

# Grovesend and Waungron Community Council

FEBRUARY 2024  
SPRING EDITION

## Chairpersons Corner - Phil Card



We've had another outstanding year in the village. We marked the Coronation of the new King with a big celebration party that included a hog roast, bouncy castle, a roof top double decker bus and more.

Later in the year we judged the now very popular Halloween competition and also had our second Santa parade! All brought to you by the Community Council. As chairman for the last two years, it has been an absolute pleasure to work with a positive and fun-loving team of councillors, I hope you'll all agree that during

the last few years we have brought a sense of fun and celebration to the village.

This, to me, is what it's all about!....

P.S. this year we have some exciting new ideas including a flower and garden competition to bring even more colour into the village. Plus, some other additional ideas that you'll all have to wait and see!

If anyone has any ideas or questions, please feel free to get in touch with any of us and we would be most grateful if you could complete our survey. We thank you all!

## Vice Chairpersons Corner - Luke Holloway



We had many great successes last year with hard work of the Community Council and supporting members of the public. The Coronation event was very well supported by the community, and it was great to see all the Halloween displays on show for the Halloween competition.

Going into 2024 we have some exciting plans so keep an eye out on the Facebook page and future fliers. We are always welcome to new ideas for positive changes and would love you to share your ideas with us in the community survey, or at our monthly Community Council Meetings.

## OUR NEW WEBSITE

PLEASE VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE FOR ALL THE LATEST INFORMATION.

[www.grovesendwaungron.org.uk](http://www.grovesendwaungron.org.uk)

PLEASE LET US KNOW WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE INCLUDED ON OUR WEBSITE. PLEASE EMAIL YOUR IDEAS TO [email@grovesendwaungron.org.uk](mailto:email@grovesendwaungron.org.uk).

SOME EXAMPLES - MORE LITTER PICKING STREET CLEANING / EXTRA DOG BINS

WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU

# Do you know who your Local Area Co-ordinator is?



Anne is employed by Swansea Council as the Local Area Co-ordinator for Grovesend, Penyrheol and Loughor, and is tasked with helping those who are feeling lonely and isolated reconnect with their community or to overcome challenges they might be facing in their lives.

She said: "A Local Area Coordinator works alongside you and your community whilst people make new connections and friends, or get involved in groups and activities, or overcome personal challenges. We look at the strengths and positives that exist in communities and people across Swansea. "Building a trusting relationship with someone is key

and cannot be rushed. I have the time to get to know the individual and anyone else important to them. I encourage people to look at what their vision of a good life is and support them to find practical ways of achieving that. That can be so different for everyone - it's about that person deciding what matters to them." "As a Local Area Coordinator, I may meet people who can be facing challenges. Local area coordinators work within the community as a local accessible point of contact, can offer short term support to individuals who may need information or help to build connections, or offer longer term support to people if that is what they would like.

"My role requires me to get to know the community and all it has to offer. I connect with local groups, churches, libraries etc to build up knowledge of all the community has to offer. There are fantastic things happening on our doorstep and I am lucky to be working in such a welcoming and inclusive community.

And when it comes to deciding on what group to recommend, the decision isn't always straight forward.

"It's all very well me telling someone who is feeling lonely about a weekly coffee group who meet in the local church. Very often, walking into a group can be very daunting for people. Local area coordinators can go along with someone initially to help them settle in, but are always encouraging the person to look at ways they can go independently in the future. It is all about building confidence and walking alongside someone until they feel comfortable going on their own.

For Anne it is a dream job.

She said: "I love my job! I feel privileged to come into contact with so many interesting people in my role. No 2 days are the same and each person is facing different challenges. Seeing people change their lives for the better is very rewarding."

Local Area Coordination is now available throughout Swansea, with every community now having access to a Local Area Coordinator. Anyone needing their help are welcome to contact them direct.

To contact Anne call 07966 245 623 or email Anne.Robinson@swansea.gov.uk

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# Do you know?



There is a new bridge crossing the river down the cycle track on your way to Gorseinon from Grovesend that allows you to walk to Pontlliw the countryside way.

## Girl Guiding Treasurer

Merle has been a big part of our community and has lived in Grovesend all her life. In 1958 Merle became a member of Girl Guiding where she joined a unit in Gorseinon and after several years she was awarded her Queens Guide Award.

Merle was an active member of Guiding taking girls on camp holidays within the UK and Europe. Merle had a short break to bring up her children and then in 1987 she opened 1st Grovesend Brownies with another leader.

In 1997 Merle became the District Commissioner of Mid Gower and after several years of service she went on to be Our Girl Guiding Treasurer, which she is, too this day.

In 2018 Merle was invited to the Queens Garden Party to Celebrate her Years of volunteering in Guiding where she met and shook hands with several of the Royal family.

We commend all the time and effort Merle has given to Girl Guiding member across mid Gower and after 66yrs in service she decided to retire in 2023. We wish Merle a happy retirement she will be deeply missed.



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# Councillor Andrew Stevens, Councillor Jan Curtice & Councillor Nicola Matthews

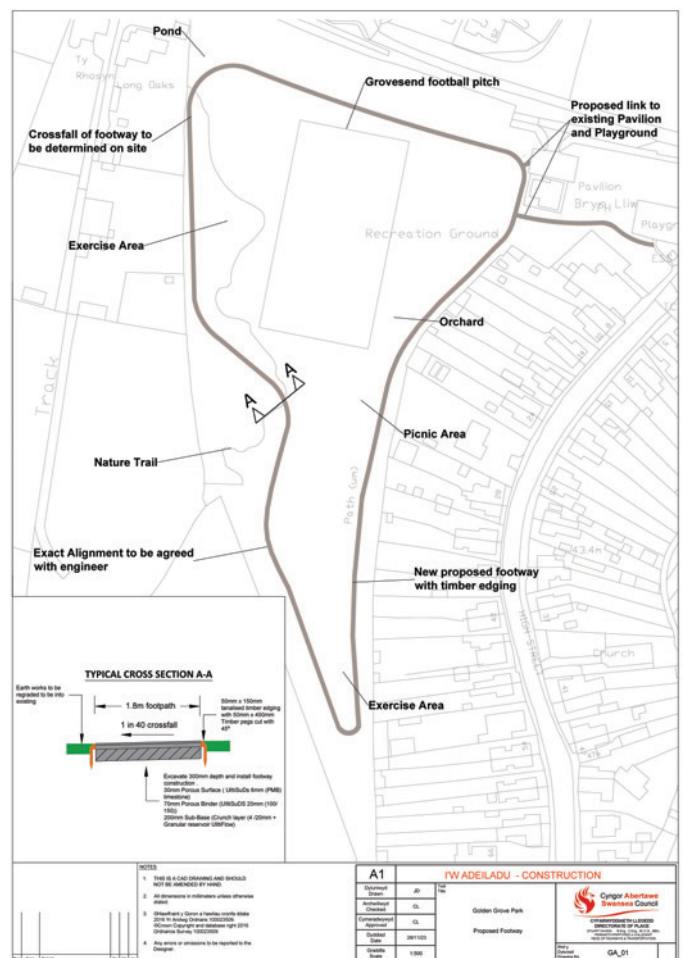


We are thrilled to witness the amazing change happening in Golden Grove Park with the new pathway. This was the result of a partnership between us, the dedicated Friends of Golden Grove Park and the generous funding from Swansea Councils Economic Recovery Fund. The feedback of Pengelli Primary school and Pengelli AFC during the consultation process was also crucial for us to secure the funds.

The new pathway will transform the park, improving the access to the football pitch and creating new possibilities for future improvements. This is a great legacy for our present and future generations to enjoy.

This project is part of our continuous commitment to support the communities of Grovesend & Waungron, building on the successful refurbishment of the play area.

The pathway is the second phase of the plan, and we are excited to see what the future brings for this wonderful community asset.







# Friends of Golden Grove Park Update February 2024

After the first success of getting the new park installed and directly funding the zipwire as a result of the fundraising events supported by the community and the school we are moving forward with the rest of our plans for the park. These plans are the result of the consultation that we have carried out with the school and at the community events organised by us and the Community Council.



We have taken these plans, looked at the costings needed to get them off the ground and then spoken to the Community Council and our local Councillors. The second stage of the plans is now coming to reality in the form of the newly installed track around the football pitch and wider park and we thank the local councillors for their support with this. This will enable more members of the community to be able to use the park and will kickstart the third stage of our plans – a series of projects linked to the path.

As we continue to develop the park into a space that can be used by the whole community, we welcome any new members who wish to get involved. We are a non-political community group and anyone who has the time and any skills that they feel would help us are most welcome. We meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month (except August) at The Brynlliw at 7pm.

Members include: - Dai Cole, Karl Bradley, Mair Huntley, Kevin Roberts, Julie Burns and Mike Jones.



## VIWG Visually Impaired Groups

VIWG Visually Impaired Groups - local area group set up to obtain support, information and social skills to help with their wellbeing and independence.

Gorseinon Group held at the Institute in Lime Street on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10 00 to 12 00.

Pontardulais Group meet on 3rd Thursday of each month at Elim Community Chapel, Alltiago Road at 10:30 to 12:30.

Both groups are very welcoming and in a friendly atmosphere while having their coffee and chats before speakers, quiz and updates on local and group issues.

Contact numbers for future members to find details are: Anita Davies - Local Development Manager 07824 541982 and Office Sight Life 01792 776360  
Mike Davies - Lead Volunteer groups 07594 635356

# Estimated Spend For 2023/2024

At our meeting in January, we went through our estimated spend for the next financial year. It was decided that we would set our precept for this financial year at £18471.00. We would like to hear your views on our current expenditure and what you would like to see the money being spent on in the future. Please forward your comments / views to email@grovesendwaungron.org.uk

Public Liability Insurance Renewal 24-25	£350.00
Audit fees - 23-24	£700.00
Internal Auditor -23-24	£200.00
Information Commissioner	£40.00
Clerk's salary - 24-25	£3,410.40
Clerk's expenses £	240.00
Miners Welfare Trustees Heating & Lighting	£360.00
Swansea Council - Hanging Baskets - 23-24	£1,908.00
Remembrance Service	£100.00
Royal British Legion	£25.00
Website Hosting	£200.00
Swansea Council - Maintenance Contract - 23-24	£ 800.00
One Voice Wales Membership - 23-24	£200.00

Brownies Donation	£500.00
Selection Boxes - Pengelli Primary School	£300.00
Committed funds for community events	£2,000.00
Wildflowers	£300.00
Sponsorship of Xmas Tree	£200.00
Halloween competition	£150.00
Donation towards fireworks	£150.00
Miners Welfare Trustees - Repairs and maintenance	£1,000.00
Training	£200.00
Councillors Allowance	£2,288.00
Newsletter	£400.00
Coffee morning donation - Pengelli Primary	£200.00
100 birthday celebrations	£100.00
Hanging Basket Competition	£100.00
Miscellaneous	£1,000.00
Xmas Parade	£1,000.00
Elections	£500.00
<b>SUB TOTAL</b>	<b>£18,921.</b>

## Future Events Planned for 2024/2025

- **Community Litter Pick**
- **Summer Fayre**
- **Halloween Competition**
- **Garden / Hanging Basket Competition**
- **Xmas Parade**
- **Wildflowers throughout the village**
- **3 tier planters and troughs**
- **Supported brownies**
- **Easter celebrations**
- **Installation of commemorative bench**

We welcome you all to have a seat on our lovely New bench located on the corner of Plas Road



### ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

We would like to help publicise your businesses, events and activities in future

newsletters, and social media and via our community web site.

Please send us your details to email@grovesendwaungron.org.uk



# Achievements for 2023

## Celebration of King Charles Coronation

Grovesend & Waungron Community Council would like to thank everybody who attended the fun day at Pengelli Sports/Minor Welfare Hall.

The day was planned to bring the community together and that's what it did!

Starting off the coronation celebration with the community walk, the sun finally came out and everybody was in great spirits. Lots of you attended mothers, fathers, children & dogs. Travelling back in style from station road on the fun bus you were then presented with your medals, a lovely keepsake to remember the day!

Colin Jones attended to kick things off, the ribbon was cut & the fun began!

From bouncy castles, children battling the rat and penalty shoot outs. The hog roast was in full swing, which was scrumptious! Children got the chance to meet the fire service, police & take part in a hula hoop competition with the Penyrheol Leisure Centre team.

The raffle was a hit & lots of lovely prizes were won, which was followed by a live band in the Pengelli Sports Hall where the celebrations continued. It was so lovely to see everyone come together as a community and enjoy themselves!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped throughout the day & thank you to the local businesses who contributed to the day. We welcome you all to have a seat on our lovely New bench located on the corner of Plas Road

And a huge thank you to the community of Grovesend & Waungron for attending the day, we hope you all enjoyed & we shall hopefully see you all at the next event.

- **Halloween Competition**
- **Xmas Parade**
- **Wildflowers throughout the village**
- **3 tier planters and troughs**
- **Supported brownies**
- **100th birthday celebrations for residents of Grovesend and Waungron**



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Name:  
Address:  
Telephone Number:  
Type of category you wish to enter:

Categories are:-  
Overall Large Garden  
Overall Small Garden  
Vegetable Garden  
Hanging Basket

Entries to be in by 30th June 2024.  
The gardens will be judged throughout July 2024.

Garden Centre Vouchers will be awarded to the winners in each category.  
The competition is open to all residents in Grovesend and Waungron.

We are delighted that this year we have agreed to hold a garden competition.

Grovesend and Waungron Community Council Best Kept Garden Competition 2024 Application Form

Please forward the following details to: [email@grovesendwaungron.org.uk](mailto:email@grovesendwaungron.org.uk) if you wish to take part including your Name, Address and Telephone Number.

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## Help For Households

See what help is available to help with the cost of living and save money with energy saving tips - [helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk](http://helpforhouseholds.campaign.gov.uk)

## Keep Grovesend and Waungron Tidy

Grovesend and Waungron Community Council would like your help to care for the environment not just by focusing on cleaning up, but by stopping litter from happening in the first place. Please help people do the right thing

with their litter. We want to keep Grovesend and Waungron and our play parks litter free.

We will be joining up with Pengelli Primary School in the coming months to do a village clean up of litter. Please contact [email@grovesendandwaungron.org.uk](mailto:email@grovesendandwaungron.org.uk) if you wish to be involved and we will add you to the communications list.

## Workplace Recycling is Changing

From 6 April 2024, it will become law for all businesses, charities and public

sector organisations to sort their waste for recycling.

It also applies to all waste and recycling collectors and processors who manage household-like waste from workplaces.

The Welsh Government is introducing this law to improve the quality and quantity of how we collect and separate waste.

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## Dates Of Future Meetings

- 11th March 2023
- 8th April 2023
- 13th May 2023
- 10th June 2023
- 8th July 2023
- 9th September 2023
- 14th October 2023
- 11th November 2023
- 9th December 2023

We welcome you to attend our monthly meetings which are held at the Miners Welfare Hall (same building as Pengelli Sports and Social), Plas Road, Grovesend. Our meetings are generally held on the 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. excluding August.