Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

But what happens if you are unable to get to a polling station to vote? Whatever the reason, you don't need to lose your chance to vote – you can do it by post or by asking someone to be your proxy. Read on to find out more.

Postal voting means that you receive your ballot paper through your letterbox a few weeks before the election. You then cast your vote and put it in the post – no need for a stamp.

You can apply for a postal vote on the [Government's website](#).

If you already have a postal vote, there have been some changes this year. Make sure you visit [our electoral webpages](#) to find out what those changes mean for you.

Voting by proxy means that you have given someone else permission to vote on your behalf. There are only a few circumstances when this is allowed, and you should only apply for a person you trust to cast your vote for you.

There is more information about proxy voting on [our electoral pages](#) and you are able to apply for someone to be your proxy on the [Government's website](#).

If someone has been your proxy in the past, or if you have acted as a proxy voter for someone else, in the past, there have been some important changes to

the rules. Please have a read through the information on our [How to vote page](#) to find out if these changes affect you.

To apply to vote by post, or to elect a proxy, you will need to be registered to vote. You can do this in just a few minutes on [the Government's register to vote webpage](#).

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## **Welsh Councils draw up lists of roads to return to 30mph because 20mph 'doesn't feel right'**

Deputy Minister for Climate Change Lee Waters, also said they are considering further tweaks to the guidance for councils on exceptions.

Councils need to apply a 'sniff test' to decide whether a road should stay 20mph in a review of the new default limit. It is now nearly four months since the Welsh Government changed the limit on most 30mph roads in Wales to 20mph.

Deputy climate change minister Lee Waters, the man who has led the way for the government on the new limit, released an update on the planned review into the impact of the limit and what changes could be made. It comes after a massive backlash in Wales from drivers with protests and a petition with almost half a million signatures.

The minister revealed there were vast differences in how local authorities had used 'exceptions'.

These are roads that could be made exempt from 20mph and a 30mph limit retained.

There are some local authorities like Swansea and Bridgend where 10% of roads have stayed at 30mph. But in North Wales there are four councils where it is under 1%. [North Wales Live has written a previous piece on this issue.](#)

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# **TRAINING DIRECTORY – 2023/24**



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## Effective practice

### Understanding teaching and learning - support for practitioners in schools and settings

To enhance teaching and learning practice in schools and settings a [series of videos](#) have been produced to support the delivery of foundation learning pedagogy, as part of Curriculum for Wales.

- Effective pedagogy
- Responsive planning
- Cynefin and embedding Welsh culture
- Reflective practice
- Loose parts
- Symbolic representation

### Foundation learning and Curriculum for Wales video explainer

We have produced a [video](#) explaining how foundation learning within Curriculum for Wales supports our youngest learners, or those with similar developmental needs, in schools and settings.

### Play and play-based learning

Curriculum for Wales guidance outlines why play and play-based learning is crucial to a child's development and their disposition to learning.

Two video case studies which illustrate why it is so important for opportunities for play and play-based learning to be provided are available:



- [Ysgol Bryn Castell – English version](#)
- [Cylch Meithrin Saranu a Llandderfel – Welsh version](#)

### **Inclusive family financial education events**

If you work with children and families, this [free workshop](#) offers a new approach to help support families to become more financially resilient.

The workshops are designed to support early years practitioners and others in delivering differentiated, inclusive, and interactive family learning activities including 10 family learning session plans and multimedia content.



### **Self Assessment of Service Statement will go live on 31<sup>st</sup> January**

We will soon be writing to all childcare and play providers about their Self Assessment of Service Statement (SASS) 2024.

#### **What is a SASS?**

SASS is an online form that Registered Persons and Responsible Individuals are required to complete. This is a legal requirement for all childminders and childcare and play providers.

#### **What do we do with the data?**

The information providers give us through their SASS submission helps us to plan our inspections and provide the right help and support to those who need it most. The data from across Wales will be collated, anonymised and published later in 2024..

Important information for all childcare and play providers:

If you run a childcare and play service, you are required to complete your SASS using CIW Online by 15 March 2024.

If you do not complete your SASS by this date, it will impact your future ratings.

You will need to have a CIW Online account to complete your SASS.

If you do not have a CIW Online account, you need to take urgent action:

- Call us on 0300 7900 126

## English

### **Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board - Email Notice (2010)**

You are advised to read (and print for future reference) the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board e-mail notice which can be found at this location

<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/861/page/47229>

Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board is the operational name of Betsi Cadwaladr University Local Health Board from us and third parties based on our knowledge of you, of bottom of the form enforcement of the new default 20mph speed limit will begin this month, more than three months after [the controversial policy](#) was introduced. There has been confusion around when the new speed limit would be enforced. It was said enforcement would begin three months after the new speed limit was introduced, which would have been 17<sup>th</sup> December. However the Welsh Government has confirmed enforcement for the speed limit actually begins in January.

[“Wales Online understands”](#) that this date will officially begin on Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January. Last month, the Welsh Government said: "GoSafe will begin selecting new sites (locations) for speed vans and other enforcement (roads that were 30mph and are now 20mph) once the new speed limit has been in place for three months."

**READ MORE: [Arriva Buses Wales announce new timetables after 20mph limit hit schedules](#)**

Now that the planning is complete, people can expect to see teams from GoSafe out on the roads this month. In a statement, a Welsh

Government spokesperson said: "Following the introduction of the new default 20mph speed limit in September, 2023, there was an initial bedding-in period to give people time to adapt to the change.



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A special note for Ann Hughes, who has requested this information.



**MANY, many thanks to you all  
for your kindness, the very special  
cards AND the wonderful cheese board.  
I realise that this Ruabon News Letter  
is much later than it should be, but I will try  
to do better next week!  
Sybil**

