

# RUABON NEWS LETTER 521

## Wal Goch Festival For Football Lovers

31 Mai - 2 Mehefin Wrecsam

31 May - 2 June Wrexham

# WAL GOCH FESTIVAL



**WGF**

[www.footballfansfestival.com](http://www.footballfansfestival.com)



The leading festival of football culture, **Gŵyl Wal Goch Festival**, is back for a fourth edition, once again in Wrexham - the spiritual home of Welsh Football.

Tickets for the whole weekend are no more than £20.

Children and young people are free.

Carers can also attend for free with a registered disabled ticket holder.

### Speakers and performers include:

David Conn (The Guardian), Pat Nevin, Carrie Dunn, Adam Thomas (Genelectics), Chris Wilson (Nuffield Clinic), Rebecca Watson, Brian Flynn, Kit Holden, Evrah Rose, Mark Coverdale, Mark Langshaw, Christopher Evans, Paul Watson, Dr Pete Watson, Dr Penny Miles, Javiera Court, Looking Back, Wrexham Museum, Peris Hatton, Ian Benbow, Spoz, Lisa O'Hare and lots more to announce!

## FOCUS Wales

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 WALES 2024  
 INTERNATIONAL MUSIC & FILM FESTIVAL

Wrexham's award winning, multi-venue international showcase festival returns for its 14th edition, with over 20,000 people expected to attend.

Tŷ Pawb will once again be at the heart of the action, hosting the main ticket office, two music stages, conferences and much more!

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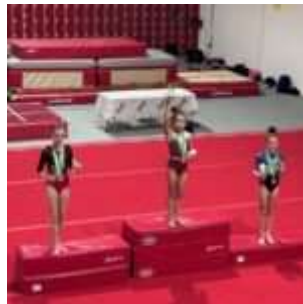
## Good Sports News

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**Katie will now compete in Cardiff,  
in 2 weeks, for the Welsh final.**

**Children in Wales**

# Annual Child & Family Poverty Survey 2024

Wednesday, 1st May 2024

Each year, Children in Wales, in partnership with the End Child Poverty Network Cymru (ECPN), conduct the Child & Family Poverty Surveys. The findings from these surveys help to identify and understand more about the current issues and impact poverty has on children, young people and families in Wales.

Your voices really do make a difference. For example, last year's survey findings were widely disseminated and used to influence, inform and change practice and policy across Wales. They were also used for reports by Public Health Wales and to inform the new Child Poverty Strategy, launched in January 2024.

Whatever your role or sector, your experiences and views are greatly valued and important. Whether you're a practitioner, educator, policy maker or manager, if your role includes a remit for children, young people and families, Children in Wales wants to hear from you.

It takes 15 minutes to complete the survey.

There are 3 surveys, 1 for practitioners and professionals, 1 for parents and carers and 1 for children and young people themselves:

- [Survey for practitioners and professionals](#)
- [Survey for parents and carers](#)
- [Survey for children and young people](#)

All surveys will close by 5<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Children in Wales are looking for as much engagement as possible, and would appreciate your help in disseminating the surveys to your colleagues, networks and, where possible, to parents and children and young people, as it is crucial that Children in Wales also hear from them directly.

Children in Wales will publish and widely disseminate the findings in October. The aim is that the findings will again help to shape and inform policy and practice in Wales.

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# **£20 Million Farm Infrastructure Support Confirmed**

**Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Huw Irranca-Davies, has today confirmed two funding schemes to support investment in on farm infrastructure, which will help to build resilience to the potential impact of climate change.**



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The package of measures is part of the commitment under Co-operation Agreement with Plaid Cymru, to work with the farming community in the deployment of the regulations to improve water and air quality.

£20m has been committed for two schemes to support farmers reach compliance with The Water Resources (Control of Agricultural Pollution) (Wales) Regulations 2021. The Nutrient Management Investment Scheme and the Small Grants – Yard Coverings scheme, will open shortly.

Both schemes are designed to enable farmers to address nutrient management and storage by providing support for additional slurry

storage capacity and/or prevent rainwater entering slurry stores to reduce storage capacity requirement.

The support has been increased to provide a maximum 50% contribution towards certain project costs. Detailed guidance will be available shortly with both schemes open by the summer.

The Rural Affairs Secretary, said:

In response to the prolonged period of wet weather, I recently chaired an 'Extreme Weather Summit' with key agricultural partners to discuss its impact on farmers and growers. The impact that the wet weather has had shows the importance of investing in resilience and during the Summit I heard of significant issues in relation to slurry storage capacity. Whilst the weather has slightly improved recently, the delayed access to work the land and increasing costs incurred during the extended winter months will have short, medium and long-term impacts.

I'm pleased to announce these schemes, which will help farmers build resilience to extreme weather conditions. The funding will also support farmers to reach compliance with our Agricultural Pollution Regulations which will help improve water quality in our rivers and their tributaries.

I would encourage applicants to consider potential investments prior to application windows opening and where appropriate, engage with local planning authorities. Planning and SuDS applications should be submitted as soon as possible; doing this work in advance of an application window does not affect your eligibility to apply.

In the short term, I am acutely aware of the human impact on farming families and I am clear we need to face this issue with communication and a pragmatic approach. The mental health of those involved in the agricultural industry is of great concern to me and I strongly encourage anyone suffering with stress or other mental health issues to ask for help.

Welsh Government will also play its part; if farmers have any difficulties meeting the requirements of their contracts, as a result of this prolonged wet weather period, they should contact Rural Payments Wales as soon as possible to discuss their options or to request a derogation. All requests will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Our future generations will be farming in much more challenging conditions. We must act today to adapt and mitigate for this - taking steps to build resilience to the potential impacts of climate change.

Further details on the schemes will be available at [Rural Grants and Payments](#).  
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Oswestry Bowls League Division 2  
Ruabon 7 Llangynog A 3 Tuesday 30th April

**Further report of Facebook Scam selling stalls for non-existent events**



**HRA Latest - April 2024**

Welcome to HRA Latest, with news and updates for those working or involved in health and social care research.

This month, we share a blog from Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) member Dan about his experience as a lay member of CAG, as we welcome applications for new members of the group.



We have worked with our partners at NIHR and Health and Care Research Wales to develop new guidance on paying members of the public for their involvement in research, plus you can read a round-up of Make it Public week, which was held last month.

We're also pleased to share an update from public contributor Jan about her experience of being part of our Community Committee, and we share our thoughts on the new transparency guidance standards published by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

As always, for regular updates and the latest news, you can follow

us on X [@HRA\\_Latest](#).  
Matt Westmore  
Chief Executive



## **Volunteer as a Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG) member**

We're looking for new members to join our Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG). CAG is an independent body that reviews applications for the use of confidential patient data without consent for research and non-research purposes, and plays a crucial role in upholding public trust in research.

Prospective members may have an interest in the ethical use of confidential healthcare information, health data or research, but don't need specific experience in these fields.

[Dan Roulstone](#) - who has been a CAG member for three years - shares his reflections in a new blog on our website, with four reasons why you should consider joining this group and the valued perspectives lay members bring.



# Payment for public involvement in health and care research

A guide for members of the public on employment status and tax



## New public involvement pay guidance

We've launched new pay guidance for members of the public involved in research.

The guidance explains how payment for public involvement may impact on your tax and employment status.

The guidance was developed in collaboration with the National Institute for Health and Care Research and Health and Care Research Wales, and is also available in easy read.

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**Two-thirds of the UK public would feel more confident in health and social care research findings:**



if the project was **added to a public register before it started.**

**65%**



## Make it Public Campaign Commitments Continue

We celebrated #MakeitPublic week in March, a week dedicated to

research transparency in the UK.

During the week, we [published data on clinical trial registration](#), which shows that 92% of trials which received a favourable opinion from a Research Ethics Committee (REC) were registered on a publicly accessible database. And, for the first time, we included details on any explanations provided for non-registration of trials.

Our workshop addressing the barriers to registration was attended by people from across research, and we are now reviewing insights from the event to plan our next steps to support researchers to achieve 100% registration.

Our goal of making research transparency the norm continues beyond Make it Public week, and we are sharing best practice at an upcoming event for International Clinical Trials Day.



### **[Blog: Reflections on our Community Committee Meetings](#)**

Our Community Committee was set up last year to advise the HRA Board. It is made up of members from across the HRA Community, which includes members of our Research Ethics Committees (RECs), Confidentiality Advisory Group (CAG), and the Public Involvement Network (PIN).

Jan Speechley is a member of the public on the Committee. Read her new blog with reflections on the most recent meeting and how she is looking forward to supporting the work of the HRA.



## **Our response to the ICO consultation on transparency**

The ICO recently held a public consultation for input on new guidance to support health and social care organisations to be more transparent. [We coordinated our response](#) with public contributors from the [Make it Public campaign group](#), which had a focus on public involvement.

New guidance has now been published on the ICO website. Our Deputy Director of Policy and Partnerships, Naho Yamazaki, shares her thoughts on the positive steps that have been taken towards transparency in the new standards.

## **Our regular update on clinical trials**

Our [clinical trials update](#) is a regular round-up of the latest news on work we're doing to help make the UK a great place to do clinical trials.

Read the latest edition and sign up to receive future updates.



## **News from across UK research**

Below are some of the latest updates about health and social care

research in the UK:

- Health Data Research UK (HDR UK) is hosting an event to recognise the impact of projects funded by the Alliance Data Access Transparency Standards, which have delivered best practice in transparency. [Find out more and sign up.](#)
- Researchers are [investigating if skin patches can be used](#) as an early warning system to identify lung transplant rejection. The new trial is funded by NIHR and the Medical Research Council.
- An Oxford University team is leading the study, together with 5 UK lung transplant centres and NHS Blood and Transplant.

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## Ruabon Library Art Exhibition for May & June

Penycae Art group are exhibiting in Ruabon Library during May and June. The exhibition is a varied, colourful and vibrant collection of mixed media artwork depicting a variety of themes and scenes, with something of interest for all.

This friendly and relaxed local art group formed in February 1983 and meet in Penycae Village Hall on Thursday afternoons between 1.30 and 4.00pm. There is a monthly membership fee which includes refreshments.

New members are welcome, with their contact details available from the library or via the Dewis Wales Resource Directory, or just pop in to see them.

Come along to the library and enjoy the work of this talented group of people, with the exhibition available for viewing during library opening hours.



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Adult Community Learning Opportunities  
In Ruabon Library**

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27/06/24 04/07/24	<b>Ffonau Clyfar   Smartphones</b>
11/07/24 18/07/24	<b>Ffonau Clyfar y Gwellhäwr   Smartphones Improver</b>
25/07/24 For 4 weeks till 15 <sup>th</sup> August	<b>IT Improvers</b>

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Cards for that special man in your life was the theme of this month's Adults Creative Crafts at Ruabon Library. Take a look at these brilliant creations! For an enjoyable, relaxing afternoon, why not come along next time and get crafty! The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 2.15. All welcome to bring your own project or share new ideas with new friends. refreshments ents available. Contact staff for more details.

**PRESS RELEASE**  
Ken Skates MS | Clwyd South

**07/05/24**  
*for immediate publication*



**Senedd Cymru**  
**Welsh Parliament**

**MS 'blown away' by Wrexham**  
**Primary School Transformation**

**Member of the Senedd Ken Skates hailed the ‘incredible’ transformation of a Wrexham primary school following a multimillion-pound renovation.**

Clwyd South MS Ken Skates visited Ysgol yr Hafod in Johnstown on Friday (May 3) to see the results of the major revamp, which was part of the Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools programme.

“The transformation has been incredible – I was blown away,” said Mr Skates.

“I visited the school around 12 months ago when the work was taking shape and was excited to see the final result, but it was even better than I was expecting. It looks amazing.”

The makeover has brought together 350 infant and junior school pupils on one site for the first time and funding also allowed the purchase of a neighbouring two-story home which has been converted to expand the school premises. The work was carried out by North Wales firm Wynne Construction.

Mr Skates was given a tour by headteacher Alison Heale and chair of governors Cllr David Bithell.

He said: “The new-look Ysgol yr Hafod is an exemplar, and undoubtedly one of the best school renovation projects I’ve seen.

That’s in no small part down to Alison and her team’s involvement in the design process and the detailed discussions and planning that went into their vision of how they wanted their school to be.

It’s a real testament to their hard work and passion.”

Cllr Bithell said: “Ken has taken a keen interest in the school from its early days. The visit was welcomed by the staff, who were keen to show the fantastic learning environment we have

at Ysgol Yr Hafod. All governors and staff have worked extremely hard with our education department and Welsh Government to secure funding for our new school.”

**-Ends-**

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PRESS RELEASE

## **New plan to reduce deaths caused by infections resistant to antibiotics**

**Everyone must play their part in preventing one of the world's biggest killers, Wales' Chief Medical and Veterinary Officers have said as they launch the next stage of a 20-year plan to reduce resistance to antibiotics.**

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In 2019, there were an estimated [7,600 deaths directly from infections resistant to antibiotics](#) (similar to the number of deaths in the UK due to stomach cancer), as well as 35,200 deaths as an indirect result of infections resistant to antibiotics.

Even if the patient survives, resistance makes infections far more serious and difficult to treat successfully.

But simple steps to prevent infections and avoid the inappropriate use of antibiotics in humans and animals can help prevent some of these deaths.

[The UK antimicrobial resistance National Action Plan \(NAP\) 2024 to 2029](#) was launched today (Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May).

It commits the UK to reducing the need for, and optimising the use of, antimicrobials – such as antibiotics, antifungals and antivirals – in humans and animals, strengthen surveillance of drug resistant infections before they emerge and incentivise industry to develop the next generation of treatments.

In 2019, the Governments of the UK published a 20-year vision to contain, control and mitigate Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) by 2040.

Despite the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the UK has managed to reduce human exposure to antimicrobials by more than 8% since 2014 and reduced the use of antibiotics in food-producing animals by 59% between 2014 and 2022.



In 2023 Wales prescribed 15% fewer antibiotics in general practice than 2014, through the hard work and diligence of prescribers, community pharmacists and health board teams working in the community.

Chief Medical Officer for Wales Sir Frank Atherton said:  
We want to build on the achievements of the first five years of this plan and continue to raise awareness of what everyone can do to help fight AMR.

Preventing infection in the first place is an important part of tackling AMR. Washing your hands regularly using soap and water can minimise the risk of becoming unwell and spreading harmful bacteria to other people.

Taking antibiotics when you do not need them means they are less likely to work in the future. Not all infections need antibiotics, and many mild bacterial infections get better on their own.

Antibiotics do not work for viral infections such as colds and flu, and most coughs and sore throats. When it comes to antibiotics, take your doctor's advice on whether you need them or not.

Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales Dr Richard Irvine said:  
Wales has made a significant contribution to the previous UK five-year AMR NAP, thanks to excellent partnership working. We plan to build on this achievement, taking a One Health approach.

Antibiotic use in animals and people is a major driver of AMR. We are committed to reducing the need to use of antibiotics in animals to ensure that these medicines continue to work in animals and prevent resistance spreading from animals to humans.

Our work on AMR control addresses all kept animals. For farmed animals, a major priority is to promote high health production systems, which benefit animal welfare, productivity as well as reducing AMR risks. We plan to take forward the work we have done in Wales to encourage further control of AMR in the companion animal sector.

I look forward to Wales making a major contribution to the UK's five-year AMR NAP.

Robin Howe, Consultant Microbiologist for Public Health Wales, said:

Public Health Wales welcomes the launch of this next stage of a 20-year plan to reduce resistance to antibiotics by 2040.

We can all play a role in helping to prevent anti-microbial resistance. It is important we use antibiotics exactly as directed by a doctor, nurse or pharmacist. No-one should save antibiotics for later or share them with family, friends or pets. If you have unused antibiotics you should return them to your local pharmacy. Throwing them in the bin or flushing them down the toilet leads to the contamination of rivers threatening human and animal health.

Antibiotics are a precious resource we must protect.  
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# Family Fun Day

St Mary's Church Ruabon

**18th May 2024**

**Starts at 12:00 Noon**

**Teddy Zip Wire From The Tower  
Glitter Tattoo's  
Guess The Name of The Teddy  
Cake Stall  
Tours Up The Tower  
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Punch & Judy Show  
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# FREE ENTRY

**A Small Charge Will Apply For Activities**

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Church Maintenance & Organ Fund**

Some exciting news from:

## **FRIENDS OF RUABON**

Our Fete this year will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June, from 1pm on the recreation ground in Ruabon.

There will be lots of activities for children and families, because we want to make this a fun and memorable event with something for everyone.

The pitch fee for stall holders is £7.50.

Tables, chairs and gazebos need to be provided by the stall holders this year.

We are looking for a various range of stalls so you may wish to consider:

crafts, cakes, plants,  
vintage table top sale items  
and games

You will be able to unload on the field and then park cars on the carpark near to the ground,

There will be plenty of people to help with your set-up.

Please email: [sarahmather13@btinternet.com](mailto:sarahmather13@btinternet.com) if you are interested in having a stall or wish to help and support in a different way.

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Hello All,  
I do realise that this Ruabon News Letter is VERY late, but I  
and other family members have been entertaining another of  
our family from Australia.  
I hope all is well with you all.  
Sybil (Bremner)