

# **Tredegar Town Council**



## **Annual Report**

**April 2022 to March 2023**



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## Mayor's Foreword

It has been a privilege and an honour to have served the people of Tredegar, as the chairperson of the Council and the elected Mayor on behalf of the Tredegar Town Council, the Council staff and Councillors. I would like to thank all the voluntary and community groups who have helped us in Tredegar throughout the year 2022 / 2023, your help and support is recognised by all of us, and the work that you do is commendable.

This year has seen the slow return to normality after the Covid epidemic. This return of our bands in the Park has been a major success, as well as parades for Aneurin Bevan TUC Day, Armed Forces Day, Red Ensign Day ,and the Battle of Britain day, all of which used Bedwellty Park as the focal point for the event

The highlight for me, as the Mayor, was our involvement with Remembrance events, which took place throughout the town, culminating with the church service and march to the Cenotaph in the Park for the laying of wreaths at the Cenotaph and the Burma shrine in the House.

As Mayor and your representative, I have carried out functions on your behalf – the presentation of grants to community groups to attending church services, to awards ceremonies at the Children's International Film Festival of Wales and the awards ceremony at Tredegar Comprehensive School. The functions I carry out are numerous and varied, but I must admit it is a joy and pleasure to undertake them on your behalf.

For my mayoral charity this year, I chose to support the Hospice of the Valleys: it is with pleasure that I lend my support to this extremely worthy cause and any monies raising during my term in office (concluding in May 2023) will be presented to the Hospice of the Valleys as a contribution to the invaluable service they provide to the community as a whole.

In conclusion, I would to thank all of the people of Tredegar, who have supported me throughout the year; to the Officers, Councillors and Council staff, who have helped me to understand the role I undertook, and finally to my wife for her support throughout this year of office.

My gratitude goes out to you all.

Cllr Glyn Evans  
Town Mayor

## Introduction:

Tredegear Town Council was founded in 1974 when the Tredegear Urban District Council was disbanded; over those years many clubs, societies and other organisations have benefited from the grants that Tredegear Town Council has provided. Throughout the year, the Town Council worked diligently on behalf of the local community on a variety of issues. Tredegear Town Councillors continued to work on behalf of, and in partnership with, groups and individuals within the community. This report highlights the main achievements and activities of the Council during that period.

## Organisation:

Tredegear Town Council has eighteen voluntary Councillors elected by the residents of Tredegear. The Council is split into three Wards - Central and West, Sirhowy and Georgetown:

### *Central & West*

Andrew Davies	Glyndwr Evans	Bethan Rees	Jacqueline Thomas
Haydn Trollope	Sharon Trollope	Mark Turner	Chris Walters

### *Georgetown*

Pierre Cornlauer	Kevin Phillips	Katie Waldron	Gerran Walters
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### *Sirhowy*

Gemma Badham	Allan Jones	Ellen Jones	Phillip Prosser
Diane Rowberry	Alyson Tippings		

*N.B. The following Members stood down prior to the Election held May 2022:  
Malcolm Cross, David Howells, Gaynor James, David Jones, Sean Rees,  
Thomas Smith and Bernard Willis*

## Committee Membership:

**Civic Committee** - all Members of Council

**Performance Review Sub-Committee** - all Members of Council

### **Civic Sub-Committee - 9 Members**

Councillors A.E. Tippings (Leader) (Chair), G. Evans, (Mayor), K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), G. Badham, E. Jones, D. Rowberry, H. Trollope, One vacancy

### **Events Sub-Committee - 9 Members**

Councillors M. Turner (Deputy Leader) (Chair), G. Evans (Mayor), K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Leader), P. Cornlauer, A. Jones, J. Thomas, H. Trollope

### **Heritage Sub-Committee (encompassing Bedwellty House and Park, the Assembly Room Picture Gallery, Tredegar War Memorials and Tredegar Town Clock) with plenary powers up to £500.00 - 10 Members**

Councillors A.E. Tippings (Leader) (Chair), G. Evans (Mayor), K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), A. Jones, P. Prosser, B. Rees, H. Trollope, C. Walters, G. Walters

### **Finance & Staffing Sub-Committee - 9 Members**

Councillors H. Trollope (Chair), G. Evans (Mayor), K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Leader), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), E. Jones, D. Rowberry, J. Thomas, G. Walters

### **Appeals Committee - 6 Members**

Councillors G. Badham, A. Davies, G. Evans, A. Jones, P. Prosser, S. Trollope

### **Policy Sub-Committee - all Members of Council**

### **Community, Youth and International Sub-Committee**

Councillors A.E. Tippings (Leader) (Chair), G. Evans (Mayor), K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), E. Jones, D. Rowberry, H. Trollope, S. Trollope

### **‘Tredegar Live’ / One Voice Wales Climate Change Adaptation Programme**

Councillors G. Evans (Mayor), K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Leader), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), A. Jones, B. Rees, D. Rowberry

### **Tredegar Public Facilities Sub-Committee**

(To incorporate Tredegar W/C Facilities the Deighton Playing fields and Sirhowy Community Garden)

Councillors A. Jones (Chair), A.E. Tippings (Leader), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), G. Badham, K. Waldron and C. Walters

### **Publicity Sub-Committee**

Councillors S. Trollope (Chair), G. Evans (Mayor), K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Leader), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), E. Jones; K. Waldron

### **Budget Working Group**

Councillors G. Evans (Mayor), K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Leader), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), H. Trollope (Finance & Staffing Sub Chair), G. Walters

### **Allotment Association**

Councillors A. Jones (Chair), G. Evans (Mayor), K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Leader), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), G. Walter

## **Planning**

Councillor P. Prosser (Sirhowy Ward); A. Jones (Reserve)

Councillor K. Phillips (Georgetown Ward); G. Walters (Reserve)

Councillor M. Turner (Chair) (Central & West); A. Davies (Reserve)

***\*\* Town Council representatives – Consultee-only status,  
as delegated by the Local Authority***

Members also attended meetings as representative 'Delegates to Outside Bodies' in respect of the following organisations:

### **Quarterly Liaison Meeting / Joint Committee of Local Councils**

Councillors G. Evans (Mayor), K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Leader), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), Ms. C. Aherne (Clerk); P. Cornlauer (Reserve)

### **Gwent Valleys One Voice Wales**

Councillors A.E. Tippings (Leader), G. Evans (Mayor), E. Jones, Ms. C. Aherne (Clerk); B. Rees (Reserve)

### **One Voice Wales Larger Councils and AGM**

Councillors A.E. Tippings (Leader), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), G. Evans (Mayor), B. Rees, H. Trollope

### **Tredegar Twinning Association**

Councillors G. Evans (Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Leader), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), E. Jones, Ms. C. Aherne (Clerk)

### **School Governing Bodies**

**Bryn Bach Primary** - D. Jones (Retained: non-Elected Member representative)

**Deighton Primary** - S. Trollope

**Georgetown Primary** - G. Walters

**Glanhowy Primary** - A. Jones

**St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary** – G. Evans

### **Blaenau Gwent CAB**

Councillors E. Jones, H. Trollope (Reserve)

### **Tredegar Business Forum**

Councillors G. Evans (Mayor), A.E. Tippings (Leader)

### **Blaenau Gwent Heritage Forum**

Councillors P. Prosser, A.E. Tippings (Leader), M. Turner (Deputy Leader), K. Phillips (Deputy Mayor) (Reserve)

### **VVP / Tredegar Heritage Initiative**

Councillor A.E. Tippings (Leader)

### **Pen Bryn Oer Community Fund**

Councillors A.E. Tippings (Leader), M. Turner (Deputy Leader)

The Council operated at the maximum capacity allowed during 2022/2023, following the restrictions introduced in respect of the Covid-19 pandemic, to ensure the continuation of Council business. Meetings were held on a hybrid basis, remotely via Microsoft Teams and – when appropriate – physically in the Council Chamber.

▪ ***Meetings of Council, its' Sub-Committees and Working Parties***

Annual Meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> May, 2022  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2022  
Events Sub-Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2022  
Civic Meeting of Council – 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2022  
Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2022  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 15<sup>th</sup> June, 2022  
Events Sub-Committee – 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022  
Finance and Staffing Sub-Committee – 29<sup>th</sup> June, 2022  
Civic Meeting of Council – 6<sup>th</sup> July, 2022  
Defibrillator Working Group – 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022  
Performance Review Sub-Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 20<sup>th</sup> July, 2022  
Public Facilities Sub-Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2022  
Civic Meeting of Council – 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022  
Events Sub-Committee – 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2022  
Civic Meeting of Council – 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2022  
Performance Review Sub-Committee – 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2022  
Events Sub-Committee – 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022  
Civic Meeting of Council – 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2022  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2022  
Events Sub-Committee — 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2022  
Civic Meeting of Council – 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2022  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2022  
Performance Review Sub-Committee – 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2023  
Civic Meeting of Council – 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2023  
Performance Review Sub-Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023  
Events Sub-Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023  
Civic Sub-Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023  
Civic Meeting of Council – 1<sup>st</sup> February, 2023  
Joint Finance and Staffing / Public Facilities Sub-Committee  
– 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023

Policy Sub-Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2023  
Events Sub-Committee – 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023  
Civic Meeting of Council – 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023  
Ordinary Meeting of Council – 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

## Council's Aims and Objectives:

The Council's key aims are:

- To act as a link between public sector organisations and the community on a range of subjects including
  - community facilities
  - community safety, health and wellbeing
  - the environment
  - planning and licensing
- To represent the views of the community in an open and transparent manner
- To continually identify and monitor the needs of the community in order to influence services and policies
- To provide a wide range of advice, information and support for its' constituents and local community groups / individuals
- To appropriately liaise with other partner organisations to address any concerns / issues to a satisfactory conclusion
- To support community projects and groups
- To deliver activities in a sustainable way and encourage sustainable practices throughout our community
- To engage with the community via social media, i.e. designated website, Facebook and Twitter, regular meetings and (as appropriate) consultation
- To support tourism in encouraging visitors to Tredegar as a whole



## **Training Plan 2023**

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Required</b>	<b>Timescale</b>
Code of Conduct	All Councillors / Clerk <b>** <i>Mandatory</i></b>	Within six months of being elected
Understanding the Law	All Councillors / Clerk	Within six months of being elected
Chairing Skills	All Chairs / Clerk	Within six months of being elected
The Council Meeting	All Councillors / Clerk	Within six months of being elected
Local Government Finance	Finance Sub-Committee Members / Clerk / RFO	Within six months of being appointed to the Sub-Committee
The Council	All Councillors / Clerk	Once in the Council Term
The Councillor	All Councillors / Clerk	Once in the Council Term
Effective Staff Management	Staffing Sub-Committee Members	Within six months of being elected
The Council as an Employer	Staffing Sub-Committee Members	Within six months of being elected
Advanced Local Government Finance	Finance Sub-Committee Members / Clerk / RFO	By the end of second year of Council Term
Introduction to Community Engagement	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Community Engagement Part 2	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Health & Safety	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Creating a Community Plan	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Information Management	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Equality & Diversity	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Mediation and Conciliation	Two Councillors	Once during Council term
Planning	Two Councillors	Once during Council term

N.B: Cost of Training to be added as undertaken –optional, unless stated otherwise: Members to attend ‘as and when required’

*It is recommended that elected Members and staff attend the appropriate training, as identified in the Training Plan*

## Assets and Services:

The Council holds a comprehensive Asset Register, detailing assets of any value, which is a 'live' document continually monitored and updated by the appropriate Officer:

Town Clock

A.B. Roundels

Cenotaph

Commemorative plaques for Cenotaph

Gates, Fences, Street Furniture

Civic Chains

Assembly Room Picture Gallery

Waterford Vase in Display Case

Battle of Tredegar Hill Memorabilia

Bronze Bust of Aneurin Bevan

Plaster Bust of Lord Tredegar

A.B. Bronze Tablet

Other Memorabilia and gifts

Other office Equipment plus two trolleys

PA System (Cost) plus two microphones

Sofa

Consort chain

CCTV system at Public Conveniences

Community Benches (x 3)

Mayor's Parlour Oak Furniture

Mayor's Parlour Blinds

Road signs

Road signs/site signs

New office laptops/associated hardware

Lectern

The following outlines some services and responsibilities within Council remit:

- ***Town Clock***

Built in 1858, the Town Clock is a Grade II Listed Structure; the Clock tower is 72 feet high and the pillar is composed of cast iron. The Council undertook significant improvements to the Town Clock during a maintenance project in 2021, which entailed refurbishment of the exterior, upgrading to the lighting and reinstating of the Rooster weathervane. The surrounds of the Clock are planted every season with colourful flowers to make it an even more attractive feature.

- ***War Memorials***

The Council is responsible for three War memorials - these are

- the Remembrance Gates to Bedwellty Park
- the Cenotaph, surrounded by the names of Tredegar's heroes who fell in the two World Wars, has Listed Structure status
- the unique Burma Memorial with a casket containing earth from Tredegar Hill in the Arrakan in Burma.

- ***WWI Memorial benches***

These are located at Commercial Street, Peacehaven and Sirhowy Village Green; each year a Remembrance Service is held at the Commemorative Benches, with the placing of poppy bouquets.

- ***Public Toilets***

Tredegar Town Council was proactive and responded to the needs of the community in taking over management of public toilet provision in the town centre, following the cessation of this facility by the Local Authority. Maintenance and operation of the Public Conveniences, situated at Gwent Shopping Centre, has been provided via financial support of the Town Council, assisted by local businesses located within the shopping precinct, and renovations were undertaken to improve the facility with the refurbishment of the Ladies / Gents and Disabled Toilets in September 2021.

- ***Deighton playing field and Sirhowy Community Garden***

Retention of open / green spaces for access by the public is of utmost importance to the community, particularly bearing in mind the loss of so many facilities for sporting groups – both for training and ‘match’ fixtures.

## Basic Financial Information:

### ***Budgeting and Precept***

The budget setting process took place over two Full Council meetings; whilst also incorporating previous discussions from the Performance Review meetings and Finance Committee meetings. As with other financial years, all aspects of the Council's budget were scrutinised and evaluated to reduce costs and make efficiency savings while ensuring that its core functions were adequately resourced. Also,

- Council continued with the decision to remain at the current level of services it offers and would not be looking towards accepting further devolved services.
- Considered the impact of Covid 19 restrictions on Council's activities and events.
- Council discussed any potential projects for 2022/23, taking into consideration as to whether they were vital/necessary/emergency and if sufficient funds were available to complete them without there being an adverse impact upon and depleting the level of Reserves.

Council recognises the importance of providing a best value service and keeping costs down; service providers and contracts are reviewed to ensure best value.

Income and use of Reserves covers a percentage of the anticipated annual expenditure with the remainder met by the Precept which is borne by Council Tax payers and levied, by the local authority, on chargeable dwellings in Tredegar.

When setting the Precept, Members had also considered the impact of Covid 19 on the community and the increased financial struggles residents were incurring.

At the Ordinary meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2022, Council agreed a Precept of £138,401, a standstill Precept, which Council has actioned for the previous thirteen years.

## Financial Statements at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

As at the date of this report, Council has one external audit (31/03/2023) outstanding. All information, and supplemental queries, were supplied to the external auditor within the statutory timescale with the delay in supplying an audit opinion being that of the external auditor. Therefore, the Financial Statements below are unaudited.

*N.B. Figures have been rounded to the nearest whole number.*

<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Income</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
138,401	Precept	138,401
0	Christmas Lights Grant	0
0	Function Income	0
0	Night Out scheme	0
20	Memorabilia	0
0	Bandstand	0
0	Prizes	0
27	Bank Interest	519
17,798	VAT	9,797
<u>10,072</u>	Other Income	<u>9,261</u>
<u>166,318</u>	<b>Total Income</b>	<u>157,978</u>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	
	<i>General Administration:</i>	
34,423	- Staff salaries	38,126
21,183	- National Insurance/PAYE	25,431
0	- Officers Expenses	5
4,258	- Training	2,906
0	- Telephone	0
0	- Publications	141
1,501	- Stationery/Equipment	1,476
754	- Postage/Petty Cash	780
1,973	- Insurances	1,736
2,844	- Fees to Associations	2,955
324	- Bank Charges	331
559	- General Administration	1,149
150	Members Expenses/Allowances	450
500	Senior Allowance (Leader/Mayor)	0
0	Inauguration – New 2022/23	204
0	Mayor's Civic Budget – New 2022/23	0
0	Election Expenses	0
1,475	Audit Fees	2,140
170	Conference Fees	225
	<i>Town Clock:</i>	
1,244	- Energy	1,244

536	- Insurance	587
0	- Maintenance	0
1,200	- Garden surround	1,200
0	- Celebrations	318
398	- Annual Clock Maintenance	260
	<i>Community Provisions:</i>	
25,863	- Public Conveniences/Green Space	24,393
	<i>N.B. Green Spaces split separate</i>	
8,188	- Green Spaces	6,750
140	- Special Projects	1,778
0	- Park Concerts	3,015
35	- Civic Presentations	561
0	- Environmental Improvements	0
	<i>Grants:</i>	
1,500	- Churches s137	900
5,200	- Sporting/Cultural	5,250
180	- s137	540
895	Presentations	1,447
29,081	Christmas Lights	25,065
1,625	War Memorial	1,645
50	Allotments	50
17,336	VAT	8,402
687	Publicity	699
<u>137,330</u>	Total Expenditure	<u>187,703</u>

<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>Cumulative Fund Balance</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>
274,611	01.04.21/22 – Opening Balance	253,226
<u>166,318</u>	Add: Total Income	<u>157,978</u>
440,929		411,204
<u>-187,703</u>	Less: Expenditure	<u>-162,355</u>
<u>253,226</u>	31.03.22/23 – Closing Balance	<u>248,849</u>
	<b>Current Assets</b>	
253,226	Cash	248,849
	<b>Creditors</b>	
<u>0</u>	Miscellaneous/Trade Creditors	<u>0</u>
<u>253,226</u>		<u>248,849</u>
	<b>Represented by:</b>	
30,000	General Reserves (Contingency)	30,000
	Earmarked:	
11,880	- Members Attendance Allowance	11,880
0	- Devolved Services	0
21,520	- Accommodation (1 year)	21,520
10,000	- Election	10,000
0	- Smart Cymru	0
5,000	- Office refurbishment	5,000

13,500	- Green Spaces (2 years)	13,500
4,500	- Allotments (3 sites)	4,500
10,000	- Town Clock	10,000
21,000	- Contractual Maintenance (toilets)	22,950
<u>125,826</u>	Reserves	<u>141,019</u>
<u>253,226</u>		<u>248,849</u>

### **Grants and Donations:**

The Council has a Grants Policy and grants forms, to be completed by applicants, in place. There are two types of grant forms: A general form for use by cultural and sporting associations and a specific form for Churches/Chapels. The Council's Grants Policy stipulates for Churches/Chapels

“grants are not to be issued in relation to religious activities; for grants towards building upkeep, there must be evidence that the building is being utilised for other community activities i.e. coffee mornings, lunch clubs, playgroups. A grant form specifically for religious venues requests this information is formally identified/recorded as evidence of the community benefit.”

The Council maintained its community grants budget and during the 2022/23 financial year, Council approved grants totalling £6,690 to a variety of worthwhile associations all of which carry out valuable and important work within the community. A list of those who received grants or donations is listed below.

The impact of Covid 19 has still been felt during the past year, the level of expenditure has been lower than in years pre-covid and Council has been made aware of some associations that have disbanded as a result of the pandemic.

#### *Cultural and Sporting*

2167 Squadron ATC  
Aneurin Leisure/Life Leisure Trust  
Bedwellty Park Bowls Club  
BGCBC Christmas Event  
FC Tredegar Minis  
Friends of Bedwellty Park  
Gwent Defibbers  
Heads of the Valley Gateway Club  
Hospice of the Valleys  
Moose No. 1 Ladies Circle  
Oak Football Club

St. John Ambulance  
Sirhowy Community Centre  
Sirhowy Woodlands  
Southend Allotments  
Tredegar Angling Club  
Tredegar Business Forum  
Tredegar Camera Club  
Tredegar Decoupage Group  
Tredegar Junior Netball  
Tredegar Senior Netball  
Tredegar Twinning Association

*Church/Chapel (s.137) and others s.137*

Horeb Chapel: Flower Festival  
Hounds for Heroes  
Saron Congregational Church  
Tredegar Mayor's Appeal  
Tredegar Methodist Church  
Trinity Spiritualist  
Wales Air Ambulance

Well-being:

▪ ***Defibrillators in the community***

There are defibrillators located throughout Tredegar, accessible to the public (some during 'opening' hours only):

The Cambrian Inn	Betfred
The Moose Hall	Tredegar Rugby Club
R & V, Ashvale Industrial Estate	
Tredegar Orpheus Male Voice Choir (Exterior cabinet)	
St. George's Church	Bethel Baptist Church (Exterior cabinet)
Immaculate Conception Roman Catholic Church	
Woffington House Care Home	Castle Street Dental Practice
Bupa Dental Care	Tredegar Health Centre, Park Row
Glan-yr-Afon Surgery	

The following defibrillators were presented by Tredegar Town Council:  
All Primary Schools within the Tredegar area and Tredegar Comprehensive School; Fresh Active Gym; and, The Mountain Air, Nantybwch



Environment:

- ***Deighton playing field and Sirhowy Community Garden***

Responsibility of the maintenance for this playing field transferred to Tredegar Town Council from the Local Authority and also the management, in partnership with various sporting organisations throughout Tredegar, to retain this facility for the benefit of the community. The facility is also available on request, subject to criteria for appropriate use, such as the Blaenau Gwent play sessions in the school holiday period; thus supporting the Local Authority. Sirhowy Community Garden was also maintained by Town Council, subject to a lease from the Local Authority.

Volunteers undertook a Local Places for Nature project on both sites - erecting trellis, placing of planters and carrying out planting, all included in a Starter Pack provided by Keep Wales Tidy. Grass cutting maintenance was provided by the Local Authority in accordance with the appropriate Service Level Agreement.

- ***Allotments***

Tredegar has three allotment sites, all based in the Georgetown Ward. The Southend Allotment site is owned by Tredegar Town Council, whilst Milefield and Vale View are rented from the Borough of Blaenau Gwent on an annual basis. Each allotment is managed by the cultivators of that site by the appropriate Allotment Association.

The maintenance of trees within these sites subject to a Tree Preservation Order remains the responsibility of Tredegar Town Council and is undertaken as and when required.

- ***Woodland Trust 'The Charter'***

Tredegar Town Council entered into the 'The Charter for Trees, Woods and People' which sets out "the modern-day relationship between people and trees, and a vision for a future where we can be stronger together". Since its' inception, over 600 communities, known as Charter Branches, joined the movement to implant Tree Charter principles within their area.

- Council also support local groups, such as Sirhowy Woodlands, in work undertaken within the community and enhance the environment by undertaking planting of the garden surround to the Town Clock in the town centre.

Activities undertaken and engagement with the community:

▪ ***Calendar of Events***

Highlights of the Council's activities and achievements from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2022 up to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2023, entailed:

Summer Concerts in the Bandstand  
Bedwellty Park, Tredegar  
29<sup>th</sup> May, 2022 – 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2022

- City of Cardiff (Melingriffith) Band
- Cwm Salvation Army Band
- Markham and District Band
- Newport Borough Brass Band
- Tredegar Town Band
- Monmouth Big Band
- Crosskeys Silver Band
- Ebbw Valley Brass
- Oakdale Silver Band



Queen's Jubilee – 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

As part of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations, Tredegar Town Council held a 'Light the Beacon' event at the Aneurin Bevan Stones and decorated the Town Clock in bunting in celebration of the weekend's festivities

Armed Forces Day – 26<sup>th</sup> June, 2022

Town Council was proud to hoist the Armed Forces flag in support of military personnel and welcome the Royal Welsh Regimental Band to our annual event in Bedwellty Park, as part of the National Armed Forces Day celebrations



Aneurin Bevan Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2022  
Aneurin Bevan and the NHS

Tredegear Town Council supported the Banner Parade organised by the trade unions and held our annual event in Bedwellty Park – a fun day, featuring stalls and activities, including a performance by Tredegear Town Band in celebration of the NHS and its' founder, Aneurin Bevan



Merchant Navy Day  
'Fly the Red Ensign'  
– 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2022

The event was held to mark Merchant Navy Day, with invited guests, undertaking readings, and the Order of Service being led by the Reverend Matt Davis

Commemorative Service –  
Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II –  
13<sup>th</sup> September, 2022

The Commemorative Service was held at Bedwellty House, Tredegear, led by the Reverend Matt Davis, attended by Councillors and open to members of the public



Battle of Britain commemorative day –  
15<sup>th</sup> September –

As a mark of respect, Tredegear Town Council raised the flag at Bedwellty House



Remembrance Day Memorial service, Gwent Shopping Precinct (*support role only*); and Memorial benches / placing of poppy bouquets in Commercial Street, Peacehaven and Sirhowy Community Garden – 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2022



Cairn Memorial walk – 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2022:  
a Service at the T2520 Memorial Cairn,  
Cefn yr Ystrad, Trefil – to mark the anniversary  
and commemorate those who lost their lives  
in that fateful crash



Remembrance Parade and  
Service – 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2022  
(*support role only*)



### Presentation Awards Ceremony – 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2023

Town Council held a presentation evening in the Carriagehouse at Bedwellty House and Park to present awards recognising members of the community and to present grant cheques.

(Tredegar Town Council also provide the following awards, which are presented at an event organised by Tredegar Comprehensive School:  
Aneurin Bevan Prize, the Peter Morgan Jones Award and the Michael Foot Award.)



### Christmas Light switch-on – 25<sup>th</sup> November, 2022

Each year, Tredegar Town Council host a Christmas Light switch-on event, with visitors from far and wide participating in activities - this display has been highly commended and is a fitting event to commence the festive season.

Local food and drink vendors support the event and stall opportunities are offered for local groups to participate - selling Christmas decorations, hair accessories, jewellery, Cakes, handing out promotional literature, and – for the children... face painting!



Mayor's Christmas visits  
to Nursing, Residential and  
Care Homes  
– December 2022







## National Holocaust Memorial Day – 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

To commemorate this year's Holocaust Memorial Day, the Town Clock in The Circle, Tredegar, was illuminated in purple and white.

## Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth – 13<sup>th</sup> March, 2023

Pupils from each of the Primary Schools in Tredegar joined with civic dignitaries at Bedwellty House and Park to celebrate Commonwealth Day 2023.

The event organised by Tredegar Town Council saw the raising of the Commonwealth Flag on Bedwellty House before a short service celebrating the Charter that unites fifty-three sovereign states around the world.



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Vale View Allotment, Vale View, Tredegartown NP22 4ND

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